



Stephen J. Cain



July 28, 2007 Stephen Cain, 58, of East Syracuse, born on July 7, 1949 was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident on Saturday, July 28, 2007 while on his way home from Harborfest. He lived with his lifetime partner and love, Pattie Sherwood for the past 21 years, who also died with him on that day. Steve was a devoted father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was a passionate and avid motorcyclist and pet owner. Steve was a multi-talented handyman who put his skills to work at a local apartment complex in the maintenance department. Steve is survived by

his daughter, Cherrie Abbott, son-in-law, John of Pennellville; son, Matt Cain, daughter-in-law, Maria of Syracuse; four grandchildren, Holly and Jodi Abbott, Marianna and Marisa Cain; two sisters, Sandra Crain and husband, Roger of Clay, Ginny Cain-Thomas and husband, Paul of Central Square; three brothers, Robert Cain and wife, Arleen of Magnolia Springs, AL, Lawrence Cain and partner, Sheila of Central Square, and Mark Cain and wife, AnnMarie of Buchanan, GA; along with several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Stephen J. Cain and longtime girlfriend Patricia Sherwood began their relationship on a motorcycle. On Sunday, family members coped with news that the two had died together on one. The couple was thrown from Cain's motorcycle at 4 p.m. Saturday after it hit a Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle on Route 481, just north of Fulton. Cain, 58, and Sherwood, 52, both of 7300 Richmond Road E., Manlius, were coming from Oswego's Harborfest, said Matthew Cain, Stephen Cain's son. Sherwood rarely road with Cain recently because of a back problem, said her son, Douglas Sherwood, of Hastings. "In the beginning of the relationship, they rode all the time," Sherwood said of their 18 years as a couple. "She was always happy being a passenger." On Saturday, the Harley-Davidson motorcycle they were riding in the southbound lane crossed into oncoming traffic, state police said. Police determined the motorcycle was in the wrong lane for some time before the crash, but investigators couldn't pinpoint why. An autopsy will determine if alcohol was a factor in the crash, state police said. Family members believe a medical problem may have caused the accident because Stephen Cain did not drink alcohol.