



Michael DeSalvo



Michael DeSalvo, 50, a native of Utica and currently a resident of Syracuse, passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side. Michael was born in Utica on July 25, 1961, the son of the late Anthony J. Tony and Doris (Pacilio) DeSalvo. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of J.F.K. High School, Class of 1979, and later attended college at SUNY Potsdam, where he received his Bachelor of Science in mathematics.

For many years, Michael held the position of software programmer at Syracuse University, until the time of his illness. Outgoing and friendly, Michael's greatest concern in the world was for his family and friends. He was a great entertainer, and as a child he was a member of the Rhythm-Lites, involved in community and goodwill performances from Broadway to rock and roll. Some shows were local and many went on tour. To balance his active life, Michael enjoyed the quiet surroundings of his home, where he engaged in landscaping and tending to his garden. He loved riding his motorcycle and rooting for the Orange of Syracuse University. Michael is survived by his sister, Cathy DeSalvo of Fort Lauderdale, FL; his brother and sister-in-law, Anthony J. Tony and Lisa M. (Parsons) DeSalvo of Cicero; his nephew and niece, Anthony J. DeSalvo and Catheryn E. DeSalvo; his aunts and uncles, Evelyn Pardi, Geraldine Geri and Frank Voce, Robert and Adele Pacilio, Anthony and Barbara Pacilio, Dennis and Vicki Pacilio, and Helen DiRienzo; many cousins; and longtime friend Ernest Pete Longyear. He was predeceased by many aunts and uncles. The family is grateful to Michael's dear friend, Pete, his caregivers at Hospice of CNY Onondaga County, and Upstate Medical Center, Dr. Alicia Bair and Dr. Tim Endy for their loving and compassionate care during Michael's illness.