



Michael Rao



Michael Rao, 54, of Camillus, passed away Monday, January 16, 2012, at home. Born in Syracuse, he was a lifetime resident of the Camillus area. He was a 1975 graduate of West Genesee High School and attended Syracuse University for photography. Michael was employed by Chrysler Corporation for 31 years, retiring in 2008. He also attended BOCES where he received his certification for pharmacy technician in 2011. Michael was a communicant of Holy Family Church and member of UAW 624. He was a motorcyclist enthusiast and member of the Valley Desperados. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed photography, as well as vintage guitars and amplifier modifications. He had an extraordinary ability to fine-tune musical instruments. Michael was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Ann Francher, on January 20, 2011. Surviving are his wife of 31 years, the former JoAnn Francher; daughter, Holly Rao of Syracuse; son, Justin Rao of Camillus; grandsons, Lloyd and Michael, both of Syracuse; parents, Vincent and Mary Rao of Fairmount; father-in-law, John Francher of Camillus; sisters, Susan Wolfe and Kathleen (Ted) Ryan, both of Syracuse; godson, Jacob Ryan of Syracuse; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

