



Rudy Imondi

June 22, 1956 - January 31, 2010

Rudy Imondi, 53, Wapakoneta, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 31, St Rita's Medical Center, surrounded by his family. He was born in Boston, Ma on June 22, 1956 to Rudy and Martha Imondi, both of whom preceded him in death. On August 31, 1985 he was damn lucky to have married Sally LaVergne. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Rudy Elizabeth (Nait) Mathewson, Dominic Imondi (Candace Bryan), and Annie Imondi ;and a grandson Krew Bryan. Rudy was a graduate of Sidney High School, class of 1974; and attended Ohio University in Athens, Oh, where he was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. He is survived by his aunt Mary Colby; brothers Craig (Helen) Mumaw, Joe Imondi, Tom Imondi; brothers in law Tom (Nanette) LaVergne and Bruce(Sally) Lavergne; nieces and nephews Christopher, Lauren and Nicole Mumaw, Anthony and Christina Imondi, David and Ryan LaVergne, Amy Lavergne, Jenny Carlson and Mike Anderson. Rudy was an active member of St Paul United Church of Christ, in Wapak, where he was a 1st and 2nd grade Sunday school teacher, and a past President of the Church Council. He coached and mentored many children through the Cridersville Baseball Association, Wapak Warriors; and was a boisterous fan of the St Joe CYO Basketball, Wapak High School Football and Soccer teams. Rudy made friends wherever he worked, including Amos Press, Piqua Battery, Interstate Battery, Greve Auto, and most recently Olive Garden in Lima. He also owned Sports Stuff & More in the Lima Mall where he shared his love of sports memorabilia. He was a life-long, rabid Boston Red Sox fan;

and vastly proud of his Italian heritage. Best known for his infectious sense of humor and un-paralleled story-telling, what will be missed most is his big heart and gregarious nature. He will live on in the hearts of the hundreds of lives he touched. In lieu of flowers please remember him with gifts to the Cridersville Athletic Association or St Paul's UCC. Celebration of Life will be 1 pm, Saturday, Feb 6th, at St Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, Dr Alex Gondola officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 4 to 8 pm, Friday at the Bayliff and Eley Funeral Home, State Route 501, Wapakoneta. Rudy will lie in state from 12 noon until time of service Saturday at the church.

Tribute Wall

EH

“ *Sally and Family, We were sad to hear the news of Rudy's passing and wanted to send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. God Bless, Elizabeth Horner Piqua Battery*

Elizabeth Horner - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

KF

“ *Dear Imondi Family - One of my best memories about Rudy was when he helped me through the death of my boyfriend who died in a tragic car accident when we were in 11th grade. Rudy and I walked and talked for hours the night I found out, and I saw just how special Rudy was and how he genuinely cared about others. Sometimes you don't realize how you touch someone's life ...Rudy definitely touched mine... My prayers and thoughts are with you....Kathy*

Kathy (Snowden) Farmer - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

CH

“ *Tom & Imondi Family, Sending our deepest sympathy to you all. May God bless and comfort you. Craig & Deb - Members at Riverside Art Center*

Craig & Deb Henkener - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ *Sally & Family, Please know our hearts are with you as you have completed such a life-changing journey. Rudy will always have a wonderful presence in this community. It was a pleasure to know him. Thank you all for sharing him with us. Be Well, Melanie & Family*

Ted & Melanie Fullenkamp & Family - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the Imondi family. May you find strength in your time of need, and hope for new beginnings.

Todd & Angie Elshoff & Family - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

AF

“ Sally, Rudy Elizabeth, Dominic. Annie, Craig, Joe and Tom, I'm so sorry for your loss. Words can't describe how the world and all of our lives will suffer because of Rudy's death. My thoughts and ptayers are with you all.

Amy Franklin Foster - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

MB

“ Imondi family Let me express my deepest condolences. it had been a long time since i had last seen Rudy. i was damn glad to know him and call him friend!

mark baker - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

TW

“ You have our sympathy at this time. We haven't seen Rudy for quite a while but will always remember him. Sally grew up in our church, First Presbyterian, here in Sidney and I worked with Rudy at Amos Press, and we were good friends with Janet L. Tom and Polly Watkins

Tom and Polly Watkins - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

BA

“ Dear Sally and Family: Rudy was part of our decision to move to Wapakoneta six years ago. His warmth and enthusiasm made us feel welcome immediately. We will never forget him. Thank you for allowing the rest of us to share in the blessings of knowing such a fine man. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Bonnie and Alex - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ I loved Rudy my entire life and always looked up to him, not only for the man he was but the fact that he will always be family and a brother to me. I will carry his smile and laughter with me the rest of my life. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family - he will truly be missed in this world!

Scott, Sharon, Amber, James and Andrea Baker - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

MW

“ We've met up with Rudy several times in the past on various occasions and always found him to be a loving and caring person. You may not know us or have even heard of us but Mike is Craig Mumaw's cousin. We know this is a difficult time and can only hope that you find strength, peace and comfort in your warm and loving memories. We just wanted to offer our deepest sympathy.

Michael & Billie Weber - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

DW

“ May our creator, The Great Almighty God, give to your family and friends; comfort, peace, strength and healing beyond all understanding as you mourn the loss of this great man who brought cheer and joy to so many lives. God Bless each and everyone of you!

Dave, Dana, Kyle and Brigitte Webb - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

LP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. I'm still feeling stunned and saddened. Rudy will always be someone I remember with great fondness. He was a great friend back in the old SHS days. And I'm sure he's keeping everyone chuckling up in heaven now.

LouAnn Partington - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

NM

“ Sally, My heart sunk when I saw Rudy's name in the obituary. Immediately I thought of how much you and Rudy enjoyed your children and lived to see them become the individuals they are today. Please know you and your family will be in my thoughts & prayers as well as many others from our community. Rudy & you have touched so many lives in our community. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. God be with you and your family in the days & months ahead. Peace to you, Nancy

Nancy Myers - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

DH

“ Tom and the Imondi family, You have are deepest condolences. You'll be in our prayers during this difficult time.

Dave and Janet Hassenauer - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

NN

“ Sally and Family, Sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you with heartfelt sympathy. You will all be in my thought and prayers. Big Nickie

Nicole Leaker (Flowers Big Nickie) - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

CW

“ dear tom- so sorry to hear about your brother passing away, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!

charlotte and bill williams - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SL

“ We want to express our condolences to family, Tom ,and friendsHe will be sadly missed God grant you peace !

Susan, Carol ,Mr,Mrs Luthman - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

NW

“ Sally , I just received a phone call about the loss of your husband, Rudy. I only knew him a brief time and I remember him always happy and smiling. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts. Nikki

Nikki Lange Wirwille - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JJ

“ Rudy was an awesome guy. When I told Jordan, he said "Rudy with the cars?"- everytime he was at Greve, Rudy was the one who kept him entertained. I remember, everytime I sold a car, I got a "Hey laaady!" from him. He will be greatly missed. We were all lucky to have known him.

Julie Jenkins - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

PD

“ In remembrance. Member of Riverside Arts

Peg Dorsten - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

GC

“ Dear Sally and family 53 years aren't enough. We are so sorry for your loss. My Rudy story has to do with a Cub Scout trip we made to COSI(or it could have been the state capital) years ago. My sons Daniel and Joel and I were riding with Janet Shuler and Elliot. Well we are a caravan and here is Rudy giving direction. He said these words of wisdom: "You only have to watch the car in front of you, if everyone does that we will arrive safe and all together." Rudy has gone on ahead and we are to watch. God bless you all

Gary and Linda Cook - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ I'm really sorry to hear about Rudy. It is such a shock. We all know that he is now with God in a better place with his suffering gone. I know how much his pain caused you sorrow and grief, and I know it was extremely difficult to see you bear it especially just having gone through the trials with Martha. I can not imagine the pain you feel now but I wanted to let you know that our loving thoughts are with you. May God's grace and strength be with you and may all your memories help ease your pain.

The Frick Family - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

D(

“ I am so very sorry for you loss. But at the same time I am happy to have met this remarkable and funny man. I remember all the jokes and the funny things he used to do to me years ago. God Blesses those who touch our lives so I know this man was truly blessed, Snd so was the Imondi family. My prayers for you pain. donna.

donna england (kinkle) - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

WO

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the Imondi family. I had the opportunity to work with Rudy at Greves and my husband and I would often visit him at Olive Garden. He was a remarkable man. Rudy was the type of person who could make you forget that you had a bad day. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Will & Michelle Owens - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JD

“ Sally, Rudy E., Donny, and Annie, I am extremely sad and heartbroken to know that the world has lost such an amazing person. Everytime I would come over I looked forward to all the stories and laughs that I knew i would get from him. He was a great friend and the closest thing that I had to a second father he will be missed greatly. He always had a way of making me laugh and feel happy. I know I will miss him a lot. My deepest sympathy goes out to everyone in the Imondi family. I love you all! -Josh

Josh Deville - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

NW

“ Sally, Sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy Wood West Central JDC

Nancy Wood - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

TR

“ We only knew Rudy for about an hour or so when he was our waiter at Olive Garden back in Oct. 2009 but he left such a big impact on us....so much that my son Ricky told the manager what a great waiter Rudy was and Rudy was very appreciative. I told my son this morning when I saw the obit and he was very sad. (my son is 20). You have our deepest sympathies. He seemed to be an individual who was full of life and lived it to the fullest.

Teresa and Ricky - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SR

“ Just wanted to send my condolences to Dominic and your family. I work with Rudy and Dominic at the Olive Garden, what a super guy! Rudy gained the up most respect from all the kids at the OG. He will be greatly missed from the OG family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sandy Rex

Sandy Rex - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

DG

“ Sally and family, Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May memories comfort you all. Dan and Carolyn Garrison

Dan & Carolyn Garrison - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

MM

“ I would like to extend my most heartfelt condolences to Rudy's family. Rudy was perhaps my first friend after moving to Sidney and starting at SHS. I remember Rudy and I going in to the local record store after school one day and performing our own little improvisational comedy routine that had the clerks laughing so much they started to record us. As I recall, I was mostly the straight man for Rudy's humor. I regret that we lost touch until recently but it was pleasure to have been his friend for a while. Mark Metheny
Shirley, MA

Mark Metheny - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

VF

“ There's always someone from high school that blesses your heart with laughter and happiness whenever you think of them. Rudy is one of those people for me. Please accept my sincere sympathies. I feel blessed that he was a friend.

Vicki Phelps Fulk - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SG

“ Sally, Dominic, Annie, & Rudy Elizabeth, We cannot begin to express our sympathy for your loss. Rudy was a wonderful human being and he will be greatly missed. We have been praying our family Rosary for him and will continue to do so for all of you. The boys in particular are going to miss Rudy. They have two specific memories of Rudy when he attended Good Friday service with us a couple of years ago and a instance involving two pretzels. I'm sure you can imagine what Rudy did with the pretzels. We'll have to share them with you sometime. Rudy was greatly respected by our family. He will always be fondly remembered. Thank you for sharing him with us. God Bless, The Greves

Scott & Jill Greve - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JC

“ Rudy will be SO missed by so many. We always enjoyed his stories, his enthusiasm and his infectious laugh. He sure knew how to keep us in stitches. :) We will miss him. We pray for God's peace and comfort to each of you whose lives were touched by this great man.

Jerry and Cindy - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM