



Carl P. Haff

May 20, 2020

Carl P. Haff, 76, of Perth, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at Nathan Littauer Hospital surrounded by his wife and children.

He was born on the family farm in Tyrone, NY, the son of Floyd and Mary (Skorusa) Haff and was a graduate of Dundee High School and Alfred State. He spent his adult life working in the dairy industry, retiring in 2009 as a salesman with Meadowbrook Dairy in Syracuse.

Carl lit up any room he walked into with his smile, beautiful personality, and his love of people. He could enter a room full of strangers and leave with a room full of new friends. Carl enjoyed spending time with the Perth Seniors playing cards and going on trips with his friends there. He enjoyed gardening as he brightened the world with his flowers. Carl loved the Saratoga Racetrack and Casino. Mostly, he loved spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Howard.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen (Banfield) Haff, whom he married on May 14, 1966; three children, Deborah (Fred) Colabello of Hagaman, John (Pam) Haff of Burnt Hills, and Lori (Greg) Gilbert of Huntersville, NC; three brothers, Floyd (Geri) Haff of Davenport, FL, Richard (Nadine) Haff of St. Lees Summit, MO, and Robert (Joan) Haff of Naples, FL; a sister, Jane (Paul) Herger of High Point, NC; five grandchildren, Dr. Kathleen (Matt) Farry-Leggiero, Courtney and Allyson Haff, Bryce and Blake Gilbert; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Due to the current health situation, services will be held privately for the family.

Burial will be in Perth Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital, in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095. The family would like to thank the 3rd Floor Nursing Staff at Nathan Littauer Hospital for their loving hands and hearts.

Cemetery Details

Perth Cemetery

County Highway 107
Amsterdam, NY

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Carl was one of our ushers when we got married. Though we didn't see him often after he moved away from Dundee, Dave and he always shared good memories when we did see him. His smile would light up a room, his personality was bigger than he was himself. Its hard to believe he's gone, God bless his family, know that he was loved and will be greatly missed. Love, Dave & Kay Briggs

Kay Briggs - May 22, 2020 at 07:36 PM

JH

“ Haffski and Holubski is how we knew each other. There are too many memories to mention them all. He loved to play cards and he loved to win at it..We went to the casino many times. We always had a lot of laughs and we were all just family. Carl loved family and I don't think he ever met a stranger. We all loved him and will miss him. He was a special human being one that it has been an honor to know and have in my life.

jill holub - May 22, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DG

“ All in good jest, Carl & I had a fun relationship. Yearbook time and to find a “nick name” for me he offers up.....Zsa-Zsa. We laughed together and it seemed to stick.....that is what they used.

Dona Gaston-Teske - May 22, 2020 at 11:22 AM

SP

“ *This man was everything in his tribute. I grew up with Carl. He was such a gentle soul. We were involved in grange, 4-h. Bus rides to school. He was always kind and funny. I am so sad in his passing. I hope his children and wife know he lit up many lives and left a legacy. Rest In Peace Dear Carl.* 🙏🙏

stella pulver - May 22, 2020 at 10:09 AM

SM

“ *Carl was the nicest man I ever met, any one that knew him loved him. He loved people and it showed. I loved him very much and although I know he is in a better place I will miss him.*

Sandra Myeers - May 22, 2020 at 09:43 AM

SM

“ Sending my love, prayers, hugs and condolences. May Cal rest in peace, comfort and love.



High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, –and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of –Wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark or even eagle flew —
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr

Susan Mars - May 22, 2020 at 08:07 AM

FS

R I P my friend I will miss you

Fran smith - May 22, 2020 at 10:45 AM

SM

I always remember my cousin Carl as a jovial man, always smiling, laughing with his Aunts and Uncles, and with a positive outlook on life. I would see Carl and his family at Grandma D.'s, and was always lifted in spirit by the whole family ! God Bless his wife, Kathy, and his children and their families. He was a great man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Sally Moore - May 23, 2020 at 01:18 AM