



Rudolf E. Paulsen

June 18, 1936 - July 15, 2012

Albany- Rudy never let his life-long fight against diabetes get in the way of living life to the fullest with his family, many close friends and business associates. He passed away in the early AM on Sunday July 15, 2012 after fighting another brief illness brought on by this disease.

Rudolf Ernest Paulsen, known to all of his family and friends as Rudy, was born on June 18, 1936 in Scotia, NY. A 1954 graduate of Roessleville High School, he married his high school sweetheart in 1955 and, as a devoted husband and father, helped raise their four children. He remained in the greater Capital District area his whole life.

A well known business leader in the Greater Capital District Real Estate and Development Community, Rudy was a businessman who started from humble roots. The son of German immigrant parents, Rudy developed his work ethics and honest business practices as a teenager working in his father's fledgling lumber yard, Paulsen Lumber. After this growing and profitable business was successfully sold, Rudy struck out on his own and formed Paulsen Development, a local real estate development firm specializing in the construction of residential, commercial and apartment complexes. His legacy is evident via the many developments he helped create, dotted throughout the greater Capital District area. Courageous and fearless, Rudy could be described as a real estate 'wildcatter.' He was especially proud of his pivotal

role in the formation of ENAP, a co-operative that specializes in providing more cost-effective building materials and products for builders and developers. He was an active member of ST. Paul's Lutheran Church and held various roles there including treasurer. His other associations and memberships included German American Club, Albany Area Home Builders Association and Capital District Lumber Association.

Rudy was deeply committed to each one's success in his family. He was extremely generous to all in his family.

Rudy is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret, and his four children Rudolph (Nancy), Richard (Melodie), Joanne and Laurie (Abe). He is the brother of William Paulsen and Dr. Carl Paulsen. He is survived by his seven grandchildren Lauren, Michael, Stephanie, Alyssa, Ryan, Elizabeth and Matthew and several nieces and nephews. He was the son of the late Karl and Bertha Paulsen

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited and may call Tuesday, July 17, 2012 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Private services and burial will be held Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association and would be an appropriate and appreciated way to celebrate his life; www.diabetes.org.

To leave the family a special message, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.LGFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Rudolf E. Paulsen*



Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *Rich and Rudy-
We recently heard of your loss. I enjoyed working with your Dad. We share in Rudy's memory and our prayers are with you and your families.
Joe Ieraci & Suzanne Mock*



Joe Ieraci - August 06, 2012 at 11:29 AM

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“ *Dear Rich & Family*

Our deepest sympathy goes out to your whole family. I enjoyed working with you & your dad when building our home.

peg & paul capobianco

peg mayer (capobianco) - July 17, 2012 at 08:35 PM

EK

“ Dear Richard and Paulsen Family,
Deepest sympathies and condolences for
your loss. It was a pleasure and privilege to
have known and worked with Rudy.

Sincerely,
Eugene Kim and the Kim family



Eugene Kim - July 17, 2012 at 03:10 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Rudolf E. Paulsen.



July 17, 2012 at 01:45 PM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy on the death of your husband
& father
Theresia Goettling Kraus, husband Franz & son Lorenz (from the
German Club, Colonie)
(518)458-7720

Theresia Goettling Kraus (518)458-7720 - July 17, 2012 at 09:43 AM

MK

“ Michelle Krieg lit a candle in memory of
Rudolf E. Paulsen



michelle krieg - July 17, 2012 at 07:30 AM

CV

“ Dear Aunt Margie

I'm sorry to hear about Uncle Rudy. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. I really enjoyed getting together for lunches with you, Uncle Rudy, Aunt Lois, and Howard. It gave me a chance to give a little back to some very caring people. I will always remember all the things that you and Uncle Rudy did for my family.

With all our love,

Cindy and David Vogel



Cindy and David Vogel - July 17, 2012 at 12:12 AM

RC

“ Dear Rudy and Family,

Sorry to hear of your loss..Rudy I know my father and your father knew each other and did business, but I never really knew him..remember seeing him at the German Club and going to Paulsen Lumber with my father..but I'm sure he was as outstanding a person as was my father....my sympathy for your loss..

Sincerely

Renate Gerstenberger Criscone

Renate Criscone - July 16, 2012 at 11:09 AM