



## David F. Rosati

September 16, 2008

David F. Rosati, 48, of East Granby, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford after a 20 month miraculous journey as he fought to conquer cancer. He was born in Southington to the late Francis and Marion Stewart Rosati Filippone and raised by his Mother and Step-Father, the late Albert C. Filippone. He graduated from Watertown High school 1978 and from Northwestern Community College with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, and actively pursuing his Bachelor's Degree. In November 1988 he was hired by the Winsted Police subsequently graduating from the Police Academy. He joined the Civil Air Patrol as a teenager and remained active until his death. He enlisted with the military when he was 17 and spent 10 years in the Air Force. He later enlisted with the Army National Guard and was stationed all over the world doing tours of duty in Bosnia and Iraq as well as relief efforts during Hurricane Katrina. He earned many military commendations most notable the Bronze Star. He was still active in the Army National Guard serving as a Sergeant First Class. He lived in East Granby for the past 2 years having moved from New Hartford, sharing his home with his Fiance' Noreen Claffey. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, a CPR Instructor for the American Red Cross, a Quarter Master with the VFW 296 in Winsted, and a member of the Gun Club of Torrington, the American Legion Post 0043, a life member of the National Rifle Association, and an avid ham radio operator. Besides his mother Marion he leaves his daughter Lauren Elizabeth Rosati and her mother Deborah Rosati of New Hartford, his

stepdaughter, Jessica Gleason of Amherst, MA, his beloved grandson Jarrett, his sisters Joanne M. Rosati DeCato and her husband Alfred of Waterbury and Julie A. Filippone Cesare of Oakville, his nephews Travis Charles Rock, Brandon David Rock, Marco L. Cesare, Anthony David DeCato, and his niece Allysa Mary DeCato, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear loving friends. He was predeceased by his sister Mary Elizabeth. A Mass of Christian Burial will celebrate his life on Friday, Sept. 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield. His burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Thursday Sept 18 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to the Lauren E. Rosati scholarship fund c/o Northwest Community Bank, 86 Main St., Winsted, CT. 06098. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dave was a good friend and fellow warrior in Iraq. He will be greatly missed. Wish I could have been there for the wake and funeral. To ALL at the 143rd MP CO, I miss you all and hope the best for you during this great loss.##imported-begin##SFC Richard A. Smith##imported-end##

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September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My Deepest sympathy to the Rosati family. Dave was part of my first military experience. We were both members of the Civil Air Patrol together so many years ago. He always had a great sense of humor and helped everyone around him have a good time.##imported-begin##Maj Chris Goodenough USAF##imported-end##

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September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Rosati family and friends. Dave was such a special guy and he will be missed by so many people. He always had a kind word for everyone, a minute if you needed it even if he didn't really have the time, a laugh I'll never forget and a smile that lit up a room. I came to know Dave through my mother and her husband Kathy & Jim DiQuattro about 20 years ago. I remember when Lauren was born and how happy that made him, how he genuinely lit up any time he spoke about her. What a hero and a role model. The world has lost a very special soul. May the memories of Dave and all the special things he did and was make his passing a little easier to bear.##imported-begin##Stacie Switek##imported-end##

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September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dave was such a special guy. I have many fond memories and boy could he make me laugh! He and my husband, Jim grew up together and I have heard SO many stories of their "goofy" adventures. He was a good police officer, good soldier and a very good friend. He will be missed more than words can express.*

*Lisa Rapisarda##imported-begin##Lisa Rapisarda##imported-end##*

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September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Dave will be sadly missed. He was my boss my mentor and my friend. He will never be forgotten.*

*MAY YOU REST IN PEACE DAVE.##imported-begin##Philip and Theresa Bascetta##imported-end##*

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September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Rosati family:  
Our deepest sympathy's are with you in your time of sorrow. May all our thoughts and prayers be with you always.*

*Sincerely*

*Lorie Hewitt*

*Lexi Rayno*

*Bryan Rayno##imported-begin##Lorie Hewitt##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Family of David Rosati,  
Our depest sympathies to all of you at your time of sorrow... So very  
sorry for your loss..Rest in peace David...##imported-  
begin##Darleen, Dave And David Heuckeroth##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rosati Family and Friends,*  
*I will forever remember Officer David Rosati; he assisted me when my home was severely damaged by fire on January 15, 2006. Dave came into my home to help me get my cats out which I found out today he was not too fond of cats! But, he never acted that way; he even held one of my cats after coaxing myself and my cat, Gypsy, to sit in the Winsted Supervisor's SUV during the operation of extinguishing my home's fire. I am laughing now as I think of him cuddling my cat; she liked him quite a lot and was comforted by him.*

*As for me, Dave kept talking to me and listening to me as I tried to figure out why and how my home was on fire. I remember his eyes started to tear up when I said that my main concern was finding my other cat, Gemma, who was still inside the burning home. She was rescued a week later.*

*Dave stayed with me until 6:00 p.m. I know his shift was over a long time previously. He did not leave me until he knew that I had people to take me somewhere to stay the night I could not and did not return to live in my home for nine months.*

*I remember that I asked Dave to tell a reporter not to take pictures of my burning home. Well, he said that "that would be tricky, but I will try." Indeed; he did. The photographer even sent his apologies to me through Officer Rosati and left! Boy, was I happy about that! Dave also picked up my American Flag that had fallen to the ground; he said that he could not stand to see the flag like that and promised to get me a new one.*

*Dave would be proud to know that the U.S. Flag flies proudly over the front porch of my rebuilt home. In my heart of hearts, I will never, ever, forget him and the kindness he showed to me and my cats : during the most difficult day of my life.*

*So, today, I brought a small United States Flag and gave it to his sister to present to Dave.*

*I salute you; I will miss you; I will never forget you, Officer Rosati.*

*Godspeed,*

*Susan M. Angelini, M.A.##imported-begin##Susan M. Angelini,  
M.A.##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



*“ The Rosati Family,  
I am very sorry for your loss. Dave was a wonderful individual, he touched the hearts of many. He was thought of very highly. It is a very difficult time but just remember that he will always be with you, watching over you and in your hearts.##imported-begin##Carly Arbour##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



*“ i would like to offer my condolences to Daves family and friends. i met Dave when i started with the Winsted Paramedic unit. He stands out in my mind as a very caring guy. very friendly and helpful to those of us from public services as well as the public themselves. unfortunately iwas there when he was diagnosed and in my mind if anybody could survive and thrive it was Dave. even when he was not feeling well he had a smile on and a possitive attitude. i will personally miss him. i believe though that he is in a better place now and is watching from above. i hope that it is a comfort for all to know how well liked and respected Dave has been and how he leaves behind a legacy of kindness and respect.##imported-begin##Bob Duguay EMT-P##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy at the loss of my cousin David. It has been too long since I've seen him, but he has been in my prayers. Rest in peace, David. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Toni Rosati Brightman##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Rosati Family:

Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. David's service to the town of Winchester and his wonderful nature will be very much missed.##imported-begin##Maryann Welcome##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave will always hold a special place in the hearts and minds of all who have ever served with him in arms. Dave you were a great leader as well as a genuinely kind hearted person. I will miss you.##imported-begin##Kevin Arrojado##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave has been my friend for 20 years. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. I will miss him tremendously. We had many good times together that I will never forget. We celebrated our birthdays together many times and tomorrow will be no different for me. I love you Motto!!! Rest in Peace!##imported-begin##Casey Smith##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ With deepest sympathy for your loss  
Reid and Beverly Jacobs & Family  
VFW Post 296  
Winsted###imported-begin###Beverly and Reid Jacobs###imported-  
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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Family of my friend, David: My deepest sympathy for your  
loss. David was a friend I will deeply miss. We took classes together  
at NCCC and he helped me with some projects I was working on at  
the time. I will truly miss him. Carol Dubourg & Family###imported-  
begin###Carol Dubourg###imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss you Dave. Your great sense of humor and your lengthy  
commitment to the youth of Civil Air Patrol-NW Hills Composite  
Squadron, Torrington. Rest in Peace you have done your duty.  
Sincerely,  
1Lt. Linda Hull  
Moral Leadership Officer###imported-begin###Linda Hull###imported-  
end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Dave's family and the many friends he made along the way. I happened to be one of those lucky friends who lived two houses away when Dave was in High School. We shared lots of laughs and countless wonderful memories in our teenage years together. It was a genuine honor to know this man. David, may God keep you by his side eternally.##imported-begin##Domenic Varrone##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies. I got to know Dave over the years through the Winchester Police Department and he was a credit to those he served. He will certainly be missed by those who knew him. Mary Skerstonas##imported-begin##Mary Skerstonas##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family of David. I am very sorry for your loss. It was my pleasure and honor to have been Dave's friend growing up! I know that God along with his family and friends will always hold him close in memory. Love Squeaky##imported-begin##CarolineDeRienzoDodge##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ GOD Bless you David. An exceptional soldier...  
My families thoughts and prayers extended to Lauren and all of  
David's family. The soldiers who knew David called him a  
friend.##imported-begin##1SG Dan Morgan##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



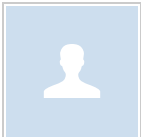
“ TO THE FAMILY OF DAIVD ROSATI:  
  
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES. WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR  
YOUR LOSS. AS YOU ALREADY KNOW DAVE WAS A GREAT  
GUY AND TOUCHED A LOT OD HEARTS. WE WILL MISS HIM.  
ALWAYS THERE TO LISTEN AND ALWAYS WITH A SMILE

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

GREG AND LISA##imported-begin##GREG & LISA  
CONNELL##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rosati Family,  
  
On behalf of my family and my late mother, Lee Anne, please  
accept our sincere sympathy in Dave's death. My mother was the  
very fond of him. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Mary La Claire Tullock##imported-begin##Mary La Claire  
Tullock##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I served with Dave in bosnia under his command. He was a good friend, we had a good time doing a just mission. He was a great NCO. I will miss him, and my heart and prayers go to his family sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##scott cunningham##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave is going to be sorely missed and words cannot express it. We were very close friends for several years as fellow staff members of the National Emergency Services Academy. We were also fellow soldiers with a good understanding of each other that only one soldier to another can truly understand. My deepest sympathies to the Rosati family. Dave was dearly loved and respected by so many. Dave, continue to "Drive On, Soldier!" and I know we will "march" and "serve" together again!##imported-begin##Connie Carlson, Lt Col##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Rosati family,  
My prayers are with you at the time of this very sad event in your lives. Dave will be greatly missed. Heaven has a new ANGEL!!!  
Love Sue##imported-begin##Sue Ryan##imported-end##

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave,

*We loved hanging with you growing up!!! From the commando tactics and sharing time up in New York at the cabin. We respected all the choices you made in life. WE missed spending time while you were away but we understood its what you had to do!! God wants us to serve others hope to see you in heaven!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*Love & God Bless!! Todd Josephson##imported-begin##Todd Josephson##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Rosati family and friends.

*Dave's lifetime distinctive accomplishments have indeed brought great credit upon himself, his family, and the United States Armed Forces. May he Rest In Peace. Gone but not forgotten.*

*Until we meet again Sergeant First Class, David F.*

*Rosati##imported-begin##SGM Len Dube & SMSgt Marilyn Dube, Veterans Service Office Torrington##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ There never was, nor will there ever be, a better Brother to me or Uncle to the boys. We take comfort in our memories and the love you gave to us unconditionally. You've made Mary one happy girl!

*We are SO proud to be your Sister/Nephews..you don't have to imagine anymore... We love you..<3##imported-begin##Julie, Travis, Brandan and Marco##imported-end##*

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