



## Leo C. Butera

February 25, 1962 - September 18, 2017

Leo C. Butera, 55, of Wheatfield, New York, Monday (September 18, 2017) surrounded by family under the care of Niagara Hospice. Mr. Butera was born in Buffalo, New York on February 25, 1962 to Charles and Rosalie (Vacanti) Butera. Leo was a member of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, went to the University of Buffalo for Law, and Canisius College for Business Finance. Leo worked for Niagara County, in the welfare fraud unit of Social Services. He was very active in his three kids lives, he was a DECA dad, Dance Dad, and Track dad. In his spare time he enjoyed watching Sports, like the Buffalo Bills, Sabres, and watching tennis. He also enjoyed cooking Italian food.

Leo is survived by his three children Alexandria, Elizabeth and Leo Butera, son of Charlie and Rosalie (Vacanti) Butera, brother of Roseanne (John Hahn) Butera, also surviving are many dear friends.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda. Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday at 10 AM from St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd. North Tonawanda. If desired memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice House.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave  
Kemore, NY,

**SEP** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY, US, 14120

**SEP** **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
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**SEP** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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St Jude the Apostle Parish  
800 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda, NY, US

# Comments

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“ I have been looking for Leo for years, I guess I was too late. Charles and Rosalie, I am so sorry for the loss of your son, as a teenage I had the biggest crush, never spoke again after I moved away in 1982. May you find peace. Much love, God Speed  
Kim M Fontana



**Kim Fontana** - September 18, 2019 at 09:40 PM

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“ Leo:

May you rest in peace. I bet that you are in heaven looking for that silver camero. You went to soon, way to soon. We had a blast in college and law school. The gang was shocked with your passing. Hummer and Puner were there at your mass, it was beautiful. Oh, Hummer has a bridge so he is not throwing his teeth in drinks anymore. Everyone from Bosch Hall was shocked.

Your children are beautiful. Your raised them like your parents raised you. I know that you will keep an eye on them from heaven.

Godspeed my dear friend.

**Ranger Bob** - September 23, 2017 at 04:10 PM

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“ Most people probably didn't know that Leo and I were good friends but we were. We were classmates all throughout school and even team mates when Spruce Elementary School won the North Tonawanda City School Basketball Championship and I remember playing Little League baseball with him too.  
I will always remember good times in our adult years too.  
My deepest and genuinely sincere condolences to his entire family. Rest in peace and God Speed my wonderful friend.

**Gary Hodge** - September 22, 2017 at 06:14 PM

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“ A good man and teammate taken from us much too soon. Rest in peace friend, your presence and smile will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.  
Lou Parish

**lou parish** - September 22, 2017 at 05:10 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leo C. Butera.



September 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leo C. Butera.



September 22, 2017 at 09:47 AM

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“ Dear Charles and Rosalie...Elizabeth and I give our love and prayers to you at this very sad moment in time. To your son, Leo, may Lord be by his side for ever and ever Amen!

Louis Fetto

**Lou Fetto** - September 22, 2017 at 08:25 AM

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“ Mr. and Mrs. Butera, It has been many years since I have seen or spoken with my friend, Leo. There was a time when we met and became instant best of friends. Our lives took us on different paths, but, I have always held Leo in my heart and thoughts. He was full of Love and kindness and happiness. It broke my heart when my father called me, today, to deliver such sad news. I am truly sorry for your loss, for Leo's suffering, and for my failure to keep a valued friendship. I wish the best for his entire family, especially his 3 absolutely gorgeous children. My deepest and sincerest condolences.

Robert Santa Lucia

Robert Santa Lucia - September 21, 2017 at 08:41 PM

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“ I remember all the xmas eves on brentwood lake George when I wanted to hold the fish in that pic of us boxing swimming etc etc the good old days you are with unc sam now in paradise you were always a classy caring loving beautiful rest in peace until we meet again love your cuz Sammy vacanti

sam vacanti - September 21, 2017 at 10:38 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leo C. Butera.



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“ To the Butera Family...My deepest condolences go out to you!! I loved Leo very much.. what a wonderful loving person he was.. He is in the arms of Jesus..May the lord comfort your family at this time.. Leo will be missed but not forgotten.. God bless his soul!!

Marie Whittall &Family



MARIE - September 20, 2017 at 06:31 PM

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Wattengel Funeral Home - September 20, 2017 at 01:19 PM

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“ Leo,  
Your family and extended family and friends are in my prayers. You're a great guy and you are loved by all.  
The ball games we went to in Syracuse, Buffalo and Boston. The water fun parks with the children. The restaurants. The conversations. I just loved it all.  
Alex and I had a toast to you on Sunday as you prepared to enter the Kingdom of God.  
With all our love,  
Joe Gugino and Family

Joe Gugino - September 20, 2017 at 11:31 AM

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“ Steve Rusin contacted me to tell me of Leo's passing. I'd like to express my condolences and share a story. This happened when we were in high school. We were hanging out in Leo's basement and he pulled out some boxing gloves and asked me if I wanted to spar. I told him I didn't know how and he told me not to worry about it and that I'd get the hang of it. I didn't know you were supposed to pull your punches and I hit him square in the nose, which immediately started bleeding profusely. I was horrified and frozen to the spot. He just stared at me for what seemed like an eternity, then he started laughing. We both laughed so hard we ended up sitting on the floor, in tears and unable to breathe. That's how I remember Leo; slow to anger, quick to forgive, and quick to laugh.

God Bless,  
Eric Bamford  
Overland Park, KS

Eric Bamford - September 20, 2017 at 11:11 AM

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“ Leo was a middle school and high school friend. Always in the mix with the "happy people". So glad he had a wonderful family and full "life" plate. So sad that an illness took it all away too soon. May his light shine on with his circle of family and friends for many years.

mary hugar - September 20, 2017 at 08:21 AM

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“ Leo will be missed greatly at DSS! He was always smiling and pleasant and fun to joke around with. Very sad to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.

Heather Jeanne - September 19, 2017 at 10:14 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Leo's illness and passing Leo and my brother Paul were tennis partners in high school I remember him coming over and hanging out He was a great guy and will be sorely missed :(

Beth (Collins) Rossow - September 19, 2017 at 08:59 PM

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“ Another great one lost to soon... Many thoughts and prayers for his family... So many great memories in high school...

Phyllis Hojnowski(Vona) - September 19, 2017 at 06:47 PM

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“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Leo C. Butera.



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“ I am very sorry to hear of his family's loss. He was such an upbeat, positive individual who always had a smile on his face. What a loss to this world. I did not know him well but every day he would greet everyone in such a positive manner. May he rest in peace

Cindy Wilson - September 19, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ Leo fought this battle quietly and with dignity and grace. I will miss seeing him at work. I would like his children to know how often he spoke of them. I pray they will be able to find the strength to carry them through this terrible time.

Jayne King - September 19, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Leo was a wonderful guy. He was a super conscientious worker and really was committed to his work at DSS. He loved his children very much and I enjoyed hearing about what was going on with them. I'll miss sharing cooking recipes with Leo. Rest in peace my friend.

Tony Restaino - September 20, 2017 at 08:09 AM



“ Leo and myself would frequently visit each other at DSS and talk about our families. He adored his children and always wanted the best for them. Tragically he was taken away from us so soon. He was so full life, hopes, goals and dreams. His pain and suffering are gone now and I believe that he is in a better place. May our Lord look after him throughout eternity. It's my belief that we will meet again one day. God bless you and may he watch over your family in their time of need. In love and prayer.

Rodney Alaimo - September 20, 2017 at 09:34 AM

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“ Leo always brought a huge smile to my face. He always listened. He was non judgemental and funny!!! I will miss our chats. I never left without a smile on my face. Thanks for encouraging me to make positive changes in my life. I will never, ever forget you.

**cathy** - September 19, 2017 at 04:47 PM

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**Mike** - September 19, 2017 at 03:18 PM



“ Seems like yesterday

**Jeff** - September 19, 2017 at 04:34 PM



“ The memories

**Maria** - September 19, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ Such a huge loss for his family, his friends and his classmates. I didn't know he was ailing. RIP and may the memories bring comfort where words can not. Heavens gained an angel.

**Robin Gawrys-Jean** - September 19, 2017 at 06:20 PM



“ A million years ago. Just yesterday.

**Michelene** - September 19, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ Prayers to his children. A truly devoted Dad

**Kim Turecki Chiodo** - September 19, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ what a fabulous photo!! wishing all of you 'boys' wonderful memories to warm your heart! My deepest sympathies to our "Class of 80" family as well as those Leo left behind.... God Bless....

**Sue** - September 19, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to his family. God Bless. Couldn't have said it better Sue.

**Michele Ackerman** - September 19, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ Heartbreaking is what this is. My deepest sympathy to his parents and sister and children. Leo was above all things kind. Class of 80 is grieving. May you rest in peace our friend.

**Angela** - September 19, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ RIP, brother Leo, thoughts and prayers from Ohio

**Steve Fingerlow** - September 21, 2017 at 08:37 PM

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“ I worked with Leo for the past five years and always found him to be friendly, professional and a credit to our department. He was a pleasure to work with and will be sadly missed by everyone. My deepest condolences to his children and family.

**Thad Komorowski** - September 19, 2017 at 02:44 PM

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“ Boy Skippy you went too soon but you were one heck of a guy and friend. I'll always remember you calling me sunshine but I'm Bobo. May you rest peacefully Skippy you were a great friend and colleague. Live on brother!!

**Mike Matikosh** - September 19, 2017 at 02:16 PM

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