



Rocky William Ford

April 29, 1968 - July 20, 2024

Rocky William Ford, 56, of Glen Spey, NY, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2024, at Garnet Hospital in Middletown, NY.

Rocky was born on April 29, 1968, in Goshen, NY, to Joseph W. Ford and Elizabeth M. Compton. He attended Middletown High School and graduated from Wylie High School in Abilene, TX, in 1985. Throughout his life, Rocky worked in various roles in construction, finding fulfillment in his trade.

He had a zest for life, enjoying the thrill of riding his motorcycle, the companionship of his dogs Zephyr and Damion Aries, and sharing laughter with friends. Rocky was known for his storytelling prowess and adventurous spirit, which led him to skydiving, hiking, and quad biking during his trips to Arizona.

Rocky is survived by his loving girlfriend of 5 years, Gabriella Paolini of Glen Spey, NY. He is also survived by his sisters: Donna Dana of Wingdale, NY, Betty (Mark) Prosocki of Fullerton, NE, Mary (Edward) Newell of Boston Lake, NY, Bonnie (Mike) Jennings of Zephyrhills, FL, Joann (Wayne) Scott of Murfreesboro, TN, and Tammy Wilson of Fairmont, WV; and his brothers: Joseph W. (Sharon) Ford Jr. of Middletown, NY, and Guy J. Ford of Dade City, FL. Rocky will be deeply missed by his many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph William Ford Sr. and Elizabeth Mae Compton, his brother Russell M. Wilson, and sister Carol A. Van Buren.

Private services will be held at a later date, as determined by the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to assist with end-of-life expenses for the family or to a local humane society, reflecting Rocky's passion for dogs.