



## Angelo W. Distefano

April 16, 1939 - August 19, 2009

Angelo W. Distefano, age 70, of Bangor, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Mr. Distefano was born April 16, 1939 in South Haven the son of John and Virginia (Faberski) Distefano and graduated from Bangor High School in 1957. He owned and operated Distefano's Auto service for over 40 years and was presently a salesman for Barber Packaging. He was active in the Bangor Community including, Jaycees, EDC, and Sacred Heart Church. His hobbies included remote controlled model airplanes, slot car racing, toy trains and auctioneering. Surviving are his wife, Patricia (Troesch) whom he married July 16, 1960; three children, John (Mechele) Distefano of South Haven, Angela (Bruce) Mitchell of South Haven, Anthony Distefano of Bangor; 4 grandchildren, Nikki, Jake, Madysen, Sophia; his mother, Virginia Petrone of Bangor; 2 Sisters, Marietta (Bill) McGue of Kalamazoo, Therese (Jerry) Warnke of FL; a brother, Andrew (Donna Cox) Distefano of South Haven. He was preceded in death by his father, John; sister, Barbara Molloy; grandson, Pete Mitchell. The family will meet friends on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM with a rosary at 7:30 PM at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 AM Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Bangor with Fr. John Peter Celebrant. Interment will follow in Arlington Hill Cemetery, Bangor.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

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AUG **23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

AUG **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
201 S. Walnut  
Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Pat and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of his passing.  
We have been gone on vacation and just found out about the service, otherwise we would of been there for you, like you were for Betty.  
We send our sympathy to you and your family.  
George & Bonnie Lilge##imported-begin##George & Bonnie Lilge##imported-end##

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August 26, 2009 at 04:36 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you at this time.##imported-begin##Jim and Bev (Lilge) White##imported-end##

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August 25, 2009 at 10:55 AM



“ We loved Ang so much, and we're going to miss him so much! We loved his smile, and his sense of humor! He was very dear to us. Wish we could have been there! We'er so happy that he's with the Lord his saviour that he loved so much! Remember that God is with you and He will help you through this.  
We Love you all very much! God Bless!  
Love,  
~Connie, Bill and Mary##imported-begin##Bill, Connie, and Mary Kleinhans##imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 07:10 PM



“ To The Family of Angelo,  
  
I want to send my sincere sympathy for your recent loss. I knew Angelo for about 5 years and it was always a pleasure to see his smiling face. The world needs more people like him. He was a true GEM. A genuine kind of a person. He truly will be missed here at Universal Container Corp, Ferndale,MI.  
  
Sincerely,  
Ed##imported-begin##Ed##imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 10:22 AM



“ Angelo you were was such a fine person. It was an honor to have Pat and you work with us during our equipment auctions. Your zip and zest for life was always a highlight to us. Thank you for always being there. Sorry we never made that last supper engagement. Life is so busy you know. Your Friends, Kip & Linda Williams - United Auctioneers & Appraisers##imported-begin##Kip & Linda Williams##imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 08:29 AM



“ May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Jason, Sun, Olivia and William Rainey##imported-begin##Jason and Sun Rainey##imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 08:25 AM



“ To the family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Angelo, I will miss you my friend but the lord has greater and better plans for you.  
You are truly loved.  
Loretta Freeman##imported-begin##Loretta Freeman##imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 05:03 AM



“ I extend my heartfelt condolences to Ang's family. I will miss his smile and upbeat attitude. I will reflect back fondly of our work together at the auctions and remember a great guy. He will be missed but certainly never forgotton. Go with God Ang and rest in peace.##imported-begin##Roger Berg##imported-end##

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August 23, 2009 at 06:45 PM



“ Ang was one the the very best, we also had some great time together.and reflecting on those memories.

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.##imported-begin##Dennis Rainey##imported-end##

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August 23, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ Sorry to read in the paper of the passing of Angelo. I went to school with Angelo in Bangor. He helped me with my lessons when I needed help. Always cheerful and happy.##imported-begin##Marvin Lewandowski##imported-end##

August 22, 2009 at 08:58 PM



“ Sorry for the loss of Mr. Distefano. I can remember when my brother Richard used to be in a band with John and Tony. They had fun and looked forward to this. My associations with this family has always been good, whether it was at school, getting gas at the "station" or shopping at Hardings. So, to the entire Distefano Family, this sends sincere condolences and blessings to all of you at this difficult time.  
Sheryl A. Johnson##imported-begin##Sheryl A. (Johnson)-Johnson##imported-end##

August 22, 2009 at 07:39 PM



“ Mr. Distefano was the best! I remember playing in a band with John and Tony in the basement, even though we were not that great Mr. Distefano never complained. But the one thing that really sticks with me is when we had a bad thunderstorm and all of Bangor was without power for days. Mr. Distefano rigged up some type of lawn mower with a pulley and fan belt system, hooked it up to one of the gas pumps at his station, so we could all get gas. We could only get five gallons but it was enough to get the city of Bangor moving during a very tough time. It's about people helping people, something you don't hear about much anymore. Mr. Distefano was the best. Richard Johnson##imported-begin##Richard Johnson##imported-end##

August 22, 2009 at 06:21 PM



“ I am sincerely sorry for your loss. I have know Angelo for about 10-years. He has been a positive influence in my life, always had a smile and a hug. I consider the day he made a cold call to American Packaging where I worked at the time one of my luckiest days. He has been a great friend and I will miss him.

Sincerely,

Cindy Harmer,

St. Clair Packaging##imported-begin##Cindy Harmer##imported-end##

August 22, 2009 at 07:14 AM



“ Dear Distefano family. We are very sorry and sad to hear of Angelo's passing. He was a wonderful man and friend to talk to. He always help me see the positive in events when I was down. He was an inspiration to me.##imported-begin##Matt and Laura DePerno##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 09:55 PM



“ To my Aunt Virginia, Cousins Terry, Etta & Andy; and to Pat and all of my Cousin Sonny's family:

*My sincerest sympathies to you all in your loss this week...I was told this was a sudden happening, but that still does not alter or diminish the loss to you all. I know I have not been around in a while, but I have long memories of our gatherings at the old house in town, out in the country, and of course the long-standing icon that was Distefano Standard. I am sorry for your loss, as is Ang's Aunt Mary and his cousin Gerard. We all give our sincerest sympathies to the entire family as well as friends that were a part of Angelo's life.*

*James A. Miller*

*Kalamazoo, MI##imported-begin##James A. Miller##imported-end##*

August 21, 2009 at 09:49 PM



“ To Ang's Family

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and always. I treasure all the wonderful times with my classmate and great friend forever.##imported-begin##Richard D fry##imported-end##*

August 21, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ Ang...what can we say, a forever part of Bangor will be forever missed. I (Becky) remember when he flew the r.c. planes, what a fun time we had with the Hedgehopper R.C. Club and without him it would of been a loss in our club. DiStefano Service Station was such a big part of Bangor for years that no one could not know who one of the family were.

*May your memories keep your heart from hurting so much.*

*Becky, Larry and Naomi##imported-begin##Larry&Becky Woodley, Naomi Zook##imported-end##*

August 21, 2009 at 06:47 PM



“ I graduated with Ang in '57, and always appreciated the excellent M.C. jobs he did at our many class reunions. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Owen McKenzie##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 04:42 PM



“ You don't know me. I raced slot cars in Kalamazoo in the 1960's. I remember Angelo. He was an excellent competitor, an outstanding builder, and a fun person to be around. Please accept my condolences for your loss.##imported-begin##Darwin Wellington##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 04:35 PM



“ How saddened we were to hear about Angelo's passing. He was such an honorable and sincere person and we were so glad to have known him. Our sympathy goes out to his Family and to Barber Packaging. He will be missed. Nancy & Robert Stachnik##imported-begin##Nancy & Robert Stachnik of Pro-Pak Products Ltd.,Fraser, Mi.##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 02:49 PM



“ It was a honor and a blessing to have met Angelo. He showed us how to see things in a positive light. He will surely be missed.

God bless and keep you

Nichole Clay

Pratt Industries##imported-begin##Nichole Clay##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 12:53 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Sonny's passing.  
My deepest sympathy to the family.  
He was a thoughtful nephew, always smiling.  
He will be missed,

Aunt Mary##imported-begin##Mary Miller##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 11:55 AM



“ To the Distefano family: We are sorry to hear about Ang passing. He was always such a pleasant person to run into. We will never forget years ago when we used to go to the station all the time for gas and he was always there to greet everyone with a smile and a hello. You will be in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Michelle (Shelly Gardner) Morris & Jim & Charlotte Gardner##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ To the entire Distefano family,  
We are so sorry to here of Ang's passing. This comes at a time when your family has already gone through so very much. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each and everyone of you.  
Remember he will always be in your hearts and memories.##imported-begin##Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt & Joan (Ghidotti) Lull##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 08:36 AM



“ Dear Distefano family, We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Ang. You are in our thoughts and prayers, he will be missed. Take care.##imported-begin##Ron and Anna McCoy##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 08:10 AM



“ to the distefano family,  
i am so very sorry to hear about your loss.  
you all are in my heart, thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.  
sincerely, mary mckenna.##imported-begin##mary mckenna##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 12:14 AM



“ To the Distefano Family, May the Lord wrap his arms around each of you at this time. May He give you strength to move forward in the days ahead. And may you find comfort from family and friends. Ang was a wonderful, kind and caring man. Know he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Georgia Dulik##imported-begin##Georgia Dulik##imported-end##

August 20, 2009 at 06:30 PM



“ It is with great sadness that I reflect on Uncle Ang's passing, but with with a smile that I reflect on all the great times he showed me growing up. I looked up to Uncle Ang from the day I met him - from the big family gatherings he hosted at his house (that I will never ever forget) to handing down his love for the saxaphone, to letting me drive his golf cart around his huge yard and giving me candy at the station - I will miss him dearly, but am comforted that he is with our God now. I love you all...God Bless..Jason Warnke and family.##imported-begin##Jason Warnke##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 05:22 PM



“ To Pat, JD, Tony, Angel and AJ,

*As we share in the sorrow of your loss, we rejoice in Big Ang's new life with our Lord. He always welcomed me in his home and treated me like family. I will always remember the great times at the Distefano home and there were many! I am very thankful to have known Big Ang while growing up. We will keep you in our prayers and he will never be fogotten.##imported-begin##Anthony Crauso##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2009 at 04:48 PM



“ Angelo and I went to grade school together at St Basils. He was a great guy. Always cheerful. It was always fun to run into him thru the decades. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##jerry overton##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 04:34 PM