

# SEICHEPREY VFW POST NO. 296, WINSTED, CT

~ Chartered on Sunday December 7, 1919 ~



## \*\* PASSING OF A COMRADE \*\*

*September 16, 2008*



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"Honoring All Who Served, Veterans Still Serving America"

*"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were Treated and Appreciated by their nation." - George Washington*



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Passing of Life Member

David F. Rosati

(September 16, 1960– September 16, 2008)



Hi Everyone,

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Life Member and Post 296 Quartermaster David F. Rosati. David was the 1446th person to be admitted to our Post since we were chartered on December 7, 1919.



David F. Rosati

Watertown High graduate

EAST GRANBY — David F. Rosati, 48, 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 stepfather, the late Albert C. Filippone. He graduated from Watertown High school (1978) and from Northwestern Community College with an associate degree in criminal justice, and was 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 staff sergeant.

He lived in East Granby for the past two years having moved from New Hartford, sharing his home with his fiancé' 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.

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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, Mass.; 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; his niece, Allysa Mary DeCato; along with many aunts, uncles and cousins; and dear loving friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Elizabeth.

A Mass of Christian Burial will celebrate his life 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield. His burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Calling hours will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept 18, 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 06098.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com).

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## Local hero loses battle with cancer

By WALT GOGOLYA

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WINSTED - A long-time city police officer and Iraq veteran died Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford after a 20-month battle with cancer.

David F. Rosati, 48, of East Granby, was remembered as a true American by friends Tuesday.

"I've known Dave for years," said Arthur Melycher, of the Veteran of Foreign Affairs 296, where Rosati served as quarter master. "He was well liked by everybody. He'll be sorely missed."

Ted Sweeney, adjutant of VFW Post 296, said Rosati's death leaves a tremendous void in the lives of those who knew him.

"David was a very caring individual," Sweeney said. "If something needed to be done, he'd simply do it. You didn't have to ask him.

Rosati did not have a bad bone in his body, long-time Selectman David Cappabianca said.

"He was the best of the best," Cappabianca said. "He was an all-around good guy. We'll certainly miss him."

Rosati joined the Winchester Police Department in 1988 and worked right up until August, Chief Nicholas Guerriero said.

"He was a tremendous asset to the department," Guerriero said. "Even when he was sick, he missed very little time from work."

Joining the Civil Air patrol as a teenager, Rosati 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.

A Mass of Christian burial will celebrate his life on Friday at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church.

"You're going to see thousands of people at that service," Sweeney said.

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