



## DONALD J. INSEL

July 6, 1963 - November 18, 2018

Donald J. Insel, 55, of Fairmount, passed away Sunday at home. He was born in Syracuse to the late John and Patricia (DeGaetano) Insel in 1963. He was a former truck driver for Byrne Dairy, Church and Dwight and New Penn Express and a member of the Teamsters. He enjoyed working on cars. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, the former Cynthia Krauss, 3 daughters; Kelly Insel, of Seattle, WA, Nicole Insel, of Syracuse and Christine Insel, of Oneonta, 4 siblings; John, of N. Syracuse, Cathi, of Lakeland, William, of Lakeland and Patricia, of Orlando, FL, a niece and nephew. Services were private. BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME has care of arrangements.

Please offer online memories and tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *DONALD J. INSEL*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Uncle D was soo good to me as a kid. He brought me pizza, he took me around on his shoulders, and he helped me pick blackberries in the back yard. Once I moved away, he and Cindy remembered every birthday and Christmas. They kept me close even though I was very far away. He and Cindy took care of my grandparents (D's mom and dad) as they were older and were with them until they passed. He was a strong guy for being the youngest and he was a wonderful uncle to me. Love to my family who was around him everyday. I love you Uncle D.*

**Rachele Insel** - December 12, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Jon, My condolences on the passing of your brother Donald. thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time*  
*Dale and Fran fragola*

**Dale Fragola** - November 25, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ *Jonny..... I am so sad to read about your brother.....I didn't know him but I certainly know the pain of losing a brother. Please know I am thinking about you and sending my love and the hope that your warm memories will help you during such a difficult time.*  
*Much love, Rockette*

**rockette pirro brunetti** - November 25, 2018 at 06:32 PM

MV

“ Dearest Cindy, Kelly, Nicole and Christine,  
I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and father. I worked with Cindy at Solvay Schools and had the pleasure of teaching the girls as well. Donald sounds like a wonderful person; certainly, he fashioned a strong and loving family surrounded by friends who loved him as well. You are all in my prayers, as is the repose of his soul. I know you will treasure your memories and that they will keep him close in spirit. Live out the things he taught by example and in that way he is always with you. I wish you peace and consolation. Much love, "Mrs. V."

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**Mary Liz Vecellio** - November 22, 2018 at 10:22 PM

JV

“ My condolences to all of the Insel family on the death of a loving family member, Donald. one and God bless

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**Jean very** - November 22, 2018 at 04:44 AM

DE

“ Billy and entire Insel family I remember DJ as Billy's little brother hanging out with us in THE FORT. RIP DJ

*Tony DeSpirito*

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**despirito** - November 21, 2018 at 07:30 PM

RI

*Tony, I remember the fort and the 70's rock and roll. I was only like 5 years old!! DJ's Niece - Rachele*

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**Rachele Insel** - December 12, 2018 at 10:26 AM

DK

“ Rest In Peace DJ...condolences to the entire Insel family!  
Don Kendrick

Don Kendrick - November 21, 2018 at 05:32 PM

VC

“ Veronica Insel Cox purchased the Medium Dish  
Garden for the family of DONALD J. INSEL.



Veronica Insel Cox - November 21, 2018 at 04:13 PM

SO

“ Dear John, very sorry to read this about your brother. Thinking of  
you and the family, God Bless.  
Sue Tacy Ostuni

Sue Tacy Ostuni - November 21, 2018 at 03:02 PM

MS

“ My heart goes out to the family. We have been  
friends for 45 plus years. Rest in Peace my  
friend.



marc speziali - November 21, 2018 at 02:49 PM

DS

“ Johnny, on behalf of all of the members of the Solvay High School  
Class of 1964 we send our condolences on the passing of your  
brother Don.

Dan Scaia - November 21, 2018 at 01:52 PM

RC

“ I had the pleasure to teach Don, Cindy, then Nicole & Kelly! My heart goes out to the family! Fond memories of a great guy and wonderful family! Take care!

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**Roy Carr** - November 21, 2018 at 11:58 AM

FL

“ I first met Don when I moved back to Solvay in 1976...he welcomed me with open arms and we became fast friends ...so much so I never called him Don....he was always Deke...or DJ ...or Deacon Blues...Such a character and my memories go on and on of the hours spent at the " Insel Mansion" or the backyard " fort ". we listened to classic albums...he showed me my first guitar " power chord"...we'd pop his parents car into neutral , push it down the driveway then go cruising... he played harmonica for the Miles Klondike Blues band and we won the 95X amateur hour with our own original song...we road tripped to Toronto in the summer of 1980 to see The Who ...I could go on and on. He was truly larger than life and will be missed. Thanks for the good times Deke and my condolences to the rest of the Insel family. Frank LeFevre.

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**Frank LeFevre** - November 21, 2018 at 10:54 AM

RI

Thank you for sharing these memories Frank. They were soo him!

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**Rachele Insel** - December 12, 2018 at 10:28 AM

SF

“ Cindy & girls, your family will be in our prayers. I will forever hold the memories of going to school with DJ & the times as kids we shared whether holiday or just having fun. He certainly was a fun cousin growing up together. Hold on to your memories, they can never be taken away.

*Susie Fritzen*

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**Sue Fritzen** - November 21, 2018 at 08:27 AM



Very sorry for your loss 🙏🙏🙏  
*Paul hoffman*

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**Paul Hoffman** - November 21, 2018 at 09:43 AM

JC

*Cindy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Although I did not see DJ very often, I'm glad I was able to spend some time talking to him at the Syracuse Nationals a couple of years ago. You are in my prayers.*

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**Joe Caloia** - November 22, 2018 at 02:32 PM