



## Don Faye Rautio

Dr. Don and Faye Rautio, ages 67 and 65 of New Hope, Minn. died in a tragic automobile accident on Dec. 26, 2007. They are survived by sons, Eric and Adam; grandson, Connor; brother Alan Tritchier; other relatives, Many friends, and their dog, Duffer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church for the Rautio Memorial Fund. MEMORIAL SERVICE:3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Hennepin Ave at Groveland Ave S, Minneapolis. They will be dearly missed by many people. To honor the life and legacy of Don and Faye, please visit [www.ericroy.com](http://www.ericroy.com) Washburn-McReavy 612-377-2203 This obituary was originally published in the Duluth News Tribune.

# Tribute Wall

HG

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the tragic loss of your wonderful parents. We shared many good times during their short time here in The Villages. We are retired educators and have a grandson Connors age. Many of our conversations were about our precious "Little boys". When my grandchildren visited the Villages your mom met us at the door singing a little song and let the children play with Buffer. We are so thankful we had met Eric and Connor when they visited Florida. Harley spent his youth in and around Lake Vermilion and his mom was Finnish so we had much in common with Faye and Don. We shared many laughs and warm memories of family, friends and careers. Your mom and I were active in the League of Women Voters here in the Villages. Faye chaired a committee and she and I visited a local elementary school last spring. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers and know Faye and Dons loving spirits live on in their children. Helen and Harley Gozdanovic

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*Helen and Harley Gozdanovic,*

*The Villages, Florida*

*Contact Me*

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**Helen and Harley Gozdanovic** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ To: The family of Faye and Don, especially Eric, Adam and 'Uncle Al' We are deeply sorry about your loss and ours. I especially will miss Faye and Don at Lake Vermilion. It really will not be the same without them. I loved to visit in the summer whenever I could get UpNorth. I will remember how proud and excited they were to be grandparents. I loved to sit and have coffee. They were such wonderful friends and neighbors. They will be so sadly missed. My heart and prayers go out to you. I am so sorry that I missed the memorial service last Saturday. I had heard about the tragedy and just now found this website. I hope that I will still see some of you next summer. Please accept our deepest sympathy, Sandra Kwiatkowski and children, Brian and Heather Kwiatkowski and Jill and Paul Krongard

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*Sandra Kwiatkowski,*

*Forest Lake*

*Contact Me*

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**Sandra Kwiatkowski** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Adam - We grew up together as friends and neighbors, and your mom and dad always welcomed me into your home. I'm heartbroken about what happened - you and Eric have my condolences.*

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*Scott Johns,*

*Princeton, New Jersey*

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**Scott Johns** - January 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Eric & Adam, I am so saddened by your loss . My sympathies & prayers go out to you & your family. I had the pleasure of working with your mother at Olson school for 4 years. I also met your father on several occasions as well as Adam. I'm not sure if I met Eric. I was the night custodian at the time. They were great people & will be missed by all.

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*Charlie Perisian,*

*Walker, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Charlie Perisian - January 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you along with all who knew your parents. As neighbors for many years on Wisconsin Circle we have special memories of the young Rautio family and we know your loss hurts deeply. May God bless all of you as you go forward.

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*Wayne and Donna Pitmon,*

*Vadnais Heights, Minnesota*

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**Wayne and Donna Pitmon** - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Adam, Eric, and Family, I am so very sorry for the loss of Faye and Don, they will be dearly missed. Faye was one of the first folks in my aerobics class at Hwy 100 (I am the instructor), and remained in class for over 20 years. I have so many fond memories including a lunch at your home when you were both very small. We frequented breakfasts and lunches and their gentle spirits will forever live on. My prayers are with all of you. Kristi

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*Kristi Haertl,*

*Coon Rapids*

*Contact Me*

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**Kristi Haertl** - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Adam and family, I was so saddened to hear about the tragic loss of your parents. I knew Faye when she worked in the Early Childhood program that was at Olson Elementary School in the early 1990's. My thoughts are with your during this difficult time.* Caryn Goldberg

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*Caryn Goldberg,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Caryn Goldberg** - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“*Eric, Adam and Family. I went to the memorial service with a heavy heart today. I so appreciated knowing your mom and dad through District 281 and AAUW. I feel really privileged to have seen them when they were home in December. I just want you to know that the service today was absolutely beautiful and truly uplifting. You are a real credit to your mom and dad. Your thoughts and reflections were a true help to everyone who was there. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.*

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*Beth McCabe,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Beth McCabe** - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *Adam and Eric, Please know that many friends are grieving with you. What wonderful parents you had as you grew into adulthood. They were so very proud of both of you. They touched many, many lives in their years on this earth. My son Derek was fortunate to have been one of those lives that they touched. We will miss them dearly. Our prayers are for you both as you move forward with your lives, may you find comfort in your faith and the many great memories you have of your Mom and Dad. Much love, Vicki Haupt*

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*Vicki Haupt,*

*Arden Hills, Minnesota*

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**Vicki Haupt** - January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Eric and Adam-No words can express how truly heavy I feel for you both. You are shining reflections of the wonderful people your parents were. To know how enriched other peoples' lives are for having known your folks, I hope, gives you some peace.

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*David Webber,*

*Saint Paul, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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David Webber - January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Eric and Adam, I cannot really grasp that this has happened. I thought I would know your Mom and Dad in their very old age. The first thing I will always remember is your Mom's smile. She had the most wonderful, kind smile. Who could ask for better parents. And they were so proud of their grandson. I wish he could have them with him longer. I think God knew they needed to be together when they went to heaven. I will pray for you to find strength to cope with this. Denise

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*Denise Cloutier (Olson),*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Denise Cloutier (Olson)** - January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Adam and Eric, We were out of town during the holidays and were not aware of your parents' deaths until tonight while watching the news. Please accept our sincere thoughts of sympathy. Don and Faye affected the lives of so many people. They worked selfishly to help improve life for others. They helped in many of Lyndon's campaigns back in the 70s and 80s when he represented your part of New Hope. State Representative Lyndon Carlson and Carole

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*Carole Carlson,*

*Crystal, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Carole Carlson** - January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *ERIC & ADAM,I AM SO SADDENED BY THIS NEWS. KNOW THAT I AM THINKING OF YOU BOTH AND SENDING YOU STRENGTH AND PEACE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.JULIANNE MUNDALE*

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*JULIANNE MUNDALE,*

*HOPKINS, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**JULIANNE MUNDALE** - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



HH

“ Eric & Adam, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you & your family. I attended Morris Bye Elementary in Coon Rapids & remember what a nice man your father was. I have many memories of him. But the one that stands out most was when I was pushed down on the ice at recess in first grade. I hit my head pretty hard & Don drove me to the hospital. (This was in the 70's-80's before an ambulance was to be called.) I threw up in his brand new car on the way to Mercy Hospital!! Maybe that's why through the years he always remembered me?! I just wanted you to know I thought he was a special person & was so glad to have known him. God Bless

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*Heather Herman-Burkhart,*

*Big Lake, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Heather Herman-Burkhart** - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*Dear Eric, I was at the men's group at Brooklyn UMC and just found out that your parents were in an accident and died. John Eakins and I were talking about the mission trip you went on with us to Puerto Rico. In some ways it seems like yesterday and others it seems like it was long ago. Whenever I would see your parents (usually at Brooklyn UMC) I would always get an update on how you were doing and it always sounded just great. Your Mom and Dad always had smiles on their faces. My wife and I didn't know them well, but they were always warm and friendly. They will be missed by many. I will pray for you and your brother over your sudden lose. Jim*

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*Jim Rorvick,*

*Maple Grove, Minnesota*

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**Jim Rorvick** - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Eric, I was so sorry to hear of your parents' passing. Their remarkable lives, so well-lived, should give you some solace, but I know that when you're grieving and missing your parents that may be hard to recognize. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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*Melanie Markovich Bisson,*

*Mound, Minnesota*

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**Melanie Markovich Bisson** - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Eric and Adam, I had the privilege to know and teach with a wonderful man. He was warmly received by many colleagues. He had a thirst for mentoring, dreaming and envisioning the future of his school working directly with the Adams community. He admired the gifted and talented youth and I recall him trying to expose his staff to the fine arts. (Yes, I went to live productions/acting and he is responsible for my love of the theatre. I ran into him now and then around the Twin Cities at various theatre/playhouses, The last I saw of Don and Faye was at "The Secret Garden" at the Orpheum. He poured himself to leadership and the gifted and talented. He and Faye embraced our staff when he hosted an "Octoberfest" at your wonderful home on Wisconsin Ave. Your legos were complex, with wonderful inventions/creations and your mom proudly told us of your wondrous inventions using Legoes. They both will be always remembered as wonderful educators and their legacy for love of people. Please know you were always on their mind and in their hearts. I recall running the track at Northwest Racquet Club on Hiway 100 and France Ave. trying to get in shape after delivering twins when I first moved here in 1984. Do you remember working out, running, and then going to school in the early morning hours? Losing them in such a tragic death reminds us all to live each day like it is our last. I pray for your grieving family and hope that peace will sustain you. With my deepest sympathy.

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Melinda McCormick,

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Melinda McCormick** - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ Dear Adam & Eric - I am so very, very sorry to hear of the loss of your parents in this tragic accident. I met them through the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church when they were consultants on family ministry. I have never forgotten the depth of experience and care they brought to that ministry. They taught me so much. You will be in my prayers.

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*Cindy Yanchury,*

*South St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Cindy Yanchury** - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Eric and Adam, I am still in shock after hearing about your mom and dad on the news. After doing your mom's hair for all those years I grew to love her for her kindness and compassion that she showed to everyone! My kids remember her because she would always bring them a big bag of goodies to eat at Christmastime -- a tribute to size of her heart. I will miss her friendship very much. Our prayers are with all of you at this time. Take care,

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*Barb Zeman,*

*New Hope*

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**Barb Zeman** - January 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We had not seen your parents since the 70's. Gil worked with him in Audio Visual, Robbinsdale 281, I, Dee, worked with your Mom in Spec. Ed at Sigrud Olson. We loaned them our son Scott's crib for thier 1st baby (you or Adam?) They were dear kids (we are 75 now) to us. I really loved your Mom, she was such a gentle , caring young woman. We are so sorry for your tragic lose. God Bless, Gil & Dee Van Steenwyk

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*Dee & Gil Van Steenwyk,*

*Brainerd, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Dee & Gil Van Steenwyk - January 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ We just met Don and Faye this summer and looked forward to more time to visit with them. They were so very special. Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with you. May God's grace give you comfort.

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*Doug & Joyce Rossi,*

*Duluth,, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Doug & Joyce Rossi - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“*Eric, I was saddened to read the article in the Star Tribune regarding your parents, however what an impact they have left on many lives. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Teri (Tuenge) Harris*

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*Teri Harris,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Teri Harris** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Adam and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your parents in this horrible accident. May God be with you at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. All of us who know you from Ameriprise Financial are thinking of you at this time.*

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*Tom Kelly,*

*Apple Valley, Minnesota*

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**Tom Kelly** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Eric and family, Be blessed to know the future has been touched and changed because of your mom and dad. Keep strong in their memory. Jeffrey Plombon*

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*Jeffrey Plombon,*

*New Hope, Minnesota*

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**Jeffrey Plombon** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your mom and dad and friends. My heart truly goes out to you. I did not know them but I was there, just ahead of them, when I witnessed the accident happen. I have not stopped praying for all of you since it happened. I just want you to know that I grieve with you and I am praying that God comforts you during this time.

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*Corrie Marnett,*

*Wentzville, Missouri*

*Contact Me*

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**Corrie Marnett** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Eric, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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*Molly (Zimmerman) Turner,*

*Bemidji*

*Contact Me*

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**Molly (Zimmerman) Turner** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Eric and Adam, I am so very sorry to hear the news about your parents. I'm sure you are very proud for all the wonderful things they did for others! Your parents are true heroes! With love and deepest sympathy, Holly DeLacy (Holly Alto)*

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*Holly DeLacy,*

*Ramsey, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Holly DeLacy** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Don and Faye were the best of neighbors up on Lake Vermilion. We will dearly miss them. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.* Mark and Lori Stuck

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*Mark Stuck,*

*Sioux City, Iowa*

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**Mark Stuck** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I knew Faye through Mpls. Branch AAUW. She was always so cheerful and friendly! We are in Arizona for the winter so I will miss the memorial service. My deepest sympathy goes to her family.

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*Phyllis Gilbert,*

*Pelican Rapids, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Phyllis Gilbert** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Eric and Adam, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time in your life.

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*Lynn Linquist,*

*Tek Systems, Minnesota*

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**Lynn Linquist** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy to your family at this time. (Shirley (Koskela) knew the family well when they lived in Virginia.)

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*Bob & Shirley Wilson,*

*Tucson, Arizona*

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**Bob & Shirley Wilson** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ *Dan and Pat Ingram of 2794 Niles Bay Forest Road, were saddened to hear of this tragic news. Our prayers are with the family.*

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*Pat & Dan Ingram,*

*Lake Vermilion, Minnesota*

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**Pat & Dan Ingram** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Eric and Adam, I am so sorry for your loss. Life is not fair. 2007 has been a terrible year for us, compounded with the tragic loss of two fine people who did have a lot to live for. Why is a question that time will answer. Be strong and keep the faith. Your Mom and Dad will be missed. Love you guys.

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*Jim Neuenfeldt,*

*Bemidji, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jim Neuenfeldt** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM