



Anthony "Slabs" Serena

April 14, 1951 - April 28, 2014

Anthony D. Serena

"Slabs"

Age 63, of South Wilmington, IL, passed away suddenly, Monday, April 28, 2014 at Morris Hospital Emergency Room. Born April 14, 1951 in Joliet, IL to the late Joseph V. and Mary Louise (nee Doud) Serena. Anthony was a member of the Laborer's Union, Local #75 in Joliet, IL. He retired from D Construction in Coal City, IL in 2011. He previously worked as a butcher at Hickory Creek in Wilmington, IL and Rodosky Meat Locker in Kinsman, IL. Lifetime member of the Harley Owners Group. Anthony was an avid outdoorsman. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and enjoyed taking them hunting, fishing, boating and attending their sporting events.

Surviving are his wife, Diane (nee Alderson), whom he married November 3, 1973 in South Wilmington; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Beth and Brad Hampson of Gardner, IL; three grandchildren, Westin and Wyleigh Serena and Cole Hampson; mother-in-law, Loretta "Dolly" Yenrich of South Wilmington; six brothers, Joseph "Vic" (Marlene) Serena of Joliet, IL, Monty (Dorothy) Serena of South Wilmington, Arthur (Jane) Serena of Bonfield, IL, Carmen (Janis) Serena of Kankakee, IL, Kenneth "Skinner" Serena of East Brooklyn, IL, and Michael (Jackie) Serena of Gardner; one sister, Regina (Paul) Chase of Gardner; two brothers-in-law, Rick (Cindy) Alderson of South Wilmington and Randy (Diane) Alderson of Coal City, IL; two sisters-in-law, Deb (Brian)

Christensen of Gardner and Denice (Jon) Muzzarelli of South Wilmington; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his son, Anthony John "A.J." Serena; two grandchildren, Ty and Ryan Hampson; and one brother, Alvin Raymond Serena.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Friday, May 2, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. John Homicak will officiate. Interment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, IL. The visitation will be Thursday, May 1, from 4-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the donor's choice. For more information and to sign his online guestbook, please log onto www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Anthony "Slabs" Serena Video Tribute



Sara Foote - May 12, 2014 at 04:23 PM

KD

“ Our deepest sympathy. Karen and Marvin Decker

karen decker - May 05, 2014 at 04:01 PM

MA

“ My deep sympathy. Michael Anzalone

Mike Anzalone - May 05, 2014 at 09:28 AM

FM

“ Diane and family, Although it is difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time. Just because friends are not physically there for you, at difficult times like this, does not mean we don't hold you close in our hearts.

Faye & Bill Malek

Faye & Bill Malek - May 04, 2014 at 12:13 PM

RB

“ *Our sympathies to the entire Serena family!
Tom & Robin Barren (née Dinger)*

Robin Barren - May 03, 2014 at 09:25 AM

CT

“ *So sorry to hear of Tony's passing. My thoughts and prayers to all of you through these times. Savor the memories. many blessings to you all. Carrie Brorsen Taylor*



Carrie Brorsen Taylor - May 02, 2014 at 01:43 PM

S(

“ *Shirley (Jaros) lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena*



Shirley (Jaros) - May 02, 2014 at 11:52 AM

SH

“ *Sorry for you loss. Tony did so much for so many. Blessings to everyone.*

Shirley (Jaros) & Oly Hofseth - May 02, 2014 at 11:52 AM

CH

“ Carolyn Howen lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



carolyn howen - May 01, 2014 at 09:11 PM

MF

“ Diane, So sorry to hear about Tony. Thoughts and prayers to your family.

Melinda Aldereson Favre - May 01, 2014 at 05:46 PM

JS

“ Sorry to hear about Tony. I enjoyed working with him and for him. Had lots of fun on the jobs with Tony and his brothers, and got the job done.
- Jim Zelinko Sr
Coal City, IL

Jim Zelinko, Sr - May 01, 2014 at 02:56 PM

JG

“ We were so sorry to hear about Slabs passing. We hope that the love of family and friends will comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jason and Devan Gagliardo - May 01, 2014 at 01:14 PM



“ Tony Becker lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Tony Becker - May 01, 2014 at 11:11 AM

JH

“ Jenny Harrington lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Jenny Harrington - May 01, 2014 at 09:58 AM

JE

“ Diane, so sorry to hear about your loss. May God give you and your family strength and comfort during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Julia Carter, ETI - May 01, 2014 at 09:22 AM

DB

“ We are deeply saddened by your loss. I worked many different jobs with him. He always had the right decisions with a smile, which I did admire. The Serena family has our Deepest Sympathy.



Dave & Sandy Biros

Dave Biros - May 01, 2014 at 08:45 AM

PT

“ We are deeply sorry to hear about Anthony.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Ponchy & Cheryl Tvrz - May 01, 2014 at 06:33 AM

JH

“ Sorry about Anthony this is julie hertz bens girlfriend.

Julie hertz - April 30, 2014 at 10:00 PM

KB

“ Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family. Our prayers
are with you.

Kimberly Slnkular Brorsen - April 30, 2014 at 05:57 PM

KB

“ Kimberly Slnkular Brorsen lit a candle in
memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Kimberly Slnkular Brorsen - April 30, 2014 at 05:55 PM

JM

“ Jill Moore lit a candle in memory of Anthony
"Slabs" Serena



Jill Moore - April 30, 2014 at 03:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony "Slabs" Serena.*



April 30, 2014 at 03:50 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Tony's family!*

Dave and Angie Bexson - April 30, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Mike and Penny Parker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony "Slabs" Serena.*



Mike and Penny Parker - April 30, 2014 at 09:59 AM



“ *Dan And Lisa Briner lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena*



Dan and Lisa Briner - April 30, 2014 at 09:53 AM



Diane, we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. What a great man Slabs was! Dan and Lisa Briner

Dan and Lisa Briner - April 30, 2014 at 09:55 AM

WH

“ *When you are hurting, come to Me and I will bind your wounds.
When you need to be assured, come to Me and I will give you My
embrace.
When you can no longer go on, come to Me and I will carry you.
When you need comfort, come to Me and I will wipe your tears.
When you are uncertain of My love, come to Me and I will speak My
heart to you.
Always remember that in your need you are coming to the One who
came for you.*

*Willie and I are so sorry for you loss. Keep the Lord close and he
will give you strength and see you thru this great time of need.*

Willie and Patricia Hawkins, Hudson Oaks, TX.

Willie and Patricia Hawkins - April 30, 2014 at 09:16 AM

KF

“ *Kathy Schopp Fredrick lit a candle in memory
of Anthony "Slabs" Serena*



Kathy Schopp Fredrick - April 30, 2014 at 08:49 AM

KS

*My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Tony. He had a
smile for all.
Kathy Schopp Fredrick*

Kathy Schopp - April 30, 2014 at 08:51 AM

MA

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Slabs, Monty & Skinner. Slabs was a wealth of knowledge as well as one of the nicest people I've ever met working construction. My heart goes out to his wife , family & friends. I know he will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Slabs. God bless. Mike Arbanas Joliet, Ill.

Mike Arbanas - April 30, 2014 at 07:31 AM

LL

“ Lou Anne Lenzie lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Lou Anne Lenzie - April 29, 2014 at 11:20 PM

MT

“ Maureen Tambling lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



maureen tambling - April 29, 2014 at 11:12 PM

AG

“ Praying for strength and peace, and sending our sympathy to Diane, Mary Beth, Brad, the grandchildren, family members and friends that have had Tony as a part of their lives! May wonderful memories keep him alive in your hearts, and the comfort of knowing he is now with his son help you to cope.
Love and hugs
?? Tim and Angie Grieff and girls ??



ANGIE GRIEFF - April 29, 2014 at 10:37 PM

GJ

“ Gina Jaros lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Gina Jaros - April 29, 2014 at 09:46 PM

GJ

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Ed, Gina & Adira Jaros

Gina Jaros - April 29, 2014 at 09:46 PM

RE

“ Rebecca Roedel Everett lit a candle in memory of Tony. My love goes out to you Diane during this difficult time.

Rebecca Roe del Everett - April 29, 2014 at 09:41 PM

JS

“ So sad to hear this of Tony. Please keep your memories close to help you through this time.



Jeff & Michelle Serena - April 29, 2014 at 09:37 PM

TF

“ The Emanuelson Family lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



The Emanuelson Family - April 29, 2014 at 08:58 PM

TF

Diane, Mary, and Family our hearts are heavy. Thoughts and prayers for all. Keep them boys inline Slabs!!

The Emanuelson Family - April 29, 2014 at 09:07 PM



“ Diane and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you find strength in this trying time. We all will miss you Slabs. Kenneth Cinotto and family.

Kenneth Cinotto - April 29, 2014 at 08:41 PM

JB

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you , Diane, Mary Beth, Brad and family. We are so sorry to hear about Slabs' passing. He was a wonderful man who welcomed us into his heart and provided a lot of guidance to our family when we were first married. We hope that you can at least take some comfort from all the wonderful memories that you created as a family throughout the years. We hope that time lessens your grief and pain. All of our love, Harpo, Jodie and Nikolas Bertucci

Jodie Bertucci - April 29, 2014 at 08:34 PM

MF

“ Mitch & Gina Wills Tori & Felicia lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Mitch & Gina Wills Tori & Felicia - April 29, 2014 at 08:20 PM

RB

“ Rodney Brown lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Rodney Brown - April 29, 2014 at 08:19 PM

JF

“ Diane , Mary and the entire Serena family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Slabs was a good guy. .he truly will be missed

Jim and Wendy Mikula and family - April 29, 2014 at 08:12 PM

SL

“ Many happy memories of growing up spending the weekends at Aunt Hannah and Uncle Thom's house and seeing Tony through the back yard. Whether he was helping Uncle Thom with the garden, or just watching out for them in general, he always had a smile and a funny story to tell us kids. RIP Tony....you are in our prayers!
Shawn Lardi

Shawn Lardi - April 29, 2014 at 08:12 PM

WC

“ You will be missed Uncle Tony

Watt and Jaycee Chase - April 29, 2014 at 07:54 PM

MG

“ Mike And Pam Grieff lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Mike and Pam Grieff - April 29, 2014 at 07:49 PM

MG

My wife, Pamela, and I wish to send our most, sincere condolences to Tony's family. We were very, surprised, and are very, sorry, and saddened to hear of Tony's passing. .. Sincerely, Mike Grieff.

Mike and Pam Grieff - April 29, 2014 at 07:52 PM

GH

“ Gary & I are so sorry for your loss, May God Bless you & Mary.

Gary & Julie Hughes - April 29, 2014 at 07:42 PM

MG

“ My wife, Pamela, and I wish to send our most, sincere condolences to Tony's family. We were very, surprised, and are very, sorry, and saddened to hear of Tony's passing. .. Sincerely, Mike Grieff.



Mike & Pam Grieff - April 29, 2014 at 07:06 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. He was a great man that was always seen doing something especially if it was for others. May you find peace and comfort. Heaven is getting full of great people. Did you know that the first rain after someone passes is when there soul goes to heaven. Sincerely,
Deb Basham

Deb Basham - April 29, 2014 at 06:52 PM

RK

“ Sorry for loss our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Robert & Kristen Kirkland - April 29, 2014 at 06:16 PM

JB

“ Jason And Colleen Berta lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Jason and Colleen Berta - April 29, 2014 at 06:08 PM

JB

Diane, Mary and Family - We are truly saddened by the loss of Tony. May you find strength in the support of others in this difficult time. You remain in our thoughts and prayers always and we send love and hugs around your way.

Jason and Colleen Berta - April 29, 2014 at 06:11 PM

VG

“ Vicki Graefen lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



vicki graefen - April 29, 2014 at 05:26 PM

VG

our sincere condolences go out to Diane and all of the Serena family on the sudden and unexpected passing of Tony....our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time!

vicki graefen - April 29, 2014 at 05:33 PM

TD

“ Tim & Lisa Duran lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Tim & Lisa Duran - April 29, 2014 at 03:56 PM

TK

“ *Diane and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in our thought and prayers*



Tanya Kellogg - April 29, 2014 at 03:47 PM

CS

“ *Diane, Mary & Family, We are so very sorry for your loss and you are in our prayers. Our hearts are broken and we will have many memories of Tony and all our years of friendship. May God Bless you all and may he rest in peace.*



Love, Schmitty, Claudette & Jake

Claudette Schmitt - April 29, 2014 at 03:35 PM

PH

“ *Diane, I am so sorry for the loss that your family is enduring. My thoughts will be with you. Pat Hawley*

pat hawley - April 29, 2014 at 03:31 PM

AJ

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Diane and your family and will keep you in our prayers. I have fond memories of Tony...aka Jiggy...a name we used to call each other. He always had a smile and kind (funny) comment for me. He will be missed by many. God bless you and yours during this difficult time. Sincerely, Randy & Annette (Residori) Johnson*



Annette Johnson - April 29, 2014 at 02:28 PM

KA

“ Karen Passini Anderson lit a candle in
memory of Anthony "Slabs" Serena



Karen Passini Anderson - April 29, 2014 at 01:32 PM