



Mr. Robert J. "Bobby" Salvatore

March 19, 1944 - January 5, 2025

ROME – Mr. Robert J. “Bobby” Salvatore, age 80, passed away in his home on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Born in Utica on March 19, 1944, Robert was the son of the late Jerry D. and Lena R. (Cannarelli) Salvatore. Bobby was a proud graduate of the New York State School for the Deaf in Rome. He even devoted some of his time to teaching sign language.

Bobby was once a softball umpire for the MUNY Leagues in the Utica/Rome areas, where players affectionately called him “BoBo the Ump.” He was a talented upholsterer as well and worked alongside Dave Young in Rome. Bobby also cooked at the Franklin. He learned the art of making pastries from his father, and his family was always delighted when he brought delicious pastries to them.

A free spirit, he was the architect of his own story. He lived boldly and bravely. He was known to family for finding ways of bestowing small acts of kindness upon them, even when it was not asked of him. He was approachable and loved a good laugh. Young people were drawn to his genuine kindness and great sense of humor. He had a vibrant energy and made the best of life. He encouraged people to learn the art of sign language and was especially patient with teaching children who showed an interest. Even though he was

deaf, he understood and appreciated the vibration of sound.

He shared a very close bond with his great-great-nephew, Jackson, due to their hearing impairments. He enjoyed seeing Jackson and his family when they visited from Florida.

Bobby loved sports and rooting for the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. He also enjoyed horse racing, a good game of pool, and playing poker at the casino.

Bobby is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Richard L. and Jean Salvatore. He fondly remembered his twin brothers, Ronald, and Alan Salvatore, as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and M. Frank Sack, all of whom preceded him. His loss is also felt by his nieces and nephews, Rebecca "Becky" Salvatore and Kesha, John J. Sack, Lynne and Mike Roberts, Richard, Jr. and Amy Salvatore, Sonya and William Mitchell, and Angelina and James Broome; great-nieces, great-nephews, several cousins; and many cherished friendships that helped make Bobby's life light and fun.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Robert's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88659162884>. Memorial contributions in Bobby's honor may be made to the New York State School for the Deaf in Rome by mail to 401 Turin St., Rome, NY 13440 or the Usher Syndrome Coalition online at www.usher-syndrome.org/make-an-impact/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
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Visitation

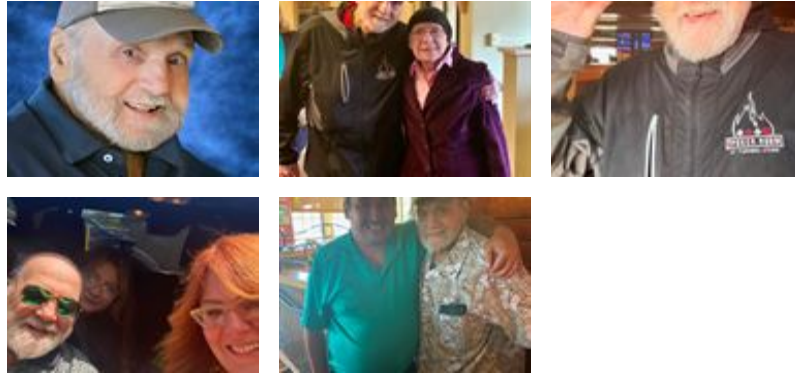
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Tribute Wall



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 17, 2025 at 06:55 PM

CR

“ Bobo always would watch me and my brother as kids he was such an amazing person always willing to go out of his way to help somebody. Will forever be in my family's heart. 💕

Ciera Roberts - January 16, 2025 at 11:34 AM

NF

“ Salvatore Family,
I had the privilege of knowing Bobby from his family home on Mary St., in Utica. We played alot of stick baseball in the streets of East Utica. Bobby was a great kid to hang with even with his disability . Bobby was kind hearted and a comedian with a Great Smile. We would meet many times at dances through out Utica and Rome, Bobby had many,many friends, he left no stone unturned. I will miss your smile and good nature, Rest In Peace my old friend and God Bless You

Nick & Mary Parrotta, Naples Florida - January 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

DB

“ To BoBo’s Family: We are so sorry to hear about BoBo’s passing. A great human being. We will cherish the memories that we made with him.

We would see him at softball games and then he would chat with us. Taught us a lot of sign language.

We will miss you BoBo. May you rest in peace.

Deb Barbero and Bob Crouse

Debbie Barbero - January 15, 2025 at 06:04 PM

MG

“ i grew up on the softball fields in rome and bobo was always the light of everyone’s day. he had such a gift in life and had such a passion for what he did. he was nothing short on an amazing human. he was always such an inspiration and someone to look up to for growing up. forever the kindest man with the biggest heart! going to miss our conversations at the plate and at applebees☐

mackenzie grogg - January 13, 2025 at 11:00 PM

BB

“ I worked at Fresh Mex, where BoBo frequently stopped by to say hello to us. He always made our days so much better when he stopped by. He genuinely cared about everyone and remembered details from conversations, which he later asked about updates the next time he saw us. He was so excited when I told him I was going to college and wished me luck in all that I did. It’s been a very long time since I saw him last, but he was someone that was thought of often because of the person he was and he will be missed very much by everyone. Rest easy Bobo.

Bryn Bielby - January 13, 2025 at 10:46 PM

HE

“ I was a catcher in softball and grew very close to Bobo for many years as I played. He could bring a smile to anyone’s face and had a heart of gold. He will be missed in many people’s lives.

Heather - January 13, 2025 at 08:59 PM

TL

“ My staff and I would always looked forward to BoBo stopping in for his coffee at the Taberg Nice N Easy convenience store on his way to and from his softball games. I then was able to see him over the years at the Franklin and Applebees. He always made us smile and laugh 😊

Ted Learned - January 13, 2025 at 08:30 PM

CT

“ I knew BoBo from umping softball at first. Years later we became close and would “chat” daily when I opened a restaurant across the street from Dave Young’s. He was always happy to come over and grab a soda and hang out with team. Sometimes he’d bring treats to share and everyone lit up. He was such a part of the fresh Mex family. Sleep well my friend

chip travis - January 13, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CL

Bobby and his family were my neighbors on Mary Street in East Utica He was very special, H

so good-natured and fun. Everyone loved Bobby. My condolences to his family in the loss 😞 of a truly great guy. Rest in peace Bobby.

Carol Longo - January 13, 2025 at 07:29 PM

BM

“ *Bob would frequently hang with after softball games. He would always have a smile and shared many laughs. Always a pleasure to see Bob at the softball fields! God bless Bob and his family! RIP Bob!*

Bill Moorehead - January 13, 2025 at 04:25 PM

DY

“ *I can't remember the date, but I'm gonna say about 30 years ago, a man pulled into my shop to buy some vinyl for some barstools who ended up doing the barstools in my shop and never left ,a lot more to the story but way to long to tell,Made a lifelong friend and brother!*



Dave Young - January 13, 2025 at 02:05 PM