



## Robert F. Szczerba

May 31, 1939 - January 22, 2008

Mr. Robert F. Szczerba, age 68, of North Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in the comfort of his home.

Born in Utica on May 31, 1939, Robert was the son of the late Frank and Mary (Wieczorek) Szczerba. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy and held an Associates Degree from M.V.C.C. A proud veteran of the U.S. Army, he served his country stateside. On May 16, 1970 he married the former Beverly Collicco with whom he shared 37 years.

Robert's working life began at the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company. He was subsequently employed by Bendix Corporation later known as Lucas Aerospace Corporation. Currently, he was working for Goodrich Corporation at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park. A talented musician, Robert looked forward to the annual Drum & Bugle Corps performance in which he participated not only as a trumpeter, but also as a supportive spectator. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Robert is survived by his wife, Beverly; and his sons, William "Bill" Szczerba of Utica and his special friend Justin Wilcox, and Raymond Szczerba of New Paltz, NY. Survivors also include his aunts, cousins, and nephew, Dominick J. Collicco, III of CA; and his in-laws, Ralph A. Collicco and David J. Collicco, both of FL.

The family extends thanks to Robert and Beverly's neighbors and dear friends, especially Rudy and Joann Marangi, whose presence added comfort to the difficult moments.

Visitation will be held Friday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Robert's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob and I went to Bagg Elementary school, Kernan School, and Utica Free Academy. We also worked together at Chicago Pneumatic Tool company. I knew Bob from my age of 6 though 21 years. I tried locating Bob for 50th high school reunion that we had last August, but couldn't find his address.*

*My prayers go out to Bob and all his family members.*

*I now live in Manlius, NY##imported-begin##Tony Diana##imported-end##*

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January 30, 2008 at 08:08 PM



“ *Dear Beverly,  
I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your husband. I regret I was unable to extend this in person due to sickness at this time.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless and keep you and provide you with His strength.  
Your Friend LINDA##imported-begin##Linda DeSantis##imported-end##*

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January 26, 2008 at 10:50 AM



“ *Billy and Family,*

*He is not really gone. He is still with you in each thought you have of him and in each memory you recall.*

*Smile because he has lived. Open your eyes and see all that he has left behind.*

*Be full of the love and joy that you shared. Cherish his memory and let him live on.##imported-begin##Ron Gurney & Bobby Simkins##imported-end##*

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January 25, 2008 at 01:46 PM



“ *Dear Billy,*

*I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. I only met your Dad once and he was a lovely man and obviously very proud of you and your brother. I know words are not much of a comfort to you right now but my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Mom is such a great lady and I can always count on her to update me on your accomplishments whenever I see her, so please give her a warm hug from me and let her know she is in my thoughts as well.*

*Surround yourself with the ones who know and love you best and it will help to ease your heartbreak and know that if you need me I'm hear for you so don't hesitate to call. Tara sends her love to you, too. Take care of yourself and I love you.##imported-begin##Jennifer DiBrango##imported-end##*

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January 25, 2008 at 11:50 AM



“ Bill, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Ray, and your mom at this very difficult time. If you ever need anything, please let me know.  
Sandy###imported-begin###Sandy Silverstein###imported-end##

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January 25, 2008 at 10:06 AM



“ To Bill, Mrs. Szczerba and brother Ray,  
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad/Husband. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Sincerely, LouAnn & Krissy###imported-begin###LouAnn & Kriss###imported-end##

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January 25, 2008 at 08:11 AM



“ The Szczerba Family,  
  
I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. Raymond has been a wonderful friend to me at grad school and always spoke very fondly of his father. You are all in my thoughts and prayers through this extremely difficult time.###imported-begin###Kristine Jackson###imported-end##

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January 24, 2008 at 09:06 PM



“ Ray, my thoughts, prayers, and entire heart are with you and your family at this very difficult time. Anything you need, do not hesitate to ask.###imported-begin###Jordan Courselle###imported-end##

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January 24, 2008 at 08:55 PM



“ *Billy, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Your family, are in my prayers. May the lord help you get thru this difficult time in your life. May god bless you and your family always.##imported-begin##Sheri Broccoli##imported-end##*

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January 24, 2008 at 10:04 AM



“ *Beverly and Billy,  
I am so sorry to read of your husband and Dad's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
With sympathy  
Diana##imported-begin##Diana Elefante##imported-end##*

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January 24, 2008 at 09:20 AM



“ *Bill, Bev, and Ray,  
On behalf of my mother and I, we truly extend our deepest sympathies during this horrible time.*

*Bev..we know what it's like to lose a husband. We are always here for you Bev. Bill and Ray...losing a father is still... after almost 3 months,a shock for me.*

*My mother and I are here for you, unconditionally.*

*Always know, you're friends are here. God bless Bob. He was a great guy and has a great wife and 2 great kids to brag about upstairs.*

*Michael and Suzanne Zalocha  
New York Mills, NY##imported-begin##Mike Zalocha##imported-end##*

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January 24, 2008 at 02:06 AM