



Robert "Rock" Basi

April 26, 1942 - January 14, 2008

Mr. Robert "Rock" Basi, age 65, of New Hartford, passed away on Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on April 26, 1942, Robert is the son of Dorothy (Abiusi) Basi and the late Rocco Basi. He was raised and educated locally and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School in 1960. He furthered his studies at Utica College, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and in the early 2000's made an important commitment in his life by earning his Master's Degree in Education from Touro College. On April 18, 1987 he married the former Carmella (DeRocco) Ambrosi. Truly in love, Rock and Carmella relied on each other through life's adversities and were as much in love at the end as the day they first met.

Rock was employed by the U. S. Postal Service for 35 years, retiring in 1992. A sharp entrepreneur, he pursued numerous business ventures with much perseverance. He was a skilled and ingenious carpenter who was proud of his many accomplishments. He especially enjoyed sharing his knowledge in his secondary vocation as a substitute teacher. He was conscientious and adventuresome in all his endeavors and had a tremendous amount of energy. He lived each day to the fullest and shared that enthusiasm so openly, always with a personal awareness of others' feelings. He affirmed a sense of thoughtfulness and appreciation for everyone he knew and in his own right he had a very successful life. Inspired by his traditional nature, he honored the holidays and took an active role in the preparations and the entertainment with

much hospitality. His actions were well thought through and were always based on his family's best interest. Rock was a "joiner" and his civic and social affiliations were important to him. He was a member of the American Legion Post #229, the Sons of Italy Lodge, the former Moose Lodge, and he will be remembered for his participation in many other local organizations. He held a passion for fishing and found peace and pleasure in his travels to Maine and Florida. A very spiritual man, Rock was a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of its Holy Name Society. He was involved in parish life, and was a member of the St. Cosmo and St. Damiano Society and was supportive of its many fundraisers.

Rock is survived by his devoted wife, Carm; his mother, Dorothy Basi of Clearwater, Florida; his father-in-law, Rocco A. DeRocco, Sr.; his children and their companions, Michelle Morelli, Michael Basi and Maria Testa, Joseph and Darlene Basi, James and Dennise Basi, Denise Ambrosi and Ellie Della Penna, Mark and Lori Ambrosi, and Karla and John Spina; and his grandchildren, Michael and Rocco; Joseph, Samantha, and Salvatore; James; Alessandra and Tori; J.J. Nicholas and Andrew. Survivors also include his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Bartholomew A. "Bart", Sr. and Carol Basi of IL; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his aunt, Grace Marchitelli; his in-laws, Steve Smith, Mary Lou Nolan and Larry Browne, Frank and Donna DeRocco, Rocco A. DeRocco, Jr. and R. J. Middlemiss. He was also blessed with many wonderful, longtime, and loyal friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Ann Smith; his aunt, Josephine Spina, with whom he had a special relationship; and his brother-in-law, William F. "Bill" Nolan.

The family offers heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Pasi A. Janne, Dr. Chandrajit P. Raut, and Nurse Practitioners Margaret McMullin at Dana Farber in Boston, MA; Dr. Mathew Ulahannan, Dr. Atul V. Butala, Dr. Samson A. Pachikara, and the nurses and staff of Allen Calder 3E of the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center who were outstanding in assisting Rock and his family through a difficult time with much grace and compassion. Thanks also to Fr. Anthony

LaFache for his friendship throughout the years.

In keeping with Rock's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will be held on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Carm and family: I am very sorry to hear about Bob. He was a kind and giving person. Always willing to help out anyone he could. He was especially good to my mother Grace Marchitelli, he always help get her her groceries and frequently took her to church. My condolences to his family He will be missed.##imported-begin##Nick Marchitelli##imported-end##

January 21, 2008 at 09:23 AM



“ Rock: that is just what you were in Jim and my life, you listened and always gave sound advice, for the short time that we all spent together, they were a "quality" time. We will never forget you . You are now an angel watching over all of us, and you will always be with us.
Carm: we are and will always be with you. Love Phyllis and Jim (God Bless you with strength)##imported-begin##Phyllis and Jim##imported-end##

January 20, 2008 at 04:38 PM



“ Dear Carm,
My heartfelt sympathy is extended to you and your family on Rock's passing. I'll always remember Rock as being so special, so talented, and so very spiritual. He was very proud of all of his endeavors. I'll never forget the accomplishment he felt when building that special home. He gave us a "special" tour, and we knew God had given him that unique gift to create, not just in his carpetry work, but also in creating lasting friendships, the love for life, and dedication to you, and his family. You are in my prayers, Carm. I know Rock has found peace in heaven.
Love, Your friend, Patty from Michigan.##imported-begin##Patty##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 09:15 PM



“ Carm, Mark & Family, My sincerest sympathy in the passing of my neighbor & friend Rock. I will miss our neighborly chats about our home projects. I respected his input & suggestions. I found him to be a honest, sincere & hardworking man. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##John Maio / Neighbor##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 12:07 PM



“ Michael, so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers, as always, are with you and your family. Love and comfort, Jennifer##imported-begin##Jennifer (Polera) Blier##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 01:54 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all the Basi family. I'm an old friend of Bart and Carol. Sorry I can't make it to the funeral Mass. Will be thinking of you all.

love, Antoinette##imported-begin##Antoinette Azzarito##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 10:55 AM



“ Dear Carm, family and Brother Bart,

I was saddened to read of "Bobbies" passing. I met Rock years ago at Utica College thru brother Bart and the fraternity, KSK. In all the years that have passed, there was not one time when we ran into each other that we did not exchange pleasantries, (especially at the Turning Stone). May you find comfort in happy memories. He will truly be missed. My condolences to you all at this sad time.

Joe Albanese##imported-begin##Joseph E. Albanese, Jr.##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 09:30 PM



“ Dear Carm, Mark & Family:

Twenty years ago when I came to work for the Calli, Calli & Cully law firm, Rock was one of my very first clients and over the years, I considered Rock, Carm and Mark & Lori as friends and certainly like family. Rock always had a smile and a kind word for all, I will truly miss him and know that he is at peace and my thoughts and prayers go out to Carm, Mark & Lori and the extended family. "God knew he was getting tired and it was time to bring him home"##imported-begin##Judy Ann Schick##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 01:07 PM



“ Dear Carm & children...very sorry to hear of Rock's passing...my thoughts & prayers are with you...##imported-begin##Don Marino##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:23 PM



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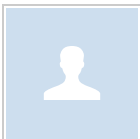
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January 16, 2008 at 11:11 AM



“ I am very sorry about your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Jackie (Ventura) Heitz##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 10:51 AM



“ May you rest in peace, and know our thoughts and prayers will be with you and Carm.

Donald and Lorry Cuda##imported-begin##Donald and Lorry Cuda##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 10:44 AM



“ Dear Carm & Children:
So very sorry. We shared many good times and those memories will live on. Truly a fine person and a good hearted kid! Sadly missed.##imported-begin##Mike & Tony Filipelli##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 10:41 AM



“ Our prayers are with the family. his sufferings are finally be over.##imported-begin##Carol Polizzi##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 10:21 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss.

May God Bless all of you and may you find comfort in his Graces.##imported-begin##Angela Belmont##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 10:12 AM



“ My prayers and sympathy go out to the Basi family. Bob "Rock" and I attended Conkling and Proctor and graduated in 1960. Although it has been many years we have seen each other, I remember meeting up with him at a festival at Masonic Home. I am proud to have known such a wonderful person. May he rest in peace, my prayers are with him.##imported-begin##David (Lee) Lia##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 08:55 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about "Papa Rock". Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. The Haas Family-Jane, Jake, Jordan and Jensen###imported-begin##Jane Haas###imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 08:28 AM



“ I know you don't me I work at Hannaford I would take to Rock when he came in to get meats I also had cancer when I saw he pass on I raelly can't even find the words to say how sorry I am I only got to know him for such a short time its was so enjoyable it was the loss of a great man. I will miss him coming in.###imported-begin##Dianna Spaven ###imported-end##

January 15, 2008 at 08:14 PM



“ Carm , Mark and family
I am deeply sorry for your loss. Rock was a good friend and I especially enjoyed working at the church festivals with him . May your family know that he is at peace and may god bless you all . With much respect and sorrow , Tony Amodio and family.###imported-begin##TONY AMODIO###imported-end##

January 15, 2008 at 06:31 PM



“ wow! im so sorry for the lost of you cousin ,it's a shame we have lost so many family members over all these years but now with all our losses my sister and i have become numb to death.well other then that all will be okay. cous r.i.p and hey when your up there with my daddy (Bobby) my mommy (Joyce) and my granpa (Nick) & soooooooooooooooooooooo many other's i cant mention wow tell them we love them and will see them one day. TY u will be missed. LOVE & PEACE.....##imported-begin##Dana Marchitelli DeLeon.##imported-end##

January 15, 2008 at 12:21 PM



“ There are few people that have made more of a positive impact on so many in so short a time. I have very much to say regarding Rock and what he meant to me and to his family, those comments however are of a personal nature and will be forwarded independently. Thank you Rock: you made a difference, led a meaningful life, and most of all lived with honor. Rock Basi was a noble man.##imported-begin##Jerry Stucchi##imported-end##

January 15, 2008 at 10:54 AM