



Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr.

April 10, 1959 - February 6, 2019

MARCY - Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello, Sr., age 59, passed away courageously, with peace in his heart, on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Strong Memorial Hospital with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on April 10, 1959, William was the son of Joyce (Shields) Robertello and the late Frank J. Robertello. He was a graduate of Notre Dame High School/Class of 1977 and went on to MVCC where he received a degree in Heating and Air Conditioning. On August 25, 1984 he married the former Gina Manca with whom he shared 34 happy years. They were devoted to one another, and he encouraged Gina to see life from many perspectives. He always respected her decisions and he was a good husband. Theirs was a wonderful life, but it fell short of the years they had hoped for.

Bill began his career at MetLife Insurance in an introductory position, and he worked his way up to Facilities Manager overseeing their multiple locations. Due to ill health, he retired after 20 years of service. He was appreciated by his co-workers and he had a great appreciation for his profession.

Bill lived a humble life, and worldly possessions were second to the love of his family. Blessed with a positive life force, he had a smile on his face and encouraged his children to be optimistic. He was a great role model, teaching them to remain calm and in control in any possible situation. He coached not only his kids, but many others as well, in hockey and other sporting events. He lived the epitome of God's words; he was generous, thoughtful, and approachable. He held no grudges and had no regrets. He knew that life is too

short, and he stood strong to the end. Bill had fortitude and he found the strength to take himself to dialysis even though it was difficult due to his physical limitations. He remained independent when he set out to achieve his goals. He also had an impressive amount of knowledge and know-how which he passed on to his family.

When it came to sports, it was New York all the way: Rangers hockey, Giants football, Yankees baseball. He had a really good rapport with people and he loved to talk. Country music was the key to his solace, and during his 13-year illness he was never 'down'. He lived each and every day as if it were his last. His cuddly canine companions, Mia, Harley, and Ella, followed him all day long and kept him company. He texted his wife and children with words of encouragement and love each day. Through the years, he left love notes to his wife, even after four children, expressing his abiding love for her and the joy of their life together. He was so proud of his four incredible children and was never disappointed with any of their decisions. He often teased them so they would develop a tough skin, and not take words too seriously. Bill was never offended or took things to heart. He would lean back and laugh after others tried to get his goat. He rarely became embarrassed, and he was an open book. His legacy lies in the pages of that book, ...in stories of love, kindness, and courage.

Bill is survived by his wife, Gina; his children and their loved ones, Amanda M. Robertello and RJ Girard, Matthew D. Robertello UFD and his wife Kristi Robertello, William V. Robertello Jr., and Ariana N. Robertello and Gary Casab; the joy of his life, his granddaughter, Giada Rose and he was looking forward to the birth of his first grandson in May, Nathan Michael; his mother, Joyce; sister and brother-in-law, Julie and John Rundle; brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Judith Robertello, and Daniel J. and Diane Robertello. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws, Richard D. and Eve Manca; and the many good friends who filled his life. He was predeceased by his beloved in-laws who he respected, Dominick A. "Dick" and Nicolena (Mosca) Manca.

The family is grateful to the physicians, caregivers, and wonderful people who assisted Bill and his family at Strong Memorial Hospital and their staffs in the ICU and the Medical/Surgical Unit who gave so personally of themselves with courtesy and kindness, and they will not be forgotten.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Bill's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. Entombment will follow at Christ Our Savior Mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Gina and family, We were so heartbroken to hear of Billy's passing. As a kid, I loved spending time with Billy and my brothers playing hockey in the driveway on Neilson Street. I will never forget those days and will always remember Billy's fun loving nature. Please accept our condolences on your loss. Joe and Jolene DiBrango

Joseph DiBrango - February 14, 2019 at 07:48 PM

EW

“ Gina I have and will always remember Billy as a good friend and teammate on the Emery Pharmacy softball □ team. The memories that I had with Billy and our teammates will last a lifetime. He always had a positive outlook on life with a broad smile on his face. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this most difficult time. May the hands of the good Lord heal yours and your families broken hearts ♡♡. May God Bless. Ed and Rose-Ellen Wheeldon. RIP Billy



ednrose wheeldon - February 12, 2019 at 09:51 AM

PZ

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Robertello family. He is remembered for so many things. He gave so much of himself to so many around him. May your fondest memories comfort you now.

PAUL ZALESKI - February 11, 2019 at 04:38 PM

SJ

“ GINA,

Take Your Moment

Take your moment to mourn, but don't spend too much time. My life was a wonderful celebration. I am still with you and love you, but now you must seek me in different ways.

Learn to:

See my face in the beauty of the world and hear my laughter in the giggle of a small child. Feel my touch in the warmth of the sun, and my voice in the gentle stirring of the wind, and most of all, know I am present to you always in the quiet strength of our love for each other.

If you feel burdened with the problem of the day, or fear the uncertainty of the future, seek me in the wisdom and counsel of family and friends.

If you feel the pain of loneliness or the hurt of separation, reach out to someone else in need of love, for that is how you will quiet your sorrow.

And if you seek peace for yourself, listen quietly to the sound of my voice present in your own heart, for that is where I am always. Were not our lives together more joy than sorrow; more laughter than tears; more forgiveness than separation?

So, too, let this experience of life be turned from grief and sadness to one of knowing and seeking the loving God within us all.

When you choose to remember our times together, remember the days of celebration and laughter. In this way the gift of my life and the power of its love will continue to echo in the lives of all you touch.

This poem was given to me by Winifred Kauth after the death of my husband, Joseph Stanley Francis Januszewski 03/26/2007.

Winnie's husband Donald was killed in 1970 leaving her widowed with seven children. Her son Wayne died from melanoma in 1986.

Her oldest son Don was killed September 11th in NY at the World Trade Center.

Her Catholic faith has sustained her all these years.

May you find strength in Our Heavenly Father.

Sending love and prayers for you at this time. "Nurse Susan"

Susan Martellotto Januszewski, RN

Susan Januszewski - February 11, 2019 at 07:22 AM

TF

“ *We will always remember our hockey days. You all became more like family than friends as we spent so much time together. So many great memories to cherish. We will remember Bill's smile and kindness. We are so sorry we cannot be there to support you. Miss you all.* ”

The Fasolo Family - February 09, 2019 at 11:57 PM

PG

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all of you.* ”



Paula J. Guarniero - February 09, 2019 at 06:55 PM

MG

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'" - John 11:25

magallon family - February 09, 2019 at 02:17 PM

SC

“ Sharon Campola lit a candle in memory of Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr.



sharon campola - February 09, 2019 at 01:22 PM

SC

“ Dear cousins: My family and I send our deepest sympathy at the loss of Billy. I have such fond memories of when he worked at Met Life , and I got to see that infectious smile almost every day. He was the happiest and most kind person ever. How we used to remember family times together. Though he had struggles, he still kept that smile on his face. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

our love to you all,
The Campola Family
Patsy, Sharon, and David

sharon campola - February 09, 2019 at 01:21 PM

GQ

“ I had the pleasure of working closely with Bill in his position of building manager. His demeanor was always professional and respectful. Whenever he was called on, he would respond in a manner of a "team player" regardless of the situation. He always took joy when speaking of his family. My condolences to Gina and the children. Gene Quadraro

gene quadraro - February 09, 2019 at 07:51 AM

FM

“ Frank G. MANELLA lit a candle in memory of Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr.



Frank G. MANELLA - February 08, 2019 at 06:12 PM

PM

“ To the Robertello family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Billy from Neilson Street. He always had a smile on his face. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Patty (Manella) Currier

Patty Manella-Currier - February 08, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr..



February 08, 2019 at 02:31 PM

LN

“ Loving Nieces & Nephews purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr..



Loving Nieces & Nephews - February 08, 2019 at 02:12 PM

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“ Love Mom <3 purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr..



Love Mom <3 - February 08, 2019 at 01:05 PM

PC

“ I never met a more friendly and warm person whose laughter and smile was so contagious. I also never met a guy who could hit more monster foul balls at 12 North for our team. A good person, outstanding father and husband and a great friend. He will truly be missed. Pete. C.

Peter B Callari - February 08, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr..



February 08, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William V. "Bill" Robertello Sr..*



February 07, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ *When together with family, especially as a child, there was nothing more exciting than when Uncle Bill arrived. With him, came a trail of laughter, mischief, fun, and warmth. In one minute we would be wrestling on the living room floor and in the next we'd be enveloped in a great, big hug. He never hesitated to tell us that he loved us and I believe that he meant it each time. And that's why my cousins and I always coveted the time we spent with him. As I got older and the times we spent together were fewer and far between, he always made the time to get acquainted with the person I was in the moment – asking about work, family, and life. I always felt his sincerity in those moments. When I would ask about how he was doing, with a smile, he'd tell me that he was hanging in. He wouldn't sulk, he wouldn't commiserate, and he wasn't seeking sympathy. I believe he took comfort in seeing and knowing that everyone around him was doing okay. It's those parts of him that I'll always remember.*

Bill faced his challenges in life with integrity and that is something we should all strive for.

To keep our heads up, eyes forward, and hearts open. That was Bill Robertello. And I'll miss him greatly because of it.

- Dan Robertello, Jr.

Dan - February 07, 2019 at 04:02 PM