



Robert J. LaCasse

October 23, 1942 - January 20, 2023

Robert J. LaCasse, 80 of Greenport, passed away Friday January 20, 2023.

Bob was raised by his mother Marion LaCasse and grandmother Katherine Drabick with special thanks to his uncle Ray Zempko. Bob took immense pride in his work ethic which began on a local farm at the age of eight years old through high school. Also during that time, Bob spent many long summer days as a local roofer. Bob went on to attend Hudson Valley Community College briefly before enlisting in the U.S. Army from 1964-66. While in the Army, Bob was assigned to a special detail out of the Seneca Army Depot for the placement of missiles around the former USSR during the Cold War. After an Honorable Discharge from the Army, Bob worked for Coca-Cola and Key Bank before spending over 30 years as a Hot Stick Lineman for Niagara Mohawk. In retirement, he worked for the Healthcare Consortium until illness forced him to retire at the age of 71.

Bob was a former Second Ward Alderman for the City of Hudson, a lifetime member of the Hudson Elks Lodge, the Federation of Polish Sportsmen, the VFW, and the City of Hudson's Fire Department (Roger's Hose). Bob generously donated his time as a coach in the Hudson Little League as well as President of the Columbia County Pop Warner Association even long after his children stopped playing. Bob spent much of his spare time supporting his grandchildren by attending various athletic and school events and doting on his close friend "Buddy".

Bob is survived by his wife of 47 years Rita (Ranzoni) LaCasse, his children Robert Jr. (Heather), Joseph, and Michael as well as his grandchildren Caleb and Connor, Maya, Nina, Isaac and Vinny. Bob is also survived by his half brother Michael (Lisa) LaCasse, half sisters Michelle (Curt) Lacy, and Mary Kay (Bob) Hawley.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, January 25th from 10-1 at Bates & Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson with funeral prayers offered at 1:00pm. Interment will immediately follow

at Cedar Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that you send donations to the

Community Healthcare Consortium at 325 Columbia St. Hudson, NY 12534.

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Even though I was younger than Bob, growing up on Robinson Street was like being part of a village. He never passed by without a greeting. My sincere condolences to his family. Hold close the good memories; I'm sure there are many.

Carol (Corapi) Houlihan - January 31, 2023 at 05:34 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss. Bramkamp apple land was one of the farms Bob went with his uncle Ray to work on the farm. Diane and Bj Sacco

diane sacco - January 25, 2023 at 04:15 PM

EC

“ Bob and I grew up on Robinson St. We had a lot of fun and he has been a great friend since then. Always stopped and talked about old times. He was a truly great friend part of the Robinson St family I will surely miss him and our talks at the river. RIP my friend Think about you all the time. Your Lifelong friend Ed coons

ed coons - January 25, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Frances Drabick - January 25, 2023 at 11:51 AM

FM

“ Sending love to Rita and family.

Fran Meltz - January 24, 2023 at 07:51 PM

CH

“ My family(The Websters) knew Bob for many years. He was always smiling and a wonderful person he will be missed. Charlene & Charlie 🙏

charlene - January 24, 2023 at 12:15 PM

CH

“ *charlene lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse*



charlene - January 24, 2023 at 12:11 PM

MF

“ *Mark and Family lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse*



Mark Tomaso and Family - January 24, 2023 at 09:03 AM

MF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the LaCasse family. Wishing you Love, Peace and Strength during this difficult time.*

Mark and Jennifer Tomaso and Family - January 24, 2023 at 09:00 AM

KC

“ *I have very fond memories of Mr. Lacasse from the NiMo days when my dad Foster Hettesheimer worked with him. I remember “Bob” being very level headed and a “good egg” as my dad would say. One of the greats in that generation for sure! May he RIP and your family find comfort in knowing he will always live on in your hearts and memories and in his children and grandchildren. Gone, but never forgotten”.*

Kristis Cartozian - January 23, 2023 at 10:21 PM

PT

“ *Pamela Torchia lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse*



Pamela Torchia - January 23, 2023 at 09:37 PM

JL

“ Just a few of the many memories we have of Bob: Back in the 1950's & 60's Bob was the older cousin we all looked up to. Over the years he was a great presence at many family events and always a great storyteller. He was a kind man and I will always remember him visiting our son, David, when he was dying in the hospital. As a parent and a grandparent I always appreciated his comment that the greatest feeling in the world was to sit in a chair and have a sleeping baby on one's shoulder.

We are sorry we are unable to be there to personally pay our respects to Bob and offer our condolences to Rita and the family.

John Michael and Cathy Lenahan

John Lenahan - January 23, 2023 at 09:31 PM

RZ

“ More than a cousin ,more like a brother .Growing up with many Robinson St. memories ,plus high school . You will always be in my heart . Miss ya ! Rest in peace . Prayers to your family . Ray Zempko

Ray Zempko - January 23, 2023 at 05:55 PM

PK

“ I will always miss you and will cherish our memories at SMA and Robinson St. Jim and I will keep you in or prayers till we die. Paula(Folmsbee) Kellerhouse.

Paula Kellerhouse - January 23, 2023 at 03:02 PM

JC

“ I knew Bob all my life. We grew up together on Robinson St. He was a best friend you could ever have. He was funny and always smiling. We saw each other a lot with me working for the Phone Co. and him working for Nimo. . I will miss him dearly . My Prayers go out to his Family. Jack Coons

Jack Coons - January 23, 2023 at 02:41 PM

JC

“ I was shocked to here of a good friends death. Bob and I lived on Robinson St. while we were in school. I have known him all of my life . He was truly a good friend and a nice guy and always smiling. You could not find a better guy then Bob. I will miss him dearly. Jack Coons

Jack Coons - January 23, 2023 at 02:21 PM

RS

“ We'll always remember how much of a family the NiMo workers were, and we recall "Bobby" fondly. He had a pleasant and distinctive persona, with a quick smile. We mourn his passing but celebrate his life.

Signed,

Bobby and Barbara Spoor, in spirit with Bob and Millie

Robert Spoor - January 23, 2023 at 02:13 PM

DS

“ Always enjoyed kind warm smile from Bob,
I ' ll miss our passing and waves to each other. I feel like I ll always have both Rita and Bob in my front yard cause they gave me their rocks from their yard to mine! They were happy to get rid of them and I was happier receiving them . I said you both ROCK! Thank you, for rocking my world, as we all laughed!
Big hugs to Rita, Mike and family. Love thy neighbor indeed! So sorry for your loss.

Dawn Slater - January 23, 2023 at 07:35 AM

SC

“ Susan Clark lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Susan Clark - January 22, 2023 at 07:17 PM

PM

“ We have known Bob for at least 20 years. I've enjoyed getting to know all of his family members, Mother-in-Law, Father-in-Law and his 3 sons, his beautiful wife Rita and all of their families. May he rest in eternal peace

Patricia Mitchell - January 22, 2023 at 07:13 PM

ST

“ Stephen Tiberio lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Stephen Tiberio - January 22, 2023 at 05:21 PM

BG

“ Bruce Gembala lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Bruce Gembala - January 22, 2023 at 05:19 PM

FO

“ Frank Donna O’Neil lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Frank and Donna O’Neil - January 22, 2023 at 05:02 PM

DA

“ Dianna Almstead lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Dianna Almstead - January 22, 2023 at 04:55 PM

BF

“ Brian Theresa and Family lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Brian and Theresa and Family - January 22, 2023 at 04:19 PM

ML

“ My Funny moment was when you came and picked me up from Aunt Rose's House, and I was so hungry cause she didn't feed me much, so you took me to Pittsfield, MA and Treated me to the very famous little hot dogs with chili -, which was so yummy!! Also our 2 hour talk a few weeks ago that I will TREASURE for the Rest of My Life!! I will Miss you my Sweetest Brother, you were so Sweet and Wonderful and Loving to me and I THank God for you everyday!! RIP My Dearest Brother, I will miss you!! BIG BIG BIG HUGS and LOVES, Michelle

Michelle Lacy - January 22, 2023 at 03:53 PM

PB

“ Patricia Belterman lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Patricia (Hoffman) Belterman - January 22, 2023 at 03:49 PM

CR

“ Prayers to Bob's family



Colleen Riozzi - January 22, 2023 at 03:46 PM

VB

“ I worked with Bob at the Healthcare Consortium about 11 years ago. Always enjoyed talking with Bob, what a great sense of humor!! Love and prayers to you all.

Valinda Brandow - January 22, 2023 at 03:40 PM

CW

“ My heart goes out to you and your family for your loss. I hope your happy memories will help you through this difficult time. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Carol Woodward - January 22, 2023 at 03:16 PM

MH

“ I remember Bob as I was growing up on Robinson Street. He was always so nice to everyone! My sincere condolences to his family and friends! Fly High Bob.... 🙏
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Marie Hotaling - January 22, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JG

“ Janet Gregory lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Janet Gregory - January 22, 2023 at 01:46 PM

NM

“ 60 years ago, Bob was a Senior at Hudson High School, a track star and also was President of the HHS Varsity Club. I was a sophomore, and was fortunate to be a starter on the football and basketball teams- Thank you Bob for recommending my membership into the Varsity Club

Nick Marchionne - January 22, 2023 at 01:44 PM

AG

“ Ann Gallo lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Ann Gallo - January 22, 2023 at 01:34 PM

JS

“ Joseph Sandagato lit a candle in memory of Robert LaCasse



Joseph Sandagato - January 22, 2023 at 12:07 PM