



Robert Albert Pruss, Sr.

March 14, 1942 - August 30, 2014

Robert Albert Pruss, Sr., 72. of Ancram, passed away Saturday, August 30, 2014 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Manhattan on March 14, 1942, he was the son of the late Waldemar and Louise (Gieseke) Pruss.

Bob was employed as a heavy equipment operator for the New York State Parks in the Taconic Region. He loved nature and was an avid gardener, hunter, and fisherman. On the outside he presented a hard shell, but had a heart of gold on the inside. He loved helping others and was always there doing the right thing. His greatest love was for his family, children, and friends.

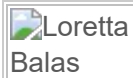
Surviving are his beloved wife, Deborah "Debbie" (LaManno) Pruss of Ancram; his devoted children, Robert A. (Wendy) Pruss, Jr. of Poughkeepsie and Susanne (Louis) Rossero of Virginia Beach; five grandchildren, Amanda and Stephanie Pruss and Michael, Steven, and Joseph Rossero, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Waldemar Pruss, Jr..

Visiting hours are 4 - 7 pm Tuesday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Services will follow at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Department, the Eddy Visiting Nurses Buffaline Fund, 433 River St., Troy, NY, 12180, or Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene, 47 Liberty St., Catskill, NY 12414.

Tribute Wall

Loretta Balas

“ On behalf of the entire Justvig clan, I'd like to extend our condolences to the Pruss family on the loss of a great father and friend. Growing up on Daisy Lane was a truly special experience, and we could always depend on Mr. Pruss for helping us out with our cars, giving us advice so we could stay out of trouble, and for helping to raise all of us kids in his quiet and gentle ways. I feel like part of my childhood has finally ended; but I know that the lessons I've learned from Mr. Pruss will always be in my heart. To Bobby, Susanne, and the rest of the Pruss family - may you find peace and comfort in the days ahead, and know that your childhood family has y'all in our thoughts and prayers.
Much love, Lorie Justvig and family

Loretta Balas - September 08, 2014 at 04:57 PM

MG

“ Thank you Mr Pruss for all you did for all of us kids in quite acres. Living next door to the Pruss family growing up was something special. It was pretty common place to see my father and Mr Pruss sipping a genny cream ale and laughing about something Either working on a car, building a garden or hunting there were all good memories. The kids of quite acres are all still friends no matter where we are because of the values of parents like Mr Pruss. Bobby, Suzanne my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Mark Gebler - September 07, 2014 at 08:11 PM

DB

“ *Deb,
Very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Memories and time make the pain a little better and you have a lot of memories. Take care of yourself I am sure that is what Bob would have wanted.
Debbie Butler and family*

d butler - September 04, 2014 at 05:47 AM

DR

“ *Debbie - The news has spread amongst the Part B girls of Bob's passing. I remember hearing a lot about him from you. The two of you sure did enjoy a lot together. I hope your memories and love for each other help you in the days ahead.
Donnalee Ruby*

Donnalee Ruby - September 03, 2014 at 01:55 PM

JL

“ *Mr. Pruss was like a second father to me at a time when I needed leadership and support. I always felt welcomed by him and the whole family and we spent many a time together enjoying the simple life and hard work. I will cherish those memories forever and always be grateful for the strong, silent, consistency he taught me. Hugs and prayers to Bobby, Wendy, Suzanne, and all others, Jon LoGiudice*

Jon LoGiudice - September 02, 2014 at 03:58 PM

FM

“ *Debbie, Bob, Susanne and family,
My heart breaks for you at Bob's passing. He was such a good man
and he will always be by your side and in your heart.
Love and peace,
Fran*

Fran Meltz - September 02, 2014 at 08:55 AM

JR

“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. My thoughts and
prayers are with you. Jo Ellen Rooney*

Jo Ellen rooney - September 02, 2014 at 07:22 AM

LS

“ *I grew up across the street from the Pruss family. Mr. Pruss
embodied the strength and practical intelligence of a sinewy and
agile man. He didn't always have a lot to say but his actions spoke
books. Sometimes our lawn would be mowed. I watched him
catching fish, repairing things and just sitting in front of his garage
(usually with a cigarette and a beer). I thank him for what he
showed me, for the way he shot ducks, and for the times I spent
with him and his family at home and in upstate NY. Those are
memories I will always treasure.*

*May he rest in peace
Lauren Smith*

Lauren Smith - September 01, 2014 at 08:49 AM

 Jean
Wheeler

“ *Debbie, so sad to hear of Bob's passing. I worked with him at NYS Parks and knew him to be a hard working and wonderful person. Such a kind man and that gentle voice of his will forever be etched in memory. Find peace in your memories as well, heaven's gain is our loss. Peace to your family. Jeanne W.*

Jean Wheeler - September 01, 2014 at 05:35 AM

CK

“ *Always quick to help or guide us as young boys. The best memories I have is spending time in the drive way with Mr. Pruss and my dear friend Bobby. Always looked at him as the type of man I would want to grow and be like someday. My deepest condolences to Bobby and Wendy, Suzanne and her husband. God Speed Mr. Pruss you will never be forgotten.*

Christopher Kidder - August 31, 2014 at 12:07 PM

TM

“ *Bob-
So very sorry to read about the passing of your dad. My thoughts are with you and your family.
Theresa Mattson*

Theresa Mattson - August 31, 2014 at 10:55 AM

TF

“ Dear Dad/Opa,

You were the best father and Opa anyone could ever ask for. We have so many wonderful memories of you that will live in our hearts forever. You were such a hard-worker who was always willing to help others. We are so lucky that we had you in our lives. Thank you for all of your love, care and kindness.



We will love you forever and always,

Bobby, Wendy, Amanda & Stephanie

The Pruss Family - August 30, 2014 at 08:40 PM

SR

Dear Dad,

You were always my biggest supporter. You taught me how to be strong and to conquer anything I set my mind too. You were my voice of reason many times because you always said it like it was. That is a trait you have passed on to me and I cherish it. Your hard work and determination were admired by all but especially by me, Louis and your grandsons. You will always be in my heart and I know that you will be watching over us. I am proud to say I am your daughter. I love you with all my heart. Until we meet again Dad, Fly Free!!

I Love You!

Susanne

Susanne Pruss Rossero - September 04, 2014 at 06:09 PM

SR

Susanne Pruss Rossero

Susanne Pruss Rossero - September 04, 2014 at 06:11 PM

FC

Debbie, Bobby Jr, Suzanne, Wendy, Louis, and all the grandkids, I grew up with your dad he was my big brother my friend. We had our moments when we didn't see eye to eye but trust me we had each others backs no matter what. Its only been 1 week but I miss him so much, on my way into the woods today I half expected him to find me on the hill and razz me about the way I was going about my task of cutting firewood. We would have sat back for a minute and had a cold one and commented on how nice it was and how many deer, turkeys etc we'd seen and where. Then he'd excuse himself say he had some work to do or he had to put dinner on cause Deb was on her way home. I knew he came to find out if I was ok as I did with him during the day. Our families as one bought our little slice of heaven in 1948 when Bob was 6 and I was 3 yrs from being born.(1951). In my 63 yrs with Bob we have laughed, cried, enjoyed moments of immense pride about each others families. Linda, Mac, and Liz love and respect Bob so much.Liz got her job at the lake and her mom agreed to let her stay at the house alone only because Aunt Deb and Uncle Bob were next door and she knew that she would be safe with them there. So Bob as you sit at the table with our dads, moms, Uncle Henry, Sonny, Oma Gieseke as we did so many times when we were kids try to save me a cold one und a kliene(you know what i mean). I miss you bro, so don't think I'm losin it if I'm talking skyward to you now and then. We all love you bro, thanks to god we got enjoy your company for a short time and we will carry you in our hearts always. Rest In Peace.

Fred Casper - September 05, 2014 at 11:49 PM