



Robert J. Matusevich

July 29, 1951 - March 31, 2020

Robert J. Matusevich, 68, passed away on March 31, 2020 at Poinciana Medical Center. Born in the Bronx, New York on July 29, 1951, he grew up in Queens, New York and later moved to New Jersey. He graduated from Fairlawn High School and went on to the New Jersey Institute of Technology where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Robert began a 23-year career with General Reinsurance Corporation where he served as Second Vice President. He married Janice Bernard in 1976, and they moved to Stamford, Connecticut. Robert later became the Director of Office Automation for Fleet Bank and East Greenwich, Rhode Island became their new home. After retiring in 2001 they settled in Winter Garden, Florida and later moved to Solivita in Poinciana, Florida. Robert had many talents—a gifted engineer, he could build, remodel, do plumbing and electrical work, lay flooring, build decks, and more. He gladly volunteered to help friends and family with their many projects. In retirement, he became an accomplished cook and gardener. The fruits, vegetables and herbs he grew added to his recipes. He was most generous in sharing meals with friends and family. Robert enjoyed travel, especially cruises; trips to the beach at Long Beach Island in New Jersey; and just about everything at Disneyworld. He would probably consider being GrandBob to Mikaela as his greatest accomplishment.

He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 43 years, Janice; his son, Robert J. Matusevich Jr and his wife, Jordyn; and the joy of his life, granddaughter, Mikaela Matusevich. He is survived by his sisters, Nancy Matusevich and Joan Vaccaro, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Felicia and Joseph Matusevich, and his brothers, Alex and Ronald Matusevich.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Robert felt strongly about supporting veterans, so in lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Fisher House in his name. This organization provides housing for veteran's families while a loved one is receiving medical treatment. Please contact fisherhouse.org or orlandofisherhouse.org to make contributions.

Comments



“ Diane and I are heartbroken and saddened beyond words in losing our best friend Bob. He and Janice were at our door within hours of our moving in, offering advice, assistance, and acceptance. We immediately became close friends and were overjoyed to have such fabulous neighbors! We will forever remember fondly the great times we had playing cards, trips to Disney, the movies, and the wonderful nights at Manny's. Bob truly was my best friend and we spent many hours together discussing things in general, devising solutions for everyday issues, and Bob teaching me about life in Solivita. He was a wealth of knowledge and always ready and eager to lend a hand. Bob had a great sense of humor and despite his favorite shirt - we never saw him “Grumpy”. He will truly be sorely missed. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Janice.

Norman & Diane Zubick

Norman & Diane Zubick - April 15, 2020 at 06:01 PM



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Kelly OLeary - April 15, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ I can't remember when Bobby didn't have a smile on his face. The year he grew tomatoes on the lanai he had so many he couldn't give them away fast enough. That was Bobby--he was truly a generous, friendly, and kind soul. I'm glad that he was able to get away on cruises with Janice and the kids. His granddaughter was the apple in his eye and when he talked about her his eyes sparkled. He will be missed by family and friends alike. But he is never gone. He will remain in the hearts of those who knew him. The circumstances of COV 19 precluded his family and friends from a proper goodbye but I believe he knows what is in your hearts. My love to Janice as she proceeds through life with memories of good and bad. But Bobby walks beside you always.

Beth Baumwell

Beth Baumwell - April 14, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Matusevich.



April 13, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ Rochelle Quinn lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Matusevich



Rochelle Quinn - April 13, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ SAm and I send good wishes to your wonderful family and you are in our prayers.
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charlotte blankfield - April 13, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ My heart is heavily burdened and broken. I just can't believe this. He always had a great smile that lit up the room. My connection with him and Janice was through the Disney Cast Members of Solivita Club. We shared Disney memories and spent some time together, but not enough. Both Janice and Robert were sunshine! I miss you Robert. RIP! Prayers to you, Janice, and your family through this most difficult of times.

Toni Walters - April 13, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ Will always remember him kibitzing with us when he'd come out of the t.v. room to check out the snacks when we were playing Mahjong! He will be missed.
Condolences to Janice and the family.
Love,
Bunny and Michael

Bunny and Michael Weitz - April 13, 2020 at 11:55 AM



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Jordyn Matusevich - April 08, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ What can I say...Bobby was a wonderful person. Gregory adored him and has known him for 14 years. He was like having another grandparent. We loved and hated him all at the same time. He was a one of a kind person and we will miss him so much. Our Disney trips will never be the same and every time I put on my lipstick I will think of him. RIP....Grumpy....WE MISS YOU SO MUCH

Lisa Coppola - April 07, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ I will miss my dear father-in-law so much. I had a very special relationship with him. Here is one beautiful picture of him and his granddaughter when she was a baby. She was definitely the light of his life during the past almost 4 years.



Jordyn Matusevich - April 06, 2020 at 09:00 PM



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Robert Matusevich - April 06, 2020 at 08:28 PM



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