



Robert T. Hardy

April 5, 1947 - December 22, 2018

Albany- Robert T. Hardy passed away at the age 71 on Saturday December 22nd, 2018.

Bob was the third child of Carl and Kathleen Hardy of Loudonville NY. Bob is survived by his 7 brothers and sisters; Kathleen Beauchamp of Mount Vernon NY, David & Ellen Hardy of Syracuse NY, Thomas & Teresa Hardy of Colonie NY, Patricia & Richard Gifford of Guilderland NY, Marianne Cowley of Louisville KY, Elizabeth & Peter Campochiaro of Baltimore MD, and Ken & Mary Hardy of Saratoga Springs NY. He also had 21 nieces and nephews as well 17 great nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

After graduating from Venetian Institute in Albany, Bob enlisted in the US Air Force, attaining the rank of Sargent. He then went on to graduate from Siena College with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and thereafter attained his CPA license. Bob then spent 25 years working for the New York State Health Department, achieving Assistant Director of Hospital Reimbursement. It was during this time that Bob suffered a terrible accident that resulted in his quadriplegia. Following his extensive recovery, Bob returned to work at the Health Department until his retirement and maintained his independent life style until his death.

Bob enjoyed watching the food and business channels, fall apple picking with one of his caregivers' family, fishing and lunches with his boyhood and college friends, and former colleagues at the Health Department. Bob was very generous and family oriented. An inspiration to be around.

Special thanks to his home care givers for their dedication they have provided to Bob over the years, especially to Amy Betke, Mary Beth Russell, and Erin Angstrom. Also, Bob wished to thank the excellent doctors and nurses of the Veterans Administration Hospital

Intensive Care Unit at Albany NY. The herculean effort provided by both his home care team and the VA team greatly extended Bob's inspiring life.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bob's family Thursday, January 3, 2019 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Friday, January 4, 2019 at 11:00 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Service.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to LaSalle School or Paralyzed Veterans Association.

Cemetery

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave

Menands, NY,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.

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JAN **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I was a colleague and friend of Bob's from the State Health Dept. His accuracy and tenacity in the audit and financial area were legendary...as were his droll sense of humor and serenity under pressure. We served together on a number of committees and projects and all were a much better outcome because of Bob's knowledge and common sense approach. Even when it was obvious that Bob was dealing with people who were out of their depth, he was always kind enough to mentor them along. A true gentleman with a great sense of humor.

Jo von Bieberstein

Jo von Bieberstein - January 02, 2019 at 09:24 PM



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Erin Engstrom - January 02, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ Here's Bob with the boys 5 years ago.

Erin Engstrom - January 02, 2019 at 08:20 PM



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Erin Engstrom - January 02, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in family and friends (Proverbs 17:17). For additional strength, may you find it in God who cares for you (1 Peter 5:7). Please accept our deepest condolences.

Cole Family - January 02, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ Thank you for your condolences. Bob's journey continues!

Ken - January 02, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the Hardy family. I had the pleasure of being Bob's across the street the neighbor for many years and I delighted in our talks and especially his love for Jalapeno and Habanero peppers. I will miss helping him into his mom's car on many occasions and the bottles of Shiraz that he would graciously give me. He was such a nice man and a really good friend.

Harris family

Lionel Harris - January 02, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ Thank you for your memories! He was a great big brother!

Ken - January 02, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ I am so sad. Bob was my friend for the last 20 years. He has always been there for me, my husband and my boys. He was at the hospital for both my son’s births and celebrated each of their birthdays since. Bob was the one who made sure that our oldest had a 1st birthday party, as I was thinking he didn’t need one. When the kids were little, they loved to visit Bob to go for a ride on his wheelchair, play with the newest toy Bob bought for his house (like the rainbow pig that walked and talked, the flying monkey, catch the laser light flashed game, etc.) As the boys got older, we’d go apple picking and drive through the holiday lights in the park. Bob even made sure that the wheelchair van he bought had seats in the back next to him for the boys. The boys loved their annual silver dollar Christmas gift from Bob and Bob loved the 15+ year old single malt whiskey he got from us. Bob was a great cook and often had people over for dinner in the summer on the back patio. I often asked Bob for his recipes, especially for his awesome shrimp cocktail sauce and all his rues, but I had no luck.

Bob has taught me so much about life. He had a way of putting things into perspective. Bob loved life, even though he suffered so much. He always had a big beautiful smile on his face and an even keel voice, no matter what he was going through. I admired his attitude about life, his positive outlook, his strength and courage. Over the last 20 years, I have aspired to have a mindset like Bob. Bob was a loyal friend, extremely smart, gave the best advice and of course had 9 lives.

If I could write a letter to Bob, it would be:

Dear Bob,

You will be missed by me, my family, and so many that were blessed to know you.

Thank you for allowing me and my family to be a part of your life and for being such a good friend all these years. I am so sad to have to say goodbye to you now, but am so happy I was fortunate to know you and be your friend. I can still see your smiling face and will try my hardest to follow, as you have, your first rule in life “Don’t Panic.”

I love you Bob.

Love your friend, Erin Engstrom

Erin Engstrom - January 01, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ Thank you Erin! You were a great friend of Bob's and he knew it. He was very proud of your accomplishments and always kept me up to speed of the Engstrom goings on. I can hook you up on the cocktail sauce recipe!

Ken - January 02, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ Bob was a great friend. Robyn and I are planning to attend the funeral on the 4th. Still in shock..

Alan Vanderwalde - December 27, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ Alan, thank you for being Bob's lifelong friend! We all miss him very much. I look forward to seeing you Friday, Ken

KEN HARDY - December 27, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ Craig and I admired Bob so much--he was an inspiration. With all that he endured, he still maintained a sense of humor, and was a great friend. We always had great fun at his annual chili parties, where he would direct Craig on just the "right" amount of beer to add to the colossal pot of chili. He will be missed greatly, Rest in peace Bobby.

anne nasholds - January 01, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ Thank you Anne! I'm not sure he knew what the right amount of beer was! But I do miss him and the chili parties!

Ken - January 02, 2019 at 05:22 PM