



Dr. Roger James Ciotti

September 29, 1940 - March 31, 2018

Albany- Dr. Roger James Ciotti, 77, of Albany, passed away peacefully following a brief illness on March 31, 2018, surrounded by his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren. Roger was born in Freeport, NY, to Chester Ciotti and Grace (Braren) Ciotti (deceased). After graduating from Freeport High School, Roger earned his bachelor's degree from Boston University, followed by his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from Tufts School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts. In addition to practicing as a general dentist for over 40 years, Roger served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves as part of the 3298th Dental Detachment.

An avid fitness enthusiast, Roger was a regular fixture at the Albany YMCA, where he enjoyed visiting with friends as well as working out on an almost daily basis. While he would never use the term himself, Roger was a "foodie" at heart, enjoying dining out with family and friends; the more unusual and obscure the restaurant, the better. One of Roger's favorite places to visit was Mohonk Mountain House, in New Paltz, NY, where he spent many summers with his family enjoying the peaceful scenery and of course, the great food.

Roger leaves behind his loving daughters Nicole (Ciotti) Gardenier of Franklin, Massachusetts, and Renee Ciotti of Warren, Vermont, his sons-in-law Michael Gardenier and Jonathan Young and his beloved grandchildren Alexander, Madeline, and Greta. Known as "Buddy" to his grandchildren, Roger was always eager to spend time with the kids who were truly the "apples of his eye." They were very fortunate to have experienced his love and devotion. Roger also leaves behind many neighbors and friends, who affectionately knew him as "Doc."

Roger is survived by his brother, Daniel Ciotti and his wife Meredith, of Walpole, Massachusetts, and his cousin Cindy (Nass) Roberts and her husband, Dr. Rick Roberts. In addition to his sister-in-law Agnes (Black) Ciotti, Roger leaves behind his nieces Jennifer, Teresa, Sara, Cynthia, Kimberly, Danielle, and his nephew, Glenn. He is pre-deceased by his brother Chester Ciotti, Jr. of Suffield, Connecticut as well as his aunts

and uncles Jean, Bernard, Ethel, her husband Leon, and John.

Roger's sense of humor, generosity towards others, and caring spirit will be profoundly missed by all those who knew and loved him, living on in the open hearts of his children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Albany YMCA, 616 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY, 12204 in Roger's memory.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Roger's family on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, to be immediately followed by a celebration of his life at 3:00 pm.

To leave Roger's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit <http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com>

Events

APR **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

APR **Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Dan and Cindy family,
I was sorry to hear of the passing of your Roger. I am a actually a former neighbor of your family growing up in Freeport, two doors down from your family. Although I was not in school with you, my brother Lorenz Rothkranz, was more of a peer with you and Gary Pappas.
As life often brings us unusual opportunities, I have been taking a quilting class from Roger's ex wife Donna here in Colonie. In conversation, we shared one evening where we grew up and it came about that we had a connection through Freeport. I have many nice memories of your grandmother, Mrs Ciotti and the generosity she often extended to my parents, including passing on a dining room set to my mother (at the time we had none). My dad being handy used some of the pieces to convert into other pieces, some of which I actually still have and enjoy as part of my own family history.
I recently took a ride by the old neighborhood when on the island for a school reunion.
The old neighborhood looked good, albeit different and smaller than a child's memory holds of it. I am attaching a couple of pics of our houses and Cindy's. Although I never got to connect with Roger, I can see the family resemblance to your grandmother.
Kindly accept my reminiscing of the past and condolences on your loss.
Sincerely,
Margaret Rothkranz Bono



Margaret J Bono - April 07, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger James Ciotti.



April 05, 2018 at 07:20 AM



“ My condolences Nicole and Renee. I last saw Roger at the Bethlehem Y a while back and he was friendly, happy, and eager to talk with me. He was always smiling, even as I sat in the chair and he worked in my mouth when he was at CHP and I was new to the area.

Sending my thoughts and love and peace to you and your kids.

John Van Raalte

John Van Raalte - April 04, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ Dear Nicole, Renee and all your loved ones, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs to all. Eternal Peace be granted to his soul. Love, Colleen, Ron, JJ and Brandon



Colleen Wolkey - April 04, 2018 at 07:31 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger James Ciotti.



April 03, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ Dear Nicole and Renee,
I'm so sorry to hear of you dads passing. I have many fond memories going back to the early 80's when you moved from Virginia to Albany, you girls were very young. We worked together at Northeast Dental Assoc., your father would bring the best lunches to work and I would help myself to half of that lunch before lunchtime.....he would just laugh! Yes, he was definitely a "foodie". We would talk for hours on the phone at night, laughing, problem-solving office issues or just plain old dental gossip. A great conversationalist and always had another perspective to bring to light. I pray your hearts heal with cherished memories of your dad.
My Deepest Sympathy,
Laurie Fiscaletti

Laurie Fiscaletti - April 03, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ Dear Nicole & Renee,
So sorry to read about your fathers passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you have fond memories of him that will last a lifetime. My dad passed away 18 years ago this month and I still have wonderful memories of him to this day.

Sincerest Sympathy,
Patrick & Patricia Gardenier

patricia - April 05, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Dear Nicole, Renee & family,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I knew Roger very well. He was always a pleasant sole to talk to and be around. He had a catchy smile that would just perk up your day. I know Roger from the North Albany YMCA. We would just talk about everything. He was so easy going and a sweet man indeed. Every time I saw him I made it a point to visit with him. He will be dearly missed. He was a prominent figure at the Y's. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Melissa Bessman

Melissa Bessman - April 08, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ Roger and I were friends at BU. We lived in the Myles Standish but were not roommates. He always had a pleasant attitude and smile and was warm and friendly. In about 2015 I tracked Roger down after so many years. We talked and were planning to get together in Winchester, Mass where he had family. That never happened. By the time I got it together several years later I was shocked and saddened to learn of his passing. He was a fine, warm, decent and honorable person. With his passing the world is a little sadder.

Lew Lutin

Lewis Lutin - May 12, 2020 at 08:31 PM