



Dr. Robert J. Jovell PhD

August 2, 1948 - December 18, 2020

Voorheesville- Dr. Robert J. Jovell Ph.D. entered Eternal Life Friday, December 18, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Springfield, MA to the late John and Martha Butterly Jovell.

Robert grew up in Redding CT, where he later attended UCONN University and later joined the National Guard. He then moved to the Capital District to attend St. Rose for his master's degree. While going to school at St. Rose he meant his wife Sally at the bar in Ralphs. He later continued his education and obtaining his Doctorate for Philosophy of Public Health Sciences from SUNY Albany. Robert was a brilliant Research Scientist for New York State at Wadsworth Laboratories. This is where he developed a Patent for the Immunoassay Test.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife of 41 years Sally Goodman Jovell.

Robert is survived by his beloved daughter Kelly Obermayer (Scott); cherished Baa to Sean, Liam, Aiden Obermayer; his siblings William Jovell (Sam), Patricia Wetherel (Bob); also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Robert will be missed by all who knew him but remember he was the one

always behind the bar serving up a good time.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Robert's family Wednesday December 23, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 6: 00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany NY 12206.

Funeral Services will follow that evening at 6:00 pm in the Funeral Home. Masks and social distancing required; Please only enter funeral home from the rear parking lot doors; 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **23** (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Robert J. Jovell PhD



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 23, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Robert J. Jovell PhD



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 22, 2020 at 05:16 PM

HB

Such a beautiful tribute ❤️

Holly Burke - December 22, 2020 at 09:13 PM

RM

A great tribute to a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, sibling and friend. We will all miss him.

Rick & Mary - December 23, 2020 at 07:48 AM

LS

This memory of your dad was beautiful. We will all miss him, but most of all, you and your family! God bless!

Liz Smith - December 23, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dr. Robert J. Jovell PhD*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

FV

“ *There are so many memories from my young adult life growing up in Redding, CT. and among those are the hours my older brother Phil, Bob's older brother Bill, Bob and myself would spend comparing notes on Bill's gray Austin Healey, Bob's 150cc Honda, Phil's 160cc Honda and my 305cc Honda. It was one of those relationships of having a soda and a general BS session. Not too notable at the time but that which creates memories of carefree high school days that are fun on which to reminisce.*

It's sad to think that which was young and vibrant is now a memory. Pleasant yes, but a memory nonetheless. May you find comfort and peace during these times and know that even those distant friendships continue to mean so much.

*Frederick Vollhardt
Oxford, CT.*

Frederick Vollhardt - December 29, 2020 at 03:39 PM

MM

“ I have know Rob, alias Bob to his high school friends, since the fourth grade. We often rode the bus together. In those days, Rob was a quiet guy who was always interesting to talk to and always had a sparkle in his eye so you knew he was fun. He loved science and always had an opinion about something that he shared in such a nice way. He was just a kind, thoughtful wonderful person.

As so often happens, he married and moved away and it was not until 2011 when a classmate and I formed the Joel Barlow Alumni Assn that we reconnected. At the time we tried very hard to get him to come down to Barlow for the big all classes reunion but he loved his family up there and was very happy right where he was. We missed having him there with us and hoped that maybe for the 50th we could coerce him.

Recently, I reconnected with him not at all realizing that he was terminal. He did share that there was no cure for the form of cancer he had and that it was very serious. we had great conversations about what wasn't being done in our country to cure this pandemic. Having worked alongside Dr. Fauci, Rob had great confidence in what could be done if Dr. Fauci was left in charge and thankfully he has been left in charge.

One of the things Rob talked about in our conversation was his fabulous marriage and how hard the loss was when his wife passed. He was so proud of his daughter and loved those little boys. Loss is never easy but I know that if Rob were talking to me again, he would say that he had lived a beautiful life with a wonderful wife and daughter and her wonderful family. Celebrate him and know that all of us at Joel Barlow feel the loss. I am so grateful that we had those chats together as recently as late November. I am just sad that so many years passed before we reconnected.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Rob was a brilliant scientist and wonderful man.

We were all blessed to know him and now he is once again with the

love of his life. May he rest in peace.

*With deepest sympathy,
Mary Mahony and the Joel Barlow High School Alumni Assn.*

MARY S MAHONY - December 28, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert J. Jovell PhD.*



December 23, 2020 at 07:36 AM

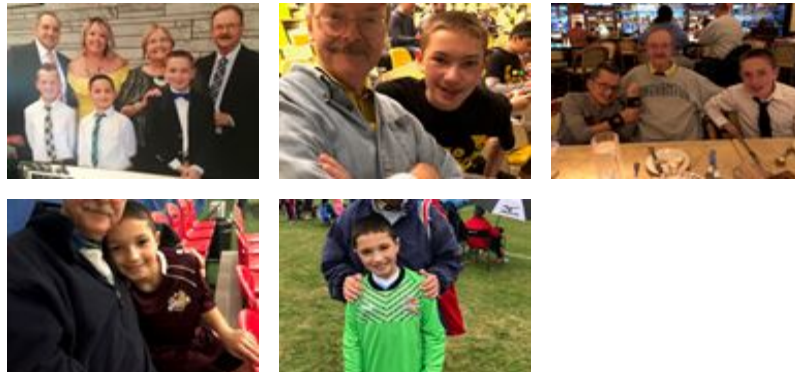


“ *So very sorry to read of Rob's passing. He possessed a wonderful personality, always full of fun and delightful to be around. My heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family at this difficult time.*

Allen Lescak - December 22, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 22, 2020 at 05:14 PM

KM

“ Rob was such a nice, easygoing man with a great laugh who loved life and his family. Kelly, we remember how happy he was at your wedding. Our sincere condolences. Our prayers and love are with you and all the family.
Mary and Kevin
McC



Kevin McCarthy - December 20, 2020 at 02:06 PM

RD

“ I will always remember spending Christmas at the Jovell home...full of love, good food and Rob serving drinks in the Library. Eternal Memory.

robert s duchnok - December 20, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert J. Jovell PhD.



December 20, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert J. Jovell PhD.



December 20, 2020 at 07:00 AM

JM

“ Rob you were the life of the party and now I know, that Kelly will follow in your shoes, you are now with Sally the love of your life & you always said you weren't afraid to die because you two would meet again. Happy for you both because you know, she was waiting for you. So, RIP and continue watching over your love ones down here, because they sure are going to miss you.



Joyce Martinez - December 20, 2020 at 12:17 AM

JW

“ Sally & Rob were the perfect pair right from the start; both were kind, thoughtful, and always ready for fun! On occasion, I would stop by for dinner & to catch up (on my way back as I drove east). One time Rob served me wine with a great meal. I stayed too long & I had to pull over midway home (to Plymouth) for 40 winks! Not my best move, but so much fun every time we had a chance to sit & gab! I never had a better friend than Sally—besties from 5th grade on in Binghamton! I gave her the total seal of approval at Ralph's early on in their courtship. A no brainer! Together again for eternity. Peace ❤️

Jane McKeown Woods - December 19, 2020 at 06:53 PM