



Robert Fernandez

December 17, 1937 - March 4, 2022

Robert Jose Fernandez (Bob), 84, a native Vermonter most recently of Pine Bush, NY, passed away on March 4, 2022. Bob was born in Randolph, Vermont on December 17, 1937. The eldest son of Jose Madrazo Fernandez from Santander, Spain and Mary Elvira (Fletcher) Fernandez from Brookfield, Vermont, Bob is survived by his daughter, Mary Jo Fernandez, and his brother William Fernandez and his wife Dona, and their children Corene and Christopher as well as his sister Maxine “Mickey” Rouelle’s children Wendy Welch & Eric Morse. Deborah Fernandez, his eldest daughter, predeceased Bob in 2021 and his sister, Mickey predeceased him in 2015.

He played basketball for three years & was part of the Frosh Chorus at Spaulding High School. He played baseball in the Babe Ruth league his junior year. After graduating from Spaulding in 1956, Bob worked in the granite industry as a draftsman at Memorial Drafting Service as well as for Nativi & Son Granite in Barre, Vermont and eventually “went out on the road” as a salesman for Nativi & Son where his outgoing personality & general love of people made him a friend to everyone. He was “on the road” for Granit McCutcheon out of Stanstead, Quebec, Canada until 2021. Over the years, Bob created hundreds of unique designs for cemetery monuments. His friend & colleague, Joe Russell, said, “Bob could sit with a family and take their ideas, desires, “maybes” & “could yous” and marry them together into a beautiful, custom design for their loved one’s memorial stone.” His most

popular design, the “Evans,” is still being regularly used.

Bob was a member of the Barre Vermont Elks for 52 years. He was a huge Red Sox fan and rooted for the Patriots as long as they weren't playing the Giants which was his life-long team. He was a hunter & fisherman, loved westerns & Star Trek and enjoyed a competitive game of Cribbage. He also loved to travel and went to Portugal & Spain with his parents and daughters in 1982, Acapulco, England & Scotland, the Caribbean, traveled extensively in the US & drove across country with his daughter, Mary Jo in 1996.

He had many dogs in his life, but his Pomeranian, Hercules & his friend Cristina Winn's Rottweiler, Ruby were his greatest loves.

Visitation will take place at Dewitt-Martinez Funeral Home at 64 Center Street, Pine Bush, NY on Thursday, March 10, 2022 from 4pm to 7pm and there will be a gathering on Friday morning, March 11, 2022 at 9am also at Dewitt Martinez to share remembrances of Bob with the burial to follow.

Bob had a concern for Native peoples, so in lieu of flowers, please consider making a generous donation in Bob's name to Red Wind Councils, an organization that he supported, via PayPal by clicking on the Donate button on the website at www.redwindcouncils.org, through Venmo @RedWindCouncils (code 8109) or by sending a check to Red Wind Councils, PO Box 1064, Pepperell, MA 01463.

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Cemetery

Pine Bush, NY 12566

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DeWitt-Martinez Funeral and Cremation Services
64 Center St
Pine Bush, NY 12566
(845) 744-2787
dewittfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.MartinezFuneralHomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ I have been looking for bob since 2013 and on . Had I news for him but I could never fine him. We were friends for a long time. Thanks to a friend I finally found him but not the way I wanted,. Sad news for me today .

marlene - May 29, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JR

“ I remember Bob making his monthly stops at our monument co, it was always an enjoyable time. Bob would enjoy teasing my wife and mother in-law and they loved it, he also had many stories to tell. If we needed any designing done, he was right there to do it. He would time his stops to be at our office in time for lunch or dinner of which we enjoyed many, I felt honored to be invited to dinners with Bob when he was taking his daughters out for the evening. Bob, we will miss you.
John Ricker



john ricker - March 10, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Fernandez.



March 10, 2022 at 10:22 AM

CW

“ Bob was a great person and a great friend to me. He will be deeply missed. We were friends for only eight short years but, he brought so much joy and happiness into my life and Ruby’s life.

Cristina Winn - March 10, 2022 at 09:30 AM

EV

“ Our deepest condolences go out to all of Bob's family and friends. We enjoyed working with him over the years.
Shelley Brothers Monuments

Edward Vroman - March 09, 2022 at 02:07 PM

JR

“ I spent 100s of hours of my young adult life standing at my fathers stencil press while Bob was hand drafting some of the most beautiful monuments ever designed, just four feet away. I learned a great deal about monuments and memorial design layout from him that influences me to this day, he was amazing to watch draw. I'll never forget you my friend and I'll never forget all the help and guidance you gave me. Sometimes when our parents went away Bob would take care of my brother Jack and I.... it was awesome..... we'd go out to dinner every night, appetizers, dessert and anything we wanted! Thanks for the laughs and thanks for the love -

Jerred Russell - March 07, 2022 at 09:57 PM

GF

“ Granit McCutcheon and family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Robert Fernandez.



Granit McCutcheon and family - March 07, 2022 at 03:22 PM