



Robert Carl Pessolano

January 13, 1951 - September 10, 2019

Robert Carl Pessolano, 68, passed peacefully on September 10, 2019. Beloved son of the late Carl and Lorena Pessolano. Bob is survived by his wife Katherine Gray Pessolano; father of Nicole (Ben) Kopel and Lorenzo and Louis Pessolano; brother of Nancy Pessolano and Joan (Craig) Stewart; proud grandfather of Avery, Calvin and Savannah.

Bob was a graduate of Oakmont High and West Virginia University. He spent his summers working at the shore where he found his passion for the restaurant business. Bob and his then wife Mona, opened Mario's South Side (1982) on E. Carson Street, Pittsburgh. Bob was considered a visionary in the city's local restaurant and bar scene and is credited with beginning the renaissance of Pittsburgh's South Side. In addition to Mario's, they opened Blue Lou's and eventually Nick's Fat City. He enjoyed his hometown teams; the Steelers, Penguins, Pitt Athletics and even the Pirates. He loved the city of Pittsburgh and spent most of his adult life here. Upon his retirement, he and his wife Katie relocated to San Miguel, CA to pursue his dream of owning a vineyard. Bob, Katie and Lorenzo returned home last year to be with friends and family.

Friends received Friday, 4 - 7 pm at Simons Funeral Home, Inc., 7720 Perry Highway, where a memorial service will be held Saturday, 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to UPMC Alzheimer's Research
200 Lothrop St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 and San Miguel Fire Department C.S.D.
www.sanmiguelcsd.org

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
7720 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Memorial Service

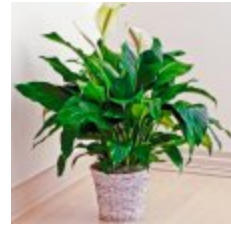
SEP **14.** 10:30 AM.

Chapel of Simons Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Dipasquale Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Robert Carl Pessolano.*



The Dipasquale Family - September 13, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Pessolano.*



September 13, 2019 at 09:33 AM



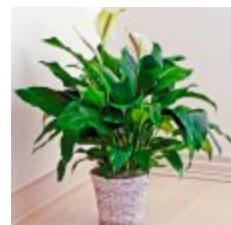
“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Pessolano.*



September 12, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Pessolano.*



September 12, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Pessolano.*



September 12, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Ja E Wiand sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Carl Pessolano*



Ja e wiand - September 11, 2019 at 08:27 PM



Bob will greatly missed by me and all who knew and cared for him at A C. My prayers to family and friends always. Jane

Jane wiand - September 11, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ *White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Pessolano.*



September 11, 2019 at 11:43 AM

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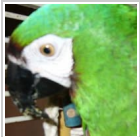
“ Working at Mario’s was great. Don’t get him MAD. But I really enjoyed working with Bob. Remember the many times we checked out the wait staff checks with him and Joe. Remembering the day he broke the office door because on my 3rd day of being a Hostess I forgot and gave table 71 to another party waiting instead of the party that was supposed to have it. Wow I should of quit that day but would of miss 10 years of FUN. He never knew I quit he thought I was on vacation. After quitting John Y called and ask me to work one night I was only going to work 4 hours to get Thur dinner I ended up staying till 3 in the morning during checks and Bsing with Bob. He will be ever in my thoughts and prayers. Pat C then. But now Pat H 😊😊

patty hamilton (cervone) - September 11, 2019 at 07:54 AM

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“ Prayers for family. I had the best memories working with Bob and other Mario’s friends. You were a friend indeed. Pat H. Back then I was Pat C.

patty hamilton (cervone) - September 11, 2019 at 06:23 AM



“ so very sorry to hear of bobbies passing. i remember all those summer days my brother Craig and I played with Bobbie and Nancy. they both complained to Craig they didn't want me to play with them but i was a big pest and insisted on being with them. wonder if Nancy remembers Billy helwig and the rake incident. Bobby could have a temper and you didn't want to make him mad

Carol Gelfand - September 11, 2019 at 12:41 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bobby’s passing. Prayers for the family. Our condolences to the family. Bob and Pam Hubbard

Pamela Hubbard - September 10, 2019 at 10:10 PM

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“ He made the effort to attend Coach Wagner’s funeral 2 years ago, coming from California. May he RIP

Robert Erdeljac - September 10, 2019 at 08:03 PM

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“ Bobby and I were elementary school buds! I was at his house practically everyday since my grandparents lived less than one block away! We would hike and explore the 8th Street Woods each bringing something to cook! I will miss your laugh, wit and smile my friend R.I.P.

Tom Ritter - September 10, 2019 at 06:32 PM



He cherished your friendship.

Katie Pessolano - September 10, 2019 at 06:53 PM