

Robert B. Vinelli

July 24, 1941 - December 23, 2021

Robert B. Vinelli, age 80 years, of Cairo, New York, passed away on December 23, 2021.

He was born on July 24, 1941, in Astoria, New York, and is the son of Inez Mattiaccio from Rockland County and the late Michael Vinelli.

Besides his father, Robert is predeceased by his loving wife of 47 years Ann Vinelli who passed away on April 18, 2010, and his brother Michael Vinelli.

Besides his Mother, survivors include his two daughters Dana Spohler and her husband Rick and Michelle Vinelli, two sons Gary and Robert A. Vinelli, two brothers Richard and his wife Maryanne, Ronnie and his wife Jackie and his sister Laura Graf and her husband Kurt, five grandchildren Peter, Lena, Gary Jr., Cody and Sarah. He is also survived by several in laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

During his lifetime, Robert was employed as a butcher and was employed by several local A and P grocery stores and also Shop Rite in Kingston, New York.

Robert and his wife Ann were married on February 3, 1963, enjoying one another for 47 years. The couple especially loved their home, immensely enjoying doing projects and gardening around their home which meant so much to them both.

His hobbies included working out, and he loved admiring his corvette.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, New York, on Tuesday, December 28,

2021 from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., with services taking place at 5:30 P.M. at the funeral home with Pastor Rick Snowden officiating.

Graveside services will take place on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the family plot of The Round Top Cemetery, Round Top, New York.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Round Top Cemetery

South Road
Round Top, NY 12473

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Service

DEC 28. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Graveside

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Robin Kay lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli*



Robin Kay - January 06, 2022 at 06:50 PM

CD

“ *Connie Donahue lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli*



Connie Donahue - January 05, 2022 at 09:48 PM

MA

“ *Deepest condolences from Jeannie and I down here in Daytona to the entire Vinelli family. I remember your pops as always smiling. God bless and take care of each other... Mark Abramajtis and family*



Mark Abramajtis - December 29, 2021 at 07:07 AM

RV

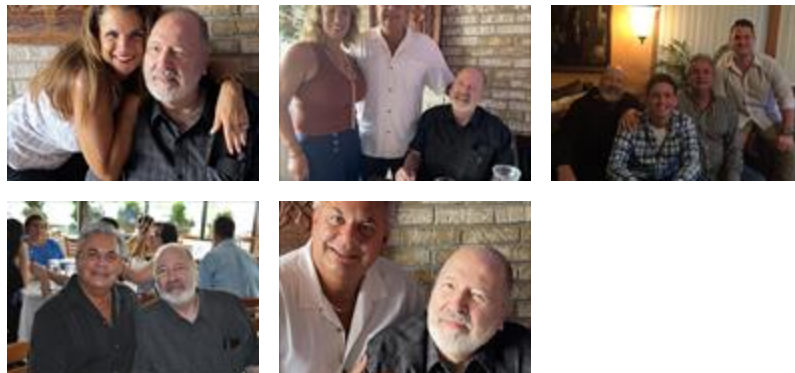
“ It’s 2 days before Christmas & yet while I s/b happy, it’s an extremely sad day for our family. My dear brother Robert passed away this morning @ 2:30 a.m. from this terrible virus & pneumonia. He was 80 years old. Why do all the good ones leave us too early?? He was the sweetest gentle giant of a man. He was always “Superman” to me. He was Jack Lalane before anyone knew about physical fitness. He was totally cut, chiseled, & ripped into such a good-looking man for over 65 years ago!!! He married his sweetheart Anna “Banana” as he always called her. She was his entire world, along w/his family. They lived a great love story until cancer took her from him years ago (on my damn birthday of April 18th). Part of him died that day & he was never the same. Dear brother I am sure you are now joined back together w/your lovely wife & actually smiling down upon us all up from Heaven. I am so glad we got to see you this Summer. I will miss you. RIP & say hello to Anna, Dad & brother Mike for us all. Prayers to Dana, Michelle, Gary & Robert.

Ronnie

Ron Vinelli - December 28, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RV

“ 5 files added to the album ROBERT B. VINELLI MEMORIES



Ron Vinelli - December 28, 2021 at 05:59 PM

GV

“ My deepest sympathies to Dana, Michelle, Gary and Robert and all the family. Bob was a special person. We would talk on the phone for hours. I loved hearing from him , especially after my husband Mike passed away (Bob’s younger brother). Hopefully Ann and Mike greeted you as you enter into heaven. RIP I will miss you,
Love ya,
Your sister in law Gloria Vinelli

gloriia Vinelli - December 28, 2021 at 05:24 PM

TB

“ Terry And Ben Buel lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli



Terry and Ben Buel - December 28, 2021 at 03:52 PM

JF

“ John Ferraro lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli



John Ferraro - December 28, 2021 at 12:46 PM

KL

“ Kayla, Dan, And Liam lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli



Kayla, Dan, and Liam - December 28, 2021 at 12:28 PM

CD

“ Carol & Daniel Denton lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli



Carol & Daniel Denton - December 28, 2021 at 12:11 PM

DW

“ With shock and a heavy heart my deepest sympathy and condolences to Michelle, Dana, Gary, Robert and their families in this most difficult of times.
In time, may you all find peace knowing he is once again with your beloved Mom, in a place of everlasting peace and love. I will remember them always for their joyful spirit, kindness and warmth.
Many prayers, Much love and Deepest Sympathy,
Always, Denise Biagioni Wykes

Denise Biagioni Wykes - December 28, 2021 at 11:46 AM

LE

“ Dearest Grandpa,

My heart saddens when I think about the rest of my life being without you. You were always the one to cheer me up and make me smile. When I was young and didn't fully understand death, grandma passed away. I remember a few days after, I saw you crying starring out your kitchen window. I said "grandpa, why are you so sad?" You replied with a statement that I will forever remember. You said that even though grandma passed, life still goes on. People are still mowing their lawns and driving around like it never happen, but to me my whole life has shattered. You then looked down at me and said no matter what happens in life, it always goes on. I never really realized what you meant by that until my dad died. But now after losing so many people dearest to my heart, I understand it completely.

I will miss your endless compliments and amazement when I walked into a room, even if I just woke up, or hadn't gotten dressed up, you always said how beautiful I looked. I will miss our lunch dates where we would hurry up and eat all our food so that we can have dessert and talk for hours on how much we love it afterwards. I will miss our family gathering and holidays where you had a smile on your face and warmth in your heart by seeing us all together. Although I tried to be angry at the fact you are not with me, I know that you are with our favorite angels looking down on all of us. I am so thankful that I had you for 24 years. I don't think any granddaughter and grandpa had a bond like ours. Give kisses to grandma for me and tell daddy that I love him.

*I love you so much, fly high grandpa
-Your loving granddaughter, Lena*

Lena - December 28, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert B. Vinelli.*



December 28, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert B. Vinelli.*



December 28, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert B. Vinelli.*



December 27, 2021 at 11:31 PM

DH

“ I love Bob!!! I have known him all my life. When he and Anne came over to visit with my parents when I was younger, he would always acknowledge me and make such an effort to make me feel special, loved and confident.... he was always interested in my life and what I was "up to", for 47 years..... the only friend of my father's (John A Houghtaling) where my father would hand t phe phone to me, when they were chatting for hours, which was all the time, bc Bob wanted to chat with me to say hello and hear about my life..... My father and Bob have been friends for 58 years. I loved hearing the "butcher" stories..... My heart sank when I found out, and I am so saddened I was not able to speak to him more recently.... I love you, Bob, rest in peace, you are a very special person and always in my heart. My condolences and love to Dana and Michelle and the whole family. xo

Diane Houghtaling - December 27, 2021 at 09:12 PM

ST

“ Sherry B True lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli



Sherry B True - December 27, 2021 at 04:50 PM

SK

“ Light a candle for Robert. Sincere condolences to the family Sharon and Jeffrey Kaye



Sharon kaye - December 27, 2021 at 03:15 PM

“ MY CLOSE COUSIN & SPECIAL BUDDY, BOB VINELLI

My memories and love shared with Bob stem from when we were kids, when I spent endless time with my older cousin. I'll move ahead through the years and share that Bob devoted himself, completely and with admirable determination, to building a home in Cairo, NY almost as much as he devoted himself to building a family life with his beautiful wife Anna, his pure inspiration.

With his own hands and mind, he personally constructed their beautiful house; a house that was blessed under the golden sun of summers and the sparkling diamonds in the winter sky. In 1976, my wife Michelle and I spent an entire day and night with Bob, Anna, and their adventurous children as I watched him visualize, and design what his house would look like-and that it would be shaped from being a house into a home based on the building blocks of his deepest affection for his family. He shared so many heart felt dreams with his beloved Anna, dreams that became reality.

The reality of having children for whom he would provide a roof over their heads, his work for food for their bodies and nourishment for their hearts and souls. I watched his children joyfully play outside and inside his dream house; fun loving children, who also played so enthusiastically in my white 1976 ford van that just drove to Bob and Anna's after traveling thousands of miles around the USA. What a joy it was to see their children frolic and enjoy themselves so thoroughly - the little adventurous rascals they were.

In addition to being a strong, hardworking man, there was and is Bob the individual who was overjoyed speaking to me about his being a summertime waiter at Pleasant Acres in Leeds, where he labored 7 days per week, 72 hours each week from early June to Labor day in September. The young man that I was then very much wanted to be a summer waiter there too, just like my older cousin Bob. After Bob finished waiting tables in 1961, I became a waiter the very next summer also at Pleasant Acres. It was there that I

discovered just how steadily Bob persisted in his hard work every day of the week.

One of the countless topics that we often discussed through the years was why and how working in Leeds became a magical nostalgic center to us both. Ah, how fate can mysteriously unfold, how interesting a powerful destiny can be. For it was in Greene county after all, where Bob would help to create his life with his beautiful Anna. It was in Greene county where Bob would find more love and happiness in having 4 children, and grand daughter Lena. He had and always will have a special love for Lena, Yes, how often he shared how proud he was and always will be of Lena. His love and affection for his 4 children was another world he talked to me about with a warm heart caressed by genuine family love. Oh Bob, you know the bond all thru the years we always had, all those precious hours and countless days , we would sit together and talk about the magnitude and strength of family life. We knew always that we could speak about any aspect of life itself - no secrets between us, just sterling honesty, compassion, and respect. I shall truly miss your inquisitive mind, and the intelligent questions you always asked me about the books I was writing at my literary summer retreats in Leeds. Your strong interests in my work touched me deeply. I shall miss your voice every time you were about to complete our phone talks - a voice that said to me clearly and with emotion, "I love you Anthony, my cousin, my very dear buddy." Well Bob, one thing is for certain, my desire to want you to always know, "I...love...you my buddy, and I always will."

Anthony Mattiaccio

anthony mattiaccio - December 26, 2021 at 10:21 PM

DF

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I am going to miss my friend, Bobby, and the talks we had on the telephone. I have known Bobby for about 30 plus years, and we became best friends. I worked with Bobby in Shoprite and I used to bring him a little brown bag of his tea and his egg sandwich every morning. This would put a smile on his face. I am especially going to miss my calls of when we could get together to go to Betty's in Leeds, for breakfast, which we usually did once or twice a month. I love and I am going to miss u, my friend. Danny

Danny Fleischer - December 26, 2021 at 05:31 PM

BS

“ Barbara Spohler lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Vinelli



Barbara Spohler - December 24, 2021 at 11:06 PM

“ My deepest sympathy to Michelle, Dana, Gary, Robert, Lena, Peter, Gary Jr, Uncle Richard, Ronnie, Laura, Inez and the many other loved ones in Bob's family for your sudden untimely and tragic loss.

Bob was my best friend Michelle's dad and he too became a dear friend to me; both he and his precious wife Anna were a big part of my life and so too were Dana, the boys and the kids, I consider them my family. My heart is broken for this tragic loss of such a precious human being, so kind and gentle; he was taken from us in a moment - a perfectly healthy man, who took superb care of himself - not a thing wrong and just gone. Gone from our sight and our lives, but forever in our hearts and minds. To be perfectly honest, I am seething with anger amidst my anguish of sorrow - this loss should never have been - I hate Covid and what it has done to millions of families. To my dear friends, Michelle, Dana, Gary and Robert along with Uncle Richard, Aunt Maryanne, Ronnie, Laura, Inez and all of Bob's beloved family, I am heartfully sorry. I wish that I had some profound words of comfort, but I do not. I do, however, know Jesus in my heart, and I know that we can ask Him for peace, comfort, healing and help with anything we encounter in our lives, and He will be there for us - if we let Him. So, my prayer is that we let Him. Dear Anna would insist upon this, she loved the Lord.

To share a memory, Bob always got such a kick out of telling his story about how much I like to eat and moreover, how MUCH I could eat.....it happened one day when I was about 10 or 11 years old and I went to visit my friends - the Vinelli's, at their home, and they invited me for dinner. If my memory serves me, it was burgers and I ate a "few" to Bob's amazement. He kept saying "Anna, this little girl can eat," his eyes and mouth opened real wide, as he usually would do when in story mode (those of you who know him, know that face I am referring to) He just could not get over it and loved to tell the story every time we had a get-together. It was good for some laughs.

Another memory that stands out in my mind, though there are many,

is how kind Bob was to my younger sister Dion, he liked her very much and always made her feel so comfortable; and those of you who know her, know that she is very shy and somewhat uncomfortable;. What Bob did in the way that he treated her was VERY special - that is the act of a good-hearted man. I will never forget his kindness, it truly touched my heart.

My memories are many, but a quick closing note, just to say.....it is my and my husband Joe's wedding picture that is framed and set on his kitchen counter - just saying :-)

Sorry Dana and Michelle xoxo love you both forever!

I will miss Bob very much and always remember him fondly and with love in my heart; so too will my husband Joe who loved Bob deeply. Thank God we all got to visit and enjoy his 80th birthday this last past summer; it was a great time and he was honored - great job girls!!! Oh, and let's not forget how "you girls really did it this time" on Thanksgiving!!!

I will leave that fun story for Dana or Michelle to share.

Dear Bob, sing with the Angels at the mercy seat, dance with Anna and enjoy your mansion in Heaven my friend,

xoxo

Pam

Pamela Pisarri-Gallagher - December 24, 2021 at 10:07 PM

MH

My dearest Pam, thank you so much for the beautiful stories of my dad. You are right, he loved you so much, almost as much as he loved me 😊lol... I know you had so many beautiful memories with us and our family. Thank you so much and we love you❤️

Michelle Vinelli Harm - December 26, 2021 at 02:38 PM

KJ

“ *My condolences to the Vinelli Family, Robert was a good man and a good friend, he will be missed. he is now in a better place with his loving wife whom he missed dearly. His memory will live on. Again my condolences and thoughts and prayers are with your family. Ken Suttmeier Jr*



Ken Suttmeier Jr - December 24, 2021 at 09:08 AM

CK

“ *Soo sorry to hear of the loss of a neighbor. Our deepest condolences to the family. We share your sadness. Christine Kuever*

Chris kuever - December 24, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Mr vinelli was a wonderful man*



D - December 24, 2021 at 02:40 AM

TG

“ *Rest In Peace. My condolences to the family.*



TG - December 23, 2021 at 09:14 PM

PT

“ *I'm glad i got to meet you more than once Bob. Your a good soul.
Spread your wings and fly .
Love,
Pat T*

Pat Tenore - December 23, 2021 at 05:54 PM

SW

“ *Rest easy Papa Vinelli*



Sheila Wilson - December 23, 2021 at 04:13 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - December 23, 2021 at 02:33 PM

PS

“ *Paul R. Seney, Jr. And Staff lit a candle in
memory of Robert B. Vinelli*



Paul R. Seney, Jr. and Staff - December 23, 2021 at 02:24 PM