



Robert "Bob" Willard

January 12, 1954 - April 2, 2024

Robert "Bob" Anthony Willard, a cherished father, grandfather, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 2nd, 2024. Bob was born in 1954 and held a deep connection to his community and took great pride in calling Manville his hometown. He worked for Agfa Corporation in Branchburg, NJ before retiring in 2018.

For over 20 years, Bob selflessly served as a dedicated volunteer in the Manville community, coaching youth football, wrestling, and baseball. He was regarded as the "coach that kept it real" and served as an inspiration to numerous young athletes throughout his coaching tenure.

His love for sports extended far beyond coaching, and he was known for his renowned support of football and baseball, particularly for the NY Yankees and NY Giants. Bob enjoyed engaging in spirited sports discussions with friends and acquaintances, offering a wealth of knowledge and advice.

Bob is preceded in death by his Mother, Frances Willard, and Father, Edward Willard. He is survived by his two children, son Robert and wife Lily Willard of Middlesex, NJ, and daughter Stacey Willard of Carlsbad, CA. Additionally, he is survived by his three granddaughters, Ashlee Willard, Olivia Willard, and Luna Willard, his brother Edward Willard of Pennsylvania, and two nieces whom he held dear.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held in the coming weeks, and further details will be shared in due course. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ketusky Funeral Home in Manville, NJ.

For those inclined to make a donation in Bob's memory, contributions may be directed to organizations that held special meaning for him:

Manville Youth Athletic League

P.O. Box 114

Manville, NJ 08835

Include: In Memory of Bob Willard

OR

VFW Post 2290

600 Washington Ave

Manville, NJ 08835

Include: In Memory of Bob Willard

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Last I saw Bob was down in AC for the state Wrestling tournament and he was running around so excited for the Somerville wrestler pulling upsets to reach the finals. He was so happy as anyone for that non Manville wrestler success. He was a good person and good wrestling. We lost another good person in this world.

Matt Menkowski - April 12, 2024 at 05:53 PM

AD

“ I worked with Bob for many years at Agfa. He was a great friend, always made me laugh and made going to work fun.

Stacy, I am so thankful you kept in touch the last couple of years and gave my love and messages to your dad. ❤️

Amy & Paul Duffy

Amy Duffy - April 09, 2024 at 07:54 AM

AG

“ Decades of memories. Rest in peace.



Ann & Gary - April 07, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JC

“ Joe Carrasquillo lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Willard



Joe Carrasquillo - April 07, 2024 at 02:58 PM

KL

“ Fun Manville High School memories of Bob.
Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers, at this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Kathy (Waslin) Lane

Kathleen Lane - April 05, 2024 at 02:50 PM

WP

“ So sorry for your loss.
Bill & Paula Petrone
Medford, NJ

William Petrone - April 05, 2024 at 11:37 AM

DS

“ I will smile when I think of you Bob. So many great memories to think of

Donna Snyder - April 05, 2024 at 09:24 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Willard lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Willard*



Lisa Willard - April 05, 2024 at 08:53 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Willard lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Willard*



Lisa Willard - April 04, 2024 at 09:32 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Willarf lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Willard*



Lisa Willarf - April 04, 2024 at 09:29 PM

CO

“ *Christine O'Rorke lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Willard*



Christine O'Rorke - April 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ *Bob was a wonderful man Worked with him for decades . He was a wonderful friend . His support and care for me was above and beyond. He was like family. I will cherish my memories of him . He will be missed .*

Christine O’Rorke - April 04, 2024 at 07:03 PM