



## Robert L. Nowicki

December 18, 1944 - March 24, 2021

Robert L. Nowicki, 76, of Tinton Falls passed away on Wednesday, March 24th, 2021.

Robert was born in Manhattan to Margaret Mary and Robert Louis Nowicki, Sr., and was the oldest of three children.

Robert was uniquely talented, intellectually gifted, and possessed a life-long love of learning. Growing up on Staten Island, he first attended Our Lady Help of Christians Grammar School. After proudly graduating from Regis High School in Manhattan, Robert went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in classical languages from Fordham University, where he graduated magna cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Later, he earned a Master of Philosophy degree in Linguistics at Yale University, and subsequently shared his knowledge for almost ten years as an instructor in Germanic languages. Seeking a new challenge, Robert returned to school to earn his Juris Doctor degree at Yale Law School, and worked successfully as an attorney for 34 years, first as an Associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, then as Corporate Counsel at Wang Labs, before retiring in 2016 as Assistant General Counsel for Panasonic Corporation of North America.

Robert was an avid reader, and worked on the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle every week. His love of collecting stamps, mostly from

Poland and Ireland, led him to join the Polonus Philatelic Society. Robert enjoyed cooking for his friends and family. He was also a gifted musician and a lifelong member of the Albert Music Hall in Waretown, where he often performed for large audiences. Robert was proud to serve as the chairman of the board of trustees and recording secretary of the Bluegrass & Old Time Music Association of New Jersey.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents Margaret and Robert Sr., and his sister Susan Scarano. He is survived by his beloved wife Joanne Krauss, his children Jessica and Robert III, his grandson Trent, his sister Patricia Willock, and many nieces and nephews. Robert was devoted to his family and was a great friend to all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

A graveside service will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, March 27th, 2021 at Monmouth Memorial Park, Tinton Falls, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choosing.

For full obituary and online condolences, please visit Robert's memorial page at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Monmouth Memorial Park

4201 Hwy 33  
Tinton Falls, NJ

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Monmouth Memorial Park  
4201 Hwy 33  
Tinton Falls, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ *I was always in awe of this extremely talented cousin I had. We both studied French, Bob, of course was lightyears ahead of me in his mastery and comprehension but he certainly wasn't letting me feel the lack I had.*

*Oh, we rarely got to visit, I really don't know why.*

*But I regret this of course.*

*I know that he loved his family so much and gave his heart and soul to them.*

*And so now I will pray for him. He was a strong Catholic man. I, will not forget, for I owe him this, my prayers.*

*Blessings to you cousin Bob.*

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**C.K. Nowicki Calabrese** - November 19, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ *Christine Chagnon lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Nowicki*



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**Christine Chagnon** - March 28, 2021 at 04:55 PM

CC

*I will never forget visiting cousin Bobby when he lived in PA for a while. He made the most wonderful Middle Eastern meal for me and our cousin Steven. His kindness towards us shone through his tasty delights, and his love of cooking was obvious! Delicious! And we were grateful that he cared enough about us to treat us so lovingly. That's only one of the good memories I carry with me. Rest in peace, cousin Bob, and know that you are loved by many, and will be missed.*

Christine Chagnon - March 28, 2021 at 05:01 PM

SS

“*Joanne, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's death which I learned about from the NYTimes. I am your cousin by marriage (to Howard Roth) who passed away 32 years ago. Even though I have since remarried, the good memories of those times are still with me and the unhappy times have faded. As time passes, I wish the same for you.*

sherry (roth) schare - March 28, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“*While I was a graduate student at Rutgers, I joined the Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association of New Jersey at their first meeting in March of 1978. When I moved back to New Jersey many years later, one of the first things I did was rejoin BOTMA. I met Bob at that first Sunday jam I went to in October 1998 and we hit it off immediately. I recognized in Bob a kindred spirit in many ways and we were good friends and musical collaborators for over twenty years. I valued the time I spent with him highly and I know that I will be reminded of him often and will carry a little piece of him with me for the rest of my life.*

John McCarthy - March 27, 2021 at 04:42 PM

CP

“ *What a sweet and generous man with a beautiful tenor voice. It was always a pleasure to play music with Bob (and you can tell a lot about a person by how well he plays with others - :) - ). Always a kind word. He will be missed by anyone who ever played with him (and there are a lot of us). I'm sure you are all proud of what a wonderful person he is. May his memory be a blessing.*

*Charlie Pearlman  
Marlboro, NJ*

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**charlie pearlman** - March 27, 2021 at 12:03 AM

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“ *I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a fine gentleman who was always a pleasure to see at various bluegrass events and parties. Rest In Peace, Bob.*

*Terry McGill  
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ*

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**Terry McGill** - March 26, 2021 at 07:18 PM

JR

“ *I remember Bob very well, both from Regis H.S. and Fordham U. In freshman year we roomed across the hall from each other. In those days he had a particular interest in languages, but I could always count on Bob for a spirited argument on most any subject from politics to music (he was an early fan of Joan Baez).  
Requiescat in pace.*

*Jim Ralston (Regis '62 Fordham '66)*

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**James M Ralston** - March 26, 2021 at 02:45 PM

BT

*I also remember Bob dearly. His voice, style, and outlook was always kind and thoughtful. Didn't he even develop his own language which he claimed to be superior to Esperanto? Bob and Jack Nolte were two of the Staten Island guys, so no wonder he was a fan of Joan Baez. I will miss him. Via con Dios.*

*With love Brendan Thomson (Regis 62)*

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**Brendan Thomson** - March 26, 2021 at 05:19 PM

TM

*My best memory of Bob was our Religion class together in Room 1D throughout our first year at Regis. Religion started right after lunch and would use 15 minutes before moving into our English class. Bob would present theological and philosophical issues to Mr. Heyer, SJ and they would discuss whatever the issue might be. Most of our 34 classmates enjoyed their 'debates' which avoided our having to go into English which was heavily a poetry item. We all thanked god then and now. My prayers are for him and his family. Tony McGuire Regis '62*

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**Tony McGuire** - March 28, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JF

*I'm so sorry to hear about the loss. I knew Bob when he was a lawyer that supported me while working together at Panasonic. More important than his legal expertise I want to say he was a warm and good man with a great sense of humor too. I never heard Bob's band play, but, I knew when he talked to me about it, he had a "special sparkle" in his eyes. My thoughts are with his family and friends.*

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**Jim French** - April 05, 2021 at 09:30 PM

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“*Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Nowicki*”



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - March 26, 2021 at 11:19 AM