



Robert W. Ruggieri

June 27, 1950 - November 12, 2024

Robert William Ruggieri, of Eatontown, NJ, passed away on November 12, 2024.

Bob will be remembered for his intellect and ability to analyze complex situations, his passion to achieve and serve, his ability to laugh at himself and life generally, and his devotion to friends and family. Most of all, he will be remembered for his love of his family: his wife Lori (whom he loved so much he married her twice), his children Emily and Bill, and his grandchildren by Emily and Bob's son-in-law Bob Clayton, Zachary and Jacob. Bob was very active in raising Emily and Bill, often putting work aside to assist at their activities, because they were always his first priority. And he was trying to do the same now with Zach and Jake.

Bob was born in Jersey City on June 27, 1950, to William and Ann Ruggieri, and was always very happy and proud to have grown up there. He lived in Sacred Heart parish attending its grammar school, and then attended St. Peter's Preparatory School, before heading off to Massachusetts to attend and graduate from the College of the Holy Cross. Along with other things, these all helped develop in Bob a deep belief in the Catholic faith. And in particular his Jesuit education of 8 years had a profound influence on his value system, especially the belief that service to others is critical to living a good life.

While at Prep and HC, Bob made many great friends through his involvement in extra-curricular activities. Those friends remained important throughout his life.

After college, he returned home and went to work in computer programming in Manhattan. In 1979, Bob made the decision to change careers, and attended Seton Hall School of Law, graduating with honors. He worked as a lawyer for the rest of his life, based in Monmouth County. Bob specialized in providing analysis of complex litigation files for other attorneys and in research and writing; he was highly regarded by his colleagues and courts for his abilities. He was the chief brief writer in the world-famous surrogate parenting case, *In re Baby M*. Bob also was involved in writing briefs in many other significant appellate matters dealing with a wide range of legal issues.

Besides family and work, one of Bob's most important endeavors was his involvement in the Boy Scout program. Having been a Scout as a youth, and always believing its values greatly influenced him and that he should pay that forward, he became active as an adult leader once Billy became a Cub Scout. Bob served as a key leader of Bill's pack and troop, eventually help guide a number of the Scouts (including Bill) to achieve Eagle. Also, he became very active at Patriots' Path Council, particularly with the advancement and adult training programs. For his contributions, Bob was recognized with the District Award of Merit.

Besides his immediate family, Bob is survived by his sister Janet and husband Fred Wraga. The family asks those inclined to remember Bob to make a contribution to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center or to your own favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Visitation

NOV 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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2400 Shafto Road
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Funeral Mass

NOV 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Rd
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712-3146
(732) 493-4411

Tribute Wall

KO

“ *Bob was an amazing lawyer and an even better person. Intelligent but also kind, patient, and caring. He was the kind of person we should all strive to be. He put his family first and was always there when you needed him. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to Lori and the family.*

Katherine Obrien - November 20, 2024 at 11:20 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Ruggieri*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - November 15, 2024 at 05:53 PM

PS

“ *Bob was one of the first people I met when I arrived at Holy Cross in 1968, and a friend through all four years. He was the type of person that you wouldn't forget - always active, involved and caring. Although we had not kept in touch after graduation, it was great to reconnect for the 50-yr reunion and become FB friends. Condolences to Lori and family and friends. My prayers are with you. Paul Stacey '72*

Paul E. Stacey - November 15, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JJ

“ To all of the Ruggieri family go our heartfelt sympathies - Bob was a colleague at Seton Hall and a good friend and endless source of knowledge while we shared judicial clerkships at the Monmouth County Courthouse and in our careers thereafter.

He will be very much missed by his colleagues... Rest in peace, Bob.

James Berube , Esq.

James E Berube Jr - November 14, 2024 at 03:42 PM

SM

“ To the Ruggieri family, I send to you my deepest sympathy for the loss of our friend Bob Ruggieri. He was and is a very fine, decent man. Sincerely Steve and Stefania Ribaldo SPP '68.

stephen Ribaldo md - November 14, 2024 at 12:59 PM

JC

“ I graduated from Prep with Rob in '68. Knew him well: a kind soul, a good man. May he rest in a well deserved peace.

Joseph Colford - November 13, 2024 at 01:58 PM

YG

“ Your family at McGrory Glass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Ruggieri.

Your family at McGrory Glass - November 13, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ Your family at McGrory Glass purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Robert W. Ruggieri.



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“ Rest in Peace Bob- you were a great guy and a great friend. We will miss you. We will keep you, Lori, Emil, Billy and the rest of your family in our thoughts and prayers. The Olson Family

Tom Olson - November 13, 2024 at 07:24 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Robert W. Ruggieri.



November 12, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert W. Ruggieri.

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