



## Robert A. De Groat, Sr.

May 8, 1949 - September 27, 2020

Robert A. De Groat, Sr. "Bob". 71 years old of Ringwood, NJ passed away on September 27, 2020. He battled stage 4 cancer and beat it in 2017. He developed complications after the cancer which ultimately led to his demise.

Born on May 8, 1949 in Paterson, NJ to James Sydney De Groat and Cora Gertrude De Groat. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Paul Eugene Van Dunk, David Dennison and sister Loretta Rusinyak.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Anna Jean, his daughter Kecia of Ringwood, Ingrid of Ringwood, Robert Jr. of West Milford, Sharon of Ringwood, Britina of Ringwood, 15 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, his twin brother Roger De Groat, his brother Sydney De Groat, his sisters - Marva McKinney, Brenda De Groat, Maureen Van Dunk and Mary Brink. He's also survived by many sister and brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews as well as many other relatives and friends.

Bob was employed for 10 plus years with the Ringwood Board of Education. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Bob loved him! He was kind, patient, strong, understanding, supportive, comforting, a great listener, pleasant, nurturing, always his family's protector and so much more. He would help anyone that needed it. He was a Hero to his family!

He enjoyed being home and spending time with his family, talking to and laughing with his twin brother, being out in nature, playing with his grandchildren (he was so much more to them than just a grandfather), working around his yard, training his dogs, fishing, watching Western movies and reminiscing about his childhood.

To respect Bob's wishes a private memorial visitation was held September 28, 2020 from 2pm - 3pm at Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Robert A. De Groat, Sr..*



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October 07, 2020 at 10:36 PM

 Britina  
Clorise

“ *Dad, this hurts!! Telling you it was ok to go was the hardest thing I've ever had to do because I just wanted to keep you forever! The only thing that helps me get through each day is knowing you are a peace... you will never have a bad day again!*

*I was so blessed to have you for 38 years. Thank you for all the wonderful memories... Thank you for everything you've done for me and my girls.*

*We love you, miss you and will carry you in our hearts forever  
Brit, Brabie Girl, Hayzie, Neverleen*



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**Britina Clorise** - September 30, 2020 at 04:53 PM

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“ I guess I never really thought I'd ever lose you, Dad. Life will never be the same and I just want you back!!

Thank you for being the very best father to me and Arianna (and for reassuring her always that she was your 5th daughter)! Thank you for being the very best grandfather to Mikaia and Amirah! We're completely lost but we're trying to find some comfort knowing you're healthy and whole again. I'll never say goodbye but I'll see you again one day. Until then I hope you know how precious you will always be to us! WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS! ❤️ "Dolly", "My Yannz", "KraiBaby" and "Mymee"



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Ingrid De Groat - September 29, 2020 at 07:56 PM

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“ Uncle bob was the sweetest man that I've ever known. I never once saw him in a bad/negative mood. He made everyone around him feel so special and loved. I'll miss every call that I picked up of his and I'll miss going to the house to see you and give you big hugs. I'll miss you everyday and love you more and more as they pass by. You're the best uncle ever and I'll make sure to always talk to Nate Nate about you. You know that he loves you so much already! We all do!! Rest in sweetest peace our amazing angel. ❤️



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deena degroat - September 29, 2020 at 05:29 PM

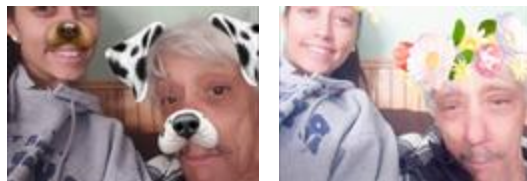
BG

“ Uncle Bob was my Dad's identical twin brother and his best friend. I practically lived at Uncle Bob's and Aunt Anna's growing up. They always, always made me feel welcomed. The thing that stands out the most to me during those days was, my Mom would cook my Dad's favorite meals when he was craving them. I would eat then hop on my bike, rollerskates, catch a ride or walk to Uncle Bob's afterwards and Aunt Anna would be cooking the SAME meal because Uncle Bob was craving it too. That happened a lot. They would include me so I got 2 plates of the same dinner on those nights, and it always amazed me how much my Dad and Uncle were alike. Uncle Bob was an amazing brother/uncle/Dad/Grandfather/husband! He went above and beyond for those around him. Standing out by his beautiful pond and talking about his fish are my favorite memories with him. I will keep them in my heart until I meet him again. My sincerest condolences to those who meant the most to him, his incredible wife, kids, grandchildren and my Dad. You are all in my continued prayers 🙏 Rest in peace, Unc. I love you. -Bonnie

Bonnie Griswold - September 29, 2020 at 05:11 PM

BM

“ Daddy was the most legendary man a person could know. He means the most a person could to our entire family. We love him so very much and may he rest peacefully, he more then earned it. I love you daddy, rest in the most lovely peace <3 Breebie loves you for eternity



briella metaxotos - September 29, 2020 at 02:46 PM

TM

“ I will never forget the day i met Uncle Bob it was about 18 years ago he was so welcoming. He and i would talk everytime me and Myron would come around with our son he would always say you got a amazing son there he is going places when he gets older. And even though my daughter Jasmine was not blood to him that did not matter he always treated her like his niece thank you for always loving my children and treating them like your own. You where a amazing man.I will miss you Uncle Bob. I know it has been a while since we saw you but you will always be in my heart and i will always share lots of memories with your great Nephew Mateao.. R.I.P till we meet again..

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**Tara Musto** - September 29, 2020 at 02:41 PM