



## Robert (Bob) James Gianantonio

Robert (Bob) James Gianantonio, 79, passed away on March 30, 2023 peacefully at home in Merion Station, Pennsylvania. Bob was born on April 30, 1943 to Lillian (nee Taylor) and Edwin Gianantonio in Cleveland, Ohio, the fourth sibling of a loving and close-knit family that first lived on Murray Hill in Cleveland's Little Italy Neighborhood. The family would ultimately move and settle in Rock Creek, Ohio in 1947 to operate a five-and-dime dry goods store on Main Street while the family lived upstairs.

Bob graduated from Rock Creek High School in 1961 where he formed some of his most cherished and life-long friendships with his classmates. Following high school, Bob enlisted in the US Navy and served two tours of duty in the Mediterranean rising to the rank of Boilerman, Second Class on the U.S.S. Boston.

Bob would spend most of his career at FirstEnergy in Ashtabula, Ohio retiring in 1998. Retirement did not slow Bob down and he soon became a consultant for a variety of power plant builds and decommissions. His favorite job and culmination of his knowledge was a three-month project management assignment at an Eastman-Kodak plant in Xiamen, China where he relished in the opportunity to live abroad and travel. Bob gave back to his community through his involvement with the local Jefferson Jaycees chapter as well as the Ohio Chapter where he served as a state secretary.

Bob raised three children, Jeffery, Stacey and Hilary with Sheryl (nee Hayslett) Gianantonio in Jefferson, Ohio and was a proud "Papa Bob" to six grandchildren. He was a curious man with a love for reading and hands on learning which showed through a lifetime of woodworking projects and home renovations. He was a sports fanatic with a soft spot for the Boston Celtics and any sport played by Ohio State. In his later years he devoted a lot of time to tracing his genealogy and marveled at his family's long history of immigration to the US from Italy.

Bob is survived by his son, Jeffery (Kay) Gianantonio of Jefferson, Ohio; daughter Stacey (Brian) Vaughan of Merion Station, Pennsylvania; daughter Hilary (Micah) Angel of Denver, Colorado; grandchildren Delaney and Jared Gianantonio, Zachary and Samantha Vaughan, and Jonah and Ari Angel; sister Judith Parker of Willoughby, Ohio; sister Joann Gianantonio of Austinburg, Ohio; brother Edwin Gianantonio of Yukon, Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews that adored their "Uncle Bobby".

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Lillian and brother, Dennis.

A public celebration of life will be held at Judy & Dick Parker's residence, 4206 Kirtland Road, Willoughby, Ohio 44094 on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to the Rock Creek Alumni Association, P.O. Box 422, Rock Creek, OH 44084.