



Robert D. Montenaro

July 20, 1920 - April 10, 2020

Robert D. Montenaro, Sr., 99, of Merriam Road, Broadalbin passed away on Friday April 10, 2020 at the Wilkinson RHCF, Amsterdam.

He was born in Schenectady on July 20, 1920 a son of Peter and Rose Cafarelli Montenaro and graduated in 1938 from St. Joseph's Academy as salutatorian. Bob moved to Amsterdam in 1946 and lived in Broadalbin since 1970.

Mr. Montenaro was associated with the family business, Peter Montenaro Co., from 1938 – 1970 and later established The Synthetic Co. that he owned with his sons. Bob managed the Feather Duster Corp until retiring in 1991.

He was a veteran of the US Air Force and proudly served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

Mr. Montenaro was a devoted member of St. Joseph's Church in Broadalbin. He served as a trustee for over twenty years, and was an altar server, usher, lector, Eucharistic minister, and a member of the Bereavement Committee. Bob was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7629 and a member of the 4th Degree Rev. Peter Smith Assembly.

He was an active member of the Amsterdam Lions Club since 1960 and served as president and later as secretary/treasurer for over twenty years. Bob also served as district governor at one time. He was recently recognized for having perfect meeting attendance for sixty years.

Bob was a member of the Sacandaga Boating Club since 1962 and was a past commodore and treasurer, a member of VFW Post 8690, a member of the American Legion Post #337, and a member of the Tribes Hill Iroquois and Broadalbin Senior Citizens.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and boating. He was an avid bowler and belonged to several leagues. Bob also enjoyed the CB radio as Mr. Bear, was involved with the emergency React channel and the annual Halloween Pumpkin Patrol.

He married Clara Cordes on December 23, 1943. She died May 31, 1991. He married Carmella Greco on January 2, 1995. She died June 11, 2008. In addition, he was predeceased by his siblings, Rosemary, Leo, and Peter.

Survivors include his loving children, Robert (Judy) Montenaro, Jr., Diane Wadsworth, and

David (Chris) Montenaro; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and the Greco family.

Due to the current health situation, private services will be held for the family. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Amsterdam. A memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church, in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Amsterdam, NY 12010

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dear Dave & Diane,
We are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was such a kind & pleasant man & it was always a pleasure to see him at the Boat Club or Church.
He definitely will be missed.
Sincerely Dave & Danielle Hugo

Dave & Danielle Hugo - April 23, 2020 at 07:03 PM

MJ

“ RIP Bob, you were a great man



marj jones - April 15, 2020 at 08:46 PM

MR

Dave and Diane Very sorry about your Dad.

Mike Riccio - April 19, 2020 at 09:12 AM

JL

“ Dear Diane and Dave, we were saddened when we learned of the passing of your Dad. Every time we saw him somewhere he would always speak to us like the friendly person he was. It was an honor to know him. God Bless you all in this time of sorrow and always know he is in heaven with your Mom now and they are both watching over all of you. God Bless

Jennie and Rich Leggiero

Jennie and Rich Leggiero - April 14, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JZ

“ A lovely man and a life well lived. Bob will be missed and remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his family members and friends be comforted with peace and smiles as they preserve the memories.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Ziskin



Jennifer Hartigan Ziskin - April 14, 2020 at 08:01 AM

EN

“ *Enterprise lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Montenaro*



Enterprise - April 14, 2020 at 07:32 AM

EN

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We hope and pray that you find solace in the memories of his love. He was a kind neighbor and gentle man and we called him to Mr. Bear. We will honor his memory the rest of our days.*

Enterprise - April 14, 2020 at 07:15 AM

TS

“ *My condolences to the family of Bob Montenaro. He was a friend for fifty years. He was a good man and loved life.*

Terry Smith - April 14, 2020 at 04:39 AM

NG

“ *To the family of Bob,
I am sorry for your loss, I was proud to be part of Lion's Club with him, I had so much respect for his devotion to the mission to the Lion's cause. I enjoyed being around him. The best thing I loved about him was when he drove down to my father's funeral 2 years ago to pay his respects, to tell us how much he loved and respected him, which made my day. I will miss him, my prayers for all of you, RIP Bob.*

Nilda Gonzales Giraldi - April 13, 2020 at 08:41 PM

KV

“ *Montenaro family, We are saddened to hear of Bob's Passing. Many great memories of "Mr. Bear". Our thoughts are with you all
Wayne and Kathy VanDetta*

Kathleen VanDetta - April 13, 2020 at 08:12 PM

RB

“ My heart is very saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He surely is in God's arms, because he was a true Angel. Bob was the oldest alter server in Fulton County. He was a very good friend to my father-in-law Conroy Beebie. So when Conroy was called to heaven, Bob was his alter server at his mass. I'll never forget him taking his morning walk with his rosary in hand, saying them all the way. God Bless you Bob.

ROSEMARY BEEBIE - April 13, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Always enjoyed his jokes and fun loving ways at bingo on Tuesday nights at St. Joseph's Hall. Never heard him a bad thing about anyone. RIP, my friend.

Dottie Richeson



Dorothy Richeson - April 13, 2020 at 03:31 PM

MK

“ Dear Diane and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We have known Bob for such a long time that we feel like we have lost a member of our own family. He was such a sweet, sweet man and will be sorely missed by us all. Take care.

Margie and Paul Kondrat

margaret kondrat - April 13, 2020 at 02:56 PM

FI

“ My Condolences Go out to both of his families !! I am honored to have known and be a friend with him ! He was the greatest and nicest Guy I have known. R.I.P. Mr Bear !!!! Fran Camaro Ivancic !!!

Fran Ivancic - April 13, 2020 at 02:35 PM

JA

“ So many great memories growing up talking to Mr Bear on the cb with my gram (Big Mama). He gave me my cb handle of Babe when I was about 4 because he didn't line my current one of Bratty kid. RIP Mr Bear

Joy Allen - April 13, 2020 at 12:54 PM

TC

“ *The Members of the Sacandaga Boating Club purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Robert D. Montenaro.*



The Members of the Sacandaga Boating Club - April 13, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CD

“ *Such a sweet, kind hearted man So very sorry for your loss Diane and family. What a long, good life he had. Carol and Greg DeLorme*

Carol DeLorme - April 13, 2020 at 11:29 AM

SR

“ *Prayers to the family I enjoyed playing cards with Bob and the Furmans; he truly was a gentle man and will be missed. Sandra Riter*

Sandra Riter - April 13, 2020 at 11:16 AM

LT

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad and Grandfather! My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Liz Tesiero - April 13, 2020 at 10:52 AM

NR

“ *Dear Diane and family, So sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He was quite a guy and lived a long full life. How he liked going fishing with us out to Lake Ontario. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy Rodenmacher.*

Nancy Rodenmacher - April 13, 2020 at 10:41 AM

JA

“ *Bob will be sincerely missed. His presence at the Sacandaga Boating Club was legendary. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

Joanne Micki Agresta - April 13, 2020 at 10:36 AM

KT

“ Bob would walk every morning while we camped at the boat club and wave and say good morning. We were blessed to have known him, he will be missed by many. Prayers to his family, friends and his church. God Bless you Bob, may you rest in peace 🙏🙏

Kenny and Cindy Thomas - April 13, 2020 at 10:33 AM

BD

“ What a wonderful man ! We will all miss him. I'll always remember him walking around the boat club getting his exercise in while holding his rosary beads and praying the Rosary. He was always serving the Lord. Heaven was waiting for him. RIP Bob 🙏

Our Deepest Sympathy,
The Dalmata Family

Barb Dalmata - April 13, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ There are so many memories of your family and mine it's hard to know where to start. But the most poignant is when you father stood so regally at my father's casket as a Knight of Columbus. Bob was a kind, generous man always happy to see us when our paths crossed. He brought comfort and good memories whenever we talked, and later whenever he was in Boscors and saw my daughter-in-law he always asked her to say hi to us. I know he will be missed. Our sincere condolences to you all.

David and Janice Morrow (Messineo)

Janice Morrow - April 13, 2020 at 08:01 AM

MJ

Mr. montanaro was a kind, caring man. Always ready to greet everyone as they entered St. Josephs church. He loved his church family.

Marlene Junquera - April 13, 2020 at 05:09 PM

DW

Diane and family,
So very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Bear. Always a hello and kind words. He will be missed by many.
Thinking of you Diane 💙💛💛

Donna Waltzer - April 16, 2020 at 07:53 PM