



## Robert L. DeRosa

June 30, 1959 - March 10, 2018

Robert L. DeRosa, 58 of Great Kills passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at home.

Born Tuesday, June 30, 1959 in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of Louise (Ruscillo) DeRosa and the late E. Robert DeRosa .

Robert, a Broker for the Royal Canadian Bank, was a dedicated family man. He was an avid Model Car Racer and Model Rocket Flyer.

Rob's true calling was as a HAM Radio Operator, his call sign WA2VMO was his alter ego, sharing and talking with people all over the world.

Rob has been a HAM Radio operator since the age of 13, and followed suit when he joined the Coast Guard in 1980 and held the rank of Radioman Third Class.

An animal lover Rob lived not only for his family but his pets, especially his Dog.

His friends remember Rob as unique and individual, always willing to lend a helping hand, and always up for a good laugh.

He was the beloved husband of 32 years to Diane (Miller) DeRosa.

Loving father of Vincent DeRosa and Nicole DeRosa. Dear father in law of Stephanie Ho, Cherished brother of John DeRosa, Carole Sussman and his twin brother the late Dominick DeRosa.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, March 12, 2018, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Donations in Robert's Memory may be made to the National PKU Association online at [www.npkua.org/donate](http://www.npkua.org/donate)

or

Send donations by mail to: National PKU Alliance, PO Box 1872, Eau Claire, WI 54702

For more information on donations, please call 715-495-4008

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Visitation

MAR 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Clare Church  
110 Nelson Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10308



# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. DeRosa*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Rob's passing, was best friend of big brother John ( Mad Dog) DeRosa, John give me a call... dude*

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**Andrew DelCora** - September 18, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *To Bob's wife and kids,*

*I just learned about Bob's passing through a mutual friend. I met Bob while working at BBH in the Corporate Actions Dept in New Jersey in the mid 90s. I must say he was truly a great guy to work with and always had a smile on his face even during crunch times in our department. Just truly a Great Man and always willing to go for a drink after work. May you Rest in Peace Bob.*

*With deepest condolences  
Johnny Mejia*

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**Johnny Mejia** - April 07, 2018 at 12:17 PM

NI

“ I worked with Bob for 9 years at RBC. He was one of the nicest guys I have ever known. Such a giant teddy bear of a guy, always smiling, and so kind to everyone. I just found out that he passed away. I am so sad. I was very lucky to have been his coworker for so many years. Much love to his family. You had a great guy there. May he rest in eternal peace. God Bless

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**Niamh** - March 13, 2018 at 09:30 PM

MI

“ To Bob's family

*My condolences to all of you, i worked in Corporate Actions @ BBH with Bob back in the 90's. He was one of best guys I ever had the pleasure of working with,his sense of humor and great personality made some very rough times bearable. A truly great guy,may he ever rest in peace . Will miss you Bob*

*Mike Scura*

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**Mike** - March 13, 2018 at 01:16 PM

TY

“ I am at a loss for words. I worked with Bob for a number of years and he was always able to brighten each day by being his hilarious self...he will be missed. My prayers goes out to his family, friends and all those who knew him.

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**Tymer** - March 12, 2018 at 11:40 PM

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“ Bob was the Best man at my wedding and he was my Elmer too KC2BGI Maria Paternostro (Doscher) .Diane, Nicole, Vinny my heart goes out to you in deep sorrow for the loss of Robert , husband,dad, all around great friend. may he alway be in our hearts and his soul will rest in peace.



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**Maria Paternostro (Doscher)** - March 12, 2018 at 10:31 PM

AM

“ Alison Guarinello - Marino lit a candle in memory of Robert L. DeRosa



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**alison guarinello - marino** - March 12, 2018 at 09:08 PM

AL

“ I was blessed to know Bob and call him my friend. I met him at RBC and he was one of the kindest and friendliest individuals I have ever met. I always enjoyed speaking with him and just joking about anything. He always laughed at my jokes eventhough they probably weren't all that funny. Never once had I ever seen him without a smile or in a bad mood. The world truly lost a great man and I will miss him. My condolences to the DeRosa Family.

*Alfredo*

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**Alfredo** - March 12, 2018 at 04:16 PM

MI

“ Bob and I became friends over the past 3 years when I joined RBC in Toronto, Canada.

We worked together on Corporate Actions.

Over the years as we talked about work, we talked about family.

I will miss Bob dearly and our chats about family and dance stories when his daughter was growing up and he always teased me about being one of those moms on the TV.

Bob was a great story teller and I loved to hear those stories, I will truly miss hearing them.

Rest in Peace my friend.

To his family, no words can say enough, just remember the good times and hope that it brings you peace as time goes on.

Misheal

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**Misheal** - March 12, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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“ CAD GEDA team (Sharon, Flora, Ryan, Kyle & Roger) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert L. DeRosa.



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**CAD GEDA team (Sharon, Flora, Ryan, Kyle & Roger)** - March 12, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert L. DeRosa.



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March 12, 2018 at 10:03 AM

MS

“ *Mj Schanne lit a candle in memory of Robert L. DeRosa*



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**Mj schanne** - March 11, 2018 at 11:22 PM

MS

“ *I met Rob through my "Elmer" Chris, WA2PLQ. I guess Rob was an Elmer to me as well. They were not the usual (stuffy) hams and we had great times raising some hell on and off the air. Many nights in my basement or Chris' were times well spent. Rob particularly had no time for animosity toward anyone, Just an upbeat, honest guy. WA2VMO (Very Modest Operator) was such a well suited moniker for Rob. We missed him during his years in the CG. Although distance and life gets between friends sometimes, we never forget. Hearing about his marriage and family was a very good thing. Our prayers are with Diane and his children now as this loss is too soon to yet comprehend. Our sincerest condolences to all his friends and family.*

*Mark Sedutto*

*KA2QFX*

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**Mark Sedutto** - March 11, 2018 at 11:20 PM

PM

“ To cousin Robert’s family. It has been many many years since I have seen my moms side of the family. I can remember Johnny, Carole and the twins Robert and Dominick as they lived next door to our family. Carole was my maid of honor and godmother to our son Ben. We moved to different states throughout the years I remember the fun times with uncle Bobby playing the guitar and all of our singing Rest In Peace cousin until we meet again



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**patti monachino** - March 11, 2018 at 09:09 PM

JM

“ Johnny and Maria purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Robert L. DeRosa.



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**Johnny and Maria** - March 11, 2018 at 08:50 PM

JG

“ To Roberts Family  
I am so sorry to learn about Robert's passing. He is our cousin and have not been in touch for a while. Wishing his family our deepest sympathy.



*Love to all*

*Joe Sue Guarinello and family*

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**Joe Guarinello** - March 11, 2018 at 08:41 PM

MA

“ When Bob and I met at our first job as co-workers, we were located near China Town. One day we went to pick up lunch in China Town and another co-worker asked Bob to pick up something for him. When we got there, I asked Bob what we were picking up and he couldn't remember exactly what it was called. He could only remember "double Ball". I was skeptical of the name of the food but went along with it anyway. When we arrived at a bakery, Bob made me promise that when we got inside that I stay by his side while he asked for the "double ball". So with fingers crossed behind my back, I said OK. When we got to the counter, a young lady asked if she can help us. At that moment I lost control and wanted to bust out laughing, so I walked away from Bob to a corner of the store to let it out. Meanwhile I heard Bob asking the young lady for the "double ball" and that's when I lost it. The young lady had a look on her face like she was looking at 10 heads, then asked him to repeat it, and he did. Long story short, we ended up walking out of the bakery empty handed and Bob pissed at me for leaving him hanging at the counter. This story was told to co-workers many times over our years working together with Bob's reluctant consent. He had a great sense of humor that will always remain fond to me. Bob was a great friend, and respected family man who believed in old school tradition. He will be missed by many.

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**Manny** - March 11, 2018 at 04:19 PM

AF

“ Always, Manny Juanilla and family. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Robert L. DeRosa.



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**Always, Manny Juanilla and family.** - March 11, 2018 at 03:52 PM

JF

“ *Jim Filippazzo lit a candle in memory of Robert L. DeRosa*



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**Jim Filippazzo** - March 11, 2018 at 02:49 PM

JF

“ *I remember the days, when our group got our radio licenses, we would gather in Mark's KA2QFX basement apt and play radio to wee hours and joking around. When he found out I joined the Air Force in 1978, he would kid me, military not for me...2 yrs later he joined the Coast Guard. We had a great laugh about it...!!. Later in the years, many Amateur Radio Field Days with the KCRA radio club in Brooklyn. Always a KISS fan, Simmons, LOL..My sister Celeste and I will miss him dearly...Was a great man ...ALWAYS...!!!*

*Jim Filippazzo  
WB2YMU*

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**Jim Filippazzo** - March 11, 2018 at 02:45 PM