



## Mr. Robert "Bob" Baccaro

June 26, 1953 - October 9, 2025

Robert "Bob" Joseph Baccaro, 72, of Dalton, passed away peacefully at his home on October 9, 2025, following a brief illness. Born in New Britain, Connecticut, on June 26, 1953, Bob was the beloved son of Steven and Louise (Sokolowski) Baccaro.

Bob graduated from Berlin High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), where he was a proud member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. His sharp intellect, practical nature, and curiosity led him to a long and successful career in production management, where he worked for a variety of manufacturing companies. Bob was known for his calm leadership, problem-solving mind, and his ability to bring people together to get the job done.

After retiring at age 60, Bob fully embraced retirement—approaching it with the same focus, humor, and heart that he brought to everything in life. He found joy in simple pleasures: a sunny day on the golf course, a quiet morning by the water with a fishing rod, or a competitive game of cribbage among friends. Bob was also a passionate amateur meteorologist. Many people depended on Bob's weather warnings that endeared him to all. Bob was the most prepared guy with a "go bag" for every occasion. No one ever got cold or wet with Bob around.

## A Life Blessed by Love and Family

Bob was blessed to have shared his life with a remarkable and loving family. His wife, Lorene (Erb) Baccaro, who predeceased him in 2003, was his devoted partner and the loving mother of their children, Brian Baccaro and Brenna Baccaro. Together, they built a foundation of love, and enduring family traditions. Bob was a devoted Dad and loved his children with all of his heart. Both of his children found great spouses to build lives with—Brian with Virginia Lijewski and Brenna with Yves Philtjens.

In later years, Bob found love again with his life partner of sixteen years, Carolyn Valli. Their relationship was one of deep companionship, laughter, mutual respect, and shared purpose. Together, they shared a close connection with their families—his adult children and hers, Jessica, Jacqueline, Jeanette, and James, along with their spouses, Kyle and Dan.

Bob took great pride in being a grandfather, taking delight in their energy and curiosity. He was a close part of their lives despite the distance, often travelling to Belgium as “Grandpa Bob” to see Isabelle and Nora (Brenna and Yves), as well as to Oregon as “Papa” to see Simon (Jeanette and Dan).

He also maintained a deep bond with his mother, Louise Baccaro, whom he lovingly called every day, and shared lifelong closeness with his sisters, Linda Baccaro and Martha Stockman (Donald). He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Bell Erb, his sister-in-law Lynn Erb, and an extended family of nieces, nephews, and friends.

## A Man of Character, Service, and Humor

Bob’s life was defined by his humility, loyalty, and generosity. Bob was always

the first to lend a hand—never looking for credit, just happy to help. Whether it was dropping off coffee, running out for milk and bread, or keeping an eye on things while you were away, he was the neighbor everyone wished they had. No job was ever too big or too small for Bob. His friends and family knew him as someone who could be counted on for wise advice, a dry joke, or a helping hand without hesitation.

A proud volunteer with Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, Bob lived out the organization's mission not through words, but through consistent action and genuine care for others. Whether swinging a hammer or mentoring others, he embodied the belief that community and compassion build stronger foundations than concrete ever could.

Bob loved golf and fishing, but what he loved most was the company they brought—friends who became brothers, laughter that echoed across fairways or lakesides, and stories that seemed to get better each time they were told. A loyal fan of the Yankees, Giants, and Patriots, he navigated the ups and downs of every season with humor and unwavering dedication—just as he did in life.

He was known for his thoughtful advice, his love of old movies, and his ability to make everyone feel at ease. Above all, Bob had an unshakable sense of gratitude—for the people in his life, the opportunities he was given, and the beauty of ordinary days.

## Legacy

Bob's impact can't be measured by titles or possessions, but by the quiet ways he shaped lives around him. He was a steady presence in a sometimes unsteady world, and those who were lucky enough to know him were better

for it. His lessons—of patience, kindness, humor, and humility—will live on through the family he loved, the friendships he nurtured, and the community he helped build.

#### Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Robert “Bob” Baccaro will be Thursday, October 16, 2025, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Dalton, celebrated by the Rev. Brian McGrath, Pastor. Burial will be private.

Calling hours will take place on Wednesday, October 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Dalton, 525 Main St., Dalton, MA 01226. Bob was big on comfort, so please dress in whatever feels right to you.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob’s memory to Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home or on [berkshirehabitat.org/donate-page](http://berkshirehabitat.org/donate-page).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Funeral Service  
525 Main Street  
Dalton, MA 01226  
(413) 684-0215  
information@wellingtonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wellingtonfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
489 Main St.  
Dalton, MA 01226

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Bob was a great uncle to my two sons. We had some wonderful times fishing at the lake together, and staying up late to play card games. Bob is missed by many <3*

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**Donna Ansari** - November 04, 2025 at 03:23 PM

LB

“ *Linda and Bob at Lake having one of Bobs favorite. A Klondike Bar.*



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**Linda Baccaro** - October 18, 2025 at 08:00 PM

LB

“ *Bob and sister Linda having a Bob favorite at our Lake. A Klondike Bar*



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**Linda Baccaro** - October 18, 2025 at 05:13 PM

AR

“ Dear Caroline, Brenna, and Brian.

*I was deeply saddened to learn on of Bob's/your dad's passing. Such a gentle and kind man he was! Always patient, proudly attending Brenna's piano recitals...and a couple for Brian, too! So many years ago now...*

*I am sorry I could not attend Bob's calling hours, but am happy my friend Tom conveyed my sympathies to you on that evening. You truly have been in my thoughts each day. Losing a parent is devastating; losing the second one? Well, my dears, speaking from experience, it takes a while to "get through" it if one ever does. The memories and the love are alive in all of you and in the rest of your family.*

*May God bless you all in these difficult days.*

*With Love and Sincerity,  
Amy Renak*

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**Amy Renak** - October 18, 2025 at 08:22 AM

CP

“ *I just learned of this. I didn't know Bob but I know how much happiness he brought to Carolyn. Carolyn - my thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family.*

*Carolyn Peck (the other Carolyn)*

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**Carolyn Peck** - October 17, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ Hi Mrs. B., Linda, Martha and all Bob's family and friends,

*My condolences are with you in your loss of Bob. I just read the obituary that reflects his life so well-lived - with humility and caring for others, and much more! I went to my Berlin High yearbooks to remind me of past times with Bob and your family and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers tomorrow and ahead, as you both celebrate his life and grieve your loss.*

*Mary (McGurgan) Muhlenhaupt*

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**Mary Muhlenhaupt** - October 15, 2025 at 08:39 PM

LB

*Thanks Mary. You were such a part of our family as I was with yours. Such memories*

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**linda baccaro** - October 16, 2025 at 07:04 PM

LB

*Mary, Thanks so much for reaching out. You were such a large part of our family as I was part of yours. Such memories.. Thanks*

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**Linda Baccaro** - October 17, 2025 at 07:41 AM

MS

“ *Fishing.... Bob has a passion (borderline obsession) about fishing. He would arrive at the lake for our annual family vacations bearing 2 or 3 tackle boxes and several fishing rods. And when he invited you to go out in the boat to fish.... you'd better be prepared for the long haul... it might be hours. Always wish our Dad had been around longer... they could have been great fishing buddies.*

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**Martha Baccaro Stociman** - October 15, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MS

“ *It might come as a surprise to some who know Bob as such a suave, cool dude, but as a teen he was more of the studious (nerdy) type. We can recall our parents teaching him how to dance in our kitchen just prior to his Junior Prom. Not sure how many teens danced the Waltz or Foxtrot at their high school dances.... but if they did... he was ready.*

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**Martha Baccaro Stociman** - October 15, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Memories*



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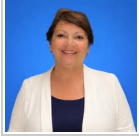
**Tom Sokoloski** - October 14, 2025 at 12:36 PM

LI

*Tom, love this pic.*

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**Linda** - October 15, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ I’ll always remember one of our Oregon adventures — driving through the woods, convinced we’d found a great shortcut. You were at the wheel, teasing us as the gas gauge got lower and lower, joking that whoever was the weakest would be eaten first if we ran out of food. Since I had sprained my ankle the day before, we all knew that meant me — and we laughed until we cried. It was so rare for you not to have checked the gas tank, so we teased you about that for a long time afterward. Of course, we made it safely to our destination, and all was well — but that day, and that laughter, will stay with me always. We love you Bob and know you are at peace. Love Deb & Gregg Darby

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**Debra Darby** - October 14, 2025 at 10:10 AM

EO

“ I loved Bob’s sly sense of humor. His quiet and often cerebral observations of what was going on around him just cracked me up. Bob, you are missed.

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**Erin O’BRIEN** - October 14, 2025 at 09:38 AM

KK

“ My deepest condolences to Carolyn and Brian and Brenna. It was such an honor to know him. I have fond memories of our dinners and game nights. The many New Year’s Eve celebrations, birthdays and barbecues. He and Carolyn were a real team and shared so many great things. Most of all he loved her, her family and my luck, her friends. I will miss him so very much. May you be held in the palm of God’s hand.

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**Kathy Kazura** - October 13, 2025 at 08:30 PM

BC

“ Growing up next to Bob on Raymond drive, my family truly knew his kindness. One of the most gentle compassionate guys I knew growing up. Always letting me get away with sneaking into his pool late at night but still glancing out the window every few minutes to make sure we were ok, always letting me know when would be a good day to ride my snowmobile, and showing me how to swing a club.

*We will miss you dearly Bob, you're what we call a stand up guy.*

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**Blake Carsell** - October 13, 2025 at 07:20 PM

MF

“ Mom (Louise) and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Baccaro.



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**Mom (Louise) and family** - October 13, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LC

“ I am heartbroken. So happy I got to meet Bob at our annual event in Dalton. You are blessed.  
Please know I am thinking about you. ❤️

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**Linda Cernik** - October 13, 2025 at 01:27 PM