



Mr. Robert C. Armata

January 1, 1938 - March 16, 2022

Robert “Bob” C. Armata passed away on March 16, 2022. He was born in Adams on January 1, 1938 to Casimer J. Armata and Gladys V. (Ramocki) Armata. Bob attended Adams High School where he played football and basketball. He was a huge admirer of his basketball coach, Chet Zabek, who he always said taught him so much more than the game. Bob then became the first member of his family to attend college and spent the next four years studying at Colgate University where he was accepted into the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and developed lifelong friendships.

Bob spent his career in the insurance industry. He began his journey with Aetna, in Albany, NY and in 1969, he became a partner in the former Coakley, Pierpan, Dolan & Armata Insurance Agency in North Adams. During his 10 years with CPD&A, Bob served as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Massachusetts and as a member of the Governor’s Select Committee on Auto Insurance reform. He was also a member of the advisory committees of the Aetna, Hartford, Covenant, Commercial Union, Ina and Continental Insurance companies. Bob was an eloquent communicator and was invited as a guest speaker at many insurance forums over the years. Bob contributed locally with a number of organizations, such as Rotary and the Regional School Planning Board. He chaired the Fall Foliage Festival and was involved in Northern Berkshire United Community Services. In 1980, Bob joined Covenant in Hartford, CT as Executive Vice President of Marketing and finished his career as a partner with Brewer & Lord in Boston.

To keep busy in retirement, Bob branched out to other interests. While living in Florida, he worked as a docent at the Sarasota County Botanical Gardens. After moving back to the Berkshires, he once again became involved in local activities and became an advocate for elderly housing in Stamford, VT, worked with the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum on their expansion efforts, volunteered at the Clark Art Museum and provided a sounding board to many other people and organizations.

Bob loved to travel and experience new environments, and had a deep passion for history, and learning, in general. His curiosity led him to many adventures, both within the U.S. and abroad.

Bob had a passion for sports with incredible recall and enjoyed a hot debate with anyone willing to take up the challenge. He proudly coached a North Adams under-dog summer basketball team to the top and was a constant and vocal presence at his daughters' teams and local games.

Bob leaves his daughters by his first wife, Arlene J. Armata; Kathryn Armata (David), Barbara Armata (Eric) and Donna A. Sanford. He was the much loved Dzia Dziu to Skylar Sanford. Bob was very fortunate to reconnect with Carol (Wol) Romaniak, leading to a 19 year marriage. Bob cherished his relationships with Carol and her sons, Thomas (Anne) and Mitchell (Christine) and his step-grandchildren Kelsey Knobel (Ben), Cali and Drew Romaniak . He will be missed by all of us.

Bob is remembered lovingly by his brother and sister-in-law Thomas A. Armata and Mary Armata, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd, at 10:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams. Calling hours are Tuesday from 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Hoosac Valley Regional School District Athletics (HVRSD Athletics) 191 Church St.

Cheshire, MA 01225. To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Cemetery

Bellevue Ave.
Adams, MA 01220

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-0815
jspaciorek@gmail.com
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Liturgy of Christian Burial

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220

Tribute Wall

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“ So saddened to learn of Bob's passing. He was such a kind hearted friend and will be missed dearly. Tara O'Neil-Leeser

Tara O'Neil-Leeser - July 11, 2022 at 01:39 PM

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“ Deeply sorry for your loss...
Sincerely, Theresa, Shannon, Randy, Arlo & Lynh

Theresa K - March 22, 2022 at 04:21 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Armata.



March 21, 2022 at 02:45 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Family



Tom Armata - March 20, 2022 at 11:47 AM

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“ I am who Bob would refer to as his younger brother.

There was an eight year age difference between us which means that we grew up in different generations, both within our family as well as the country and the world. He was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known.

In high school and, when home from college, I remember him coming home filthy, caked on mud from one of his caving adventures. As a result though, he knew every hole in the ground in the Berkshire Hills. His knowledge of history and geography was amazing and his history of Berkshire County was outstanding.

After college we lived in different states all of our lives except for a few years in the late 70s when we both lived outside of Hartford. Ct. We would have lunch together, discuss careers, family and when he departed CT we would see each other at holidays, family gatherings etc., eventually I moved to the south and Bob moved further north.

In the last 25 years or so we became even closer, I guess that at age 60-70 we had a lot more in common. It was at least a weekly phone call and he would inform me of what was happening in the lives of his daughters, granddaughter and Carol as well as occurrences in Adams. He was my link to the area. We would also solve the world's problems in those phone calls, unfortunately, no one ever asked our opinion.

He would also impart his memories of growing up in Adams, relatives I never knew, the history of the family so to speak, the Polish immigration to Adams. He also was very proud of his Polish heritage and was adamant about instilling this in his children as well as me.

He always tried to improve things or the way things were done, whether it be his work in the Massachusetts Insurance Industry, or in retirement as a selectman in Stamford recognized by the

Governor for attempting to attract elderly housing to the town.

He was a good person. I am going to end this with a little analogy that he kept periodically reminding me of, as I spoke this at his wedding. He is probably looking down and saying I cannot believe he is doing this to me again. Carol, no doubt will be saying the same thing.

Here it is!

Life is very similar to walking through a cow pasture. The objective in doing so is to avoid the cow chips, especially the wet ones and of course to avoid the bull lurking somewhere out there.

As we all know, one cannot go through life without stepping in a few cow chips, some are thrown at us, others we just step in. Bob had his share of cow chips, especially the past few years and primarily the past six months or so. The number of cows appear to have multiplied and he was surrounded by cow chips. Last week, trying to avoid the chips, the bull finally found Bob.

I will miss him!

Your younger brother, Tom

Thomas Armata - March 20, 2022 at 10:33 AM