



## Robert Kalinski

July 3, 1942 - March 12, 2016

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Charlotte – Robert Kalinski, 73, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at his home. Bob was born on July 3, 1942 in Newark and spent most of his life in northern New Jersey, working as a machinist for 35 years and raising a family before moving to Charlotte in 2004. There, he enjoyed exploring the local area and volunteering for the Reedy Creek Nature Center, feeding the reptiles, maintaining park literature, filling the bird feeders, and helping at the gift shop and annual Hummingbird Festival.

Before moving to Charlotte, Bob volunteered with The Bee Hive Thrift Shop at Newton Memorial Hospital and The Sharing Network. He was a regular blood donor throughout many years of his life.

He enjoyed the outdoors – birding, watching and playing golf, taking walks, stargazing, grilling, gardening, and composting. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, and spoiling and caring for his many pets over the years.

Bob is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara; a brother, Richard of Voorhees, NJ; a son, Andrew (Mariann) of Mint Hill; and 2 daughters, Jill Sodano (Mike) of Byram, NJ and Karen Benjamin (Mark) of North Plainfield, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the National Kidney Foundation, your local animal shelter or a charity of your choice; donate blood; or do as he would and perform a random act of kindness.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Kalinski*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Robert Kalinski*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



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**Jill Sodano** - March 10, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Never a discouraging word spoken about Robert, except for maybe when he would push the envelope a little, like most of us men do, and Barbara would put him in his place or maybe when he used Marianne's good kitchen towel to wipe barbeque sauce off his hands and face.*

*With his love and compassion for animals, a trait he passed onto Karen, (one of the reasons I fell in love with her) from the birds and deer in Forest Lakes to Little Henry in Charlotte, I know if there is a Heaven, he is there and all of God's creatures he cared for that left before him were waiting to welcome him home.*

**Mark Benjamin** - March 23, 2016 at 05:25 PM

MS

“ Mike Sodano lit a candle in memory of Robert Kalinski



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**Mike Sodano** - March 20, 2016 at 07:22 PM

MS

“ It has been a true honor to know the Kalinski family. They are the greatest family I have ever known. I feel that this is because of the love from both Bob and Barbra and the great upbringing of there children, who are now great adults. Jill has been my wife and best friend for over 27 years and through all that time Bob and Barb have always been great people.

I specifically remember when I asked Bob for his daughters hand in marriage he said.

I Quote. Well if you take her you cant bring her back. That was just his funny way of saying that he approved. I hope!

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**Mike Sodano** - March 20, 2016 at 07:22 PM

MH

“ Mrs. Kalinski, Andrew, Jill, Karen and Richard, I am deeply sorry to read of the loss of your husband, father and brother. Cherish all your precious memories. Always rely on the God of loyal love for comfort.

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**Minnie Hemphill** - March 20, 2016 at 05:29 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kalinski lit a candle in memory of Robert Kalinski*



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**barbara kalinski** - March 20, 2016 at 04:02 PM

PF

“ *My favorite memory of Uncle Bob was the first time we met at my future in laws home. It was getting late and Uncle Bob wanted to head home. He said to Aunt Barbara it's time to go. He then proceeded to sit back down on the couch next to me. I looked at him and said "I thought you were leaving". Uncle Bob said "watch this, I don't get back up until they get to the landing. That should be in about an 45 minutes. You will learn that the Devlin girls like to talk". I laughed. Sure enough he was right. As he got up he said " see, now another 10 minutes on the front porch and we will be good to go".*

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**Paul Fusco** - March 18, 2016 at 06:27 AM



“ *Jill Sodano lit a candle in memory of Robert Kalinski*



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**Jill Sodano** - March 17, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ *My dad was there always. From tying my shoes and telling time to driving a stick shift, he was involved and supportive of every sport and hobby we had. I will always remember the lunches he prepared for me and my pony tails he sent me to school with. I will lucky to have had such a good person to educate me on not judging and accepting all that was provided to me. My dad showed me all the beauty of nature and even though I will miss him, I will always and forever have all of the memories and a huge heart for all the good in the world.*

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**Jill Sodano** - March 17, 2016 at 05:04 PM

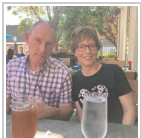


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**lisa m ribardo** - March 17, 2016 at 04:06 PM



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**Jill Sodano** - March 17, 2016 at 03:46 PM

MB

“ I have many fond memories of learning to drive from Bob in forest lakes and going backward on those hills thinking we were going in the lake. I love summer adventures as a young teen babysitting the kids and enjoying the lake and all of you. Barb remember my best friend Debbie. The greasy hair the lake and biting on onion so the guy we met wouldn't like her Bob laughed and laughed when we told him it turned the guy on. I love the clam bakes and happy memories. Much love. he is smiling on us. Our thoughts of love to all. Maryann [maryannblack@ymail.com](mailto:maryannblack@ymail.com) and john [gblack26@yahoo.com](mailto:gblack26@yahoo.com)

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**Maryann black** - March 17, 2016 at 02:49 PM

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**jill sodano** - March 17, 2016 at 01:01 PM

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**jill sodano** - March 17, 2016 at 12:26 PM



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - March 16, 2016 at 03:27 PM