



Robert A. Ortman III

May 8, 1949 - February 12, 2004

Robert A. "Bob" Ortman III, age 54, of Syracuse, New York died Thursday, February 12, 2004 at home.

Robert was born May 8, 1949 in Oneida, New York the son of Robert A. Jr. and Helen (Bowman) Ortman. He was employed for 18 years by Onondaga County Drainage & Sanitation in Syracuse. He enjoyed the outdoors and was very mechanical and handy. His pride and joy were his four grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his wife of 31 years, Linda Legare Ortman; three children, Amy (Jerry) Swanson of Syracuse, New York, Crystal Cowart of Liverpool, New York and Robert (Brandy) Ortman of Syracuse, New York; four grandchildren, Tanner, Caitlyn, Devin and Taylor; his mother, Helen Rudd of Cazenovia, New York; seven sisters: Janet (John) Baker of Georgia, Vicky (Norm) O'Bonnon of Georgia, Donna (Bruce) Shantell of Georgia, Rita (Howard) Rhoades of Florida, Sherry (Robert) Tucker of Erieville, New York, Jackie (Todd) Stevens of Munnsville, New York and Sandy (Greg) Badgley of Weedsport, New York; four brothers, Larry (Melody) Ortman of Oswego, New York, Ron (Barb) Ortman of Canastota, New York, Jerry Ortman of Munnsville, New York and Ken (Carol) Ortman of North Syracuse, New York. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred and Stewart.

Services: Monday, February 16, 2004, 10:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford

Funeral Home, Inc., with Rev. Jim Lorick officiating.

Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Sunday, February 15, 2004, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

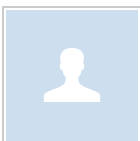
Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert A. Ortman III*

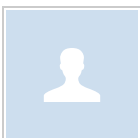


Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - February 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad, It's been 8 years today and I miss you so much. Things have changed so badly in the last 8 years and I know if u were still here, it wouldn't be this way. I think of you everyday more than people could ever realize. I Love you dad. Rest in Peace!*
PS- Happy Valentine's Dad

February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Papa,*
Just thought I would let you know that We all really miss you. I hope you are looking down on us all. Sometimes I wish I could go back in time and change the way this all happened. Now that I am older I understand what happened. I can now write things that I mean. I am missing you like crazy. i think about you all of the time. I know for a fact that my mom (Amy) Misses you like crazy. We all do. I love you very much and I can write more than "I miss you Papa".
Love Always,
Your Fav Grandaughter
Caitlyn

December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Bobby, I just got back on line. I miss you all the time. There is a commerical on tv that has a guy in the background that looks just like you, when you were younger. I love that! Thanks, I think you helped it to happen that way, so we don't forget. We won't. I promise....Love you, Janet

June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ well Bobby, it's been 2 years now.And we all miss you terribly.I can honestly say that there hasn't been a day gone by that I haven't thought of you.I picture you sitting on a bank fishing, and a woodpecker is watching over your shoulder. Love you lots Bobby! our sister Janet

February 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ happy birthday bob...wish i could be spending my time with you ...i miss you more and more with each passing day and they dont seem to pass fast enough for me to be with you again.so until we meet remember i carry you in my heart..forever

May 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Bobby, I just want you to know how often I think about you. And especially sad because of Linda. She has had a terrible week because its was your anniversary this week, and I don't know what to say to her. I wanted so much to call her on your anniversary, but what do I say? And I'm afraid that she will be upset with me for not calling. Oh Bobby, we miss you so much!!!

August 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Bobby, Just a note to say I I'm thinking of you and miss you. Linda and Robert were down to see us this week. We really enjoyed them being here. She is doing as well as she can. She misses you so so very much. But your coming to her thru Jane gave her so much comfort. It gives us all a lot of comfort too, to know that you are not hurting any more. Even though we cannot see you, you are with us every day. When I see woodpeckers I think of you. Only you and Linda know what I mean when I say that. I smile every time I see one, and I have them at my bird feeder every day. And now I will see one by my door when I eneter the house. Linda bought me a woodpecker door knocker.I love it! Thats only one of the little things that remind me of you. I miss you terribly. Love you Bobby...from your sister, Janet

June 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob ..you have and always be the love of my life, Thank you for the greatest gift of your children, from them we have gotten some pretty cute grandkids and our love can live on with them. You will forever be in my heart and i will look forward to being with you someday..just make sure the next house you get finsihed for me so we can sit back and enjoy ...for ever and always I Love You..Linda

March 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Bob, I sure will miss you everytime I go up to Mom's you come up and entertain us with your laughter. That is one thing I seem to remember the most is your laughter and how you had the gift to make other people laugh.I know you are up there smiling that little smile you had.Tell Chris and Papa hi for me. I love you and will miss you very much. Love sis,Vicky

February 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family. Please accept our deepest condolences on your loss.*

February 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bobby, Thanks for leaving behind so much love and such a wonderful family. You were always here for those who needed you and you could always bring a smile and a laugh even in dark times. I will miss you but then again you will never leave my heart. You will live on forever in those that love you so. You were a friend, a brother I never had, and an inspiration for me on how to try to live my life. Oh yeah don't forget about putting in a good word for me to the powers to be. Rmember I need help. We all love you.*

February 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *They broke the mold when they made you Bob. A man that would get off work and drive his crazy wife for 18 hours to meet another crazy woman is really special!! And not just once.....It was so nice to have you in our lives. I think of you Bob and I hear your laugh and I see your smile. Even when we fixed Amy's car together. Or I look at your funny pictures from Westville. I am so glad I got to spend that time with you in your computer room showing me all your pictures this past summer. You sure were proud of them. I think you were meant to be a photographer, and I bet you have your camera going now! I'll never forget you, you'll always be in my heart. If Linda or the kids ever need me they know they can call me.*

February 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I was just told today that Robert Ortman III passed away on thursday the 12th. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and freinds. Even though I didnt know him personally I've known Jackie Ortman for several years and we shared one thing in common the last few months a brother who has and had cancer. It's not an easy thing to go thru losing a loved one but what matters is the people that are there for you afterwards.....Prayers go out to his family for their loss..

February 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Smile, for Bob is sitting on the Lords knee holding up the corners of your mouth to tell you his life on earth was not all bad for he had you for his family and friends. Love to you all, Mary Lynn.

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Bob, you were one of the funniest people that I know. You always made any room you came into brighter. We love you and you will be missed. Tell Papa Kelly misses him. Love you, see you soon..xoxo

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ We love you & we'll miss you!

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ You will be missed greatly. I remember you coming to the house when we were little girls and we had a good time.. I will always remember your smile and uncanny little laugh... I will remember when I lived down near New York City you called me a few times and we just chatted about everything and anything.... I will miss you Bobby, your still one of my favorite cousins.... You are an angel now and god bless you...

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ You will be deeply missed and we love you ever so much.I hope you are free from all the pain, there is such a hole in my heart, we will make sure Linda your beloved wife are taken care of. and the kids.I have one thing that sticks out in my mind about you trying to teach me to drive your old beat up station wagon it was standard shift on the collum all the gears were backwards because you worked on it. Haha i know you were learning to be a mechanic. I will always treasure that driving lesson,well it did work I can still drive a standard shift to this day. I will never forget it. You are so much missed and lovedSandy & Greg

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Bob.You will be in my heart and thoughts forever. I watched your kids grow up to be adults. Our families were together most week ends. We sure did have some good times together. I know you are up in heaven with God, so every now and again, give us a sign to brighten our days.Tell Fred, Stewart, Dad, Grampa & Grama, I said Hi.I'll miss you always.Your Loving Brother-Larry

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ You have my deepest sympathy. My prayer's are with you. God Bless, Sue

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“ Bobby will always be in my heart for all the years of laughter, comfort and understanding that he so willingly gave to me and to so many others. I love you Bob . God Bless.

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“ I will remember the times that you and George just shook your heads at Linda and me, for getting into trouble. I will remember Cowboy Bob. We will be there now and forever for your family. You will be in my prayers.

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“ Bob, my favorite brother-in-law, I have many fond memories of you and your family. You are loved and missed. You will always be in my heart. Larry and I will look after Linda and the children. Bye for now. Love Mel

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“ My family and I would like to send our deepest Sympathy. Mr. Ortman has always been a kind man, and always a joy to talk to. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to befriend his daughter Crystal, and share in their family. May he rest in peace and his family celebrate his memory.

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ it was all too short, but the times we did have were the best. you always made us laugh. we will miss you, but you are up there with the best. see you soon. we love you

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Even though I didnt know Bob very well my heart goes out to his family and the rest of the Ortman family. I still remember most of you when you lived in Erieville and I graduated with Stewart, again I am very sorry for your loss. Pete

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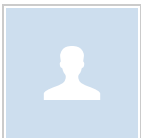
“ Just a note to let you all know you have been and are still in my prayers.

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“ Uncle Bobby, This is such a sad time, buno more pain now. You're up there will all of the people we've lost over the years. There's definitely a void now...we will ALL miss that smile! I have a picture of you when we were all shooting bow & arrows at Uncle Larry's 5 years ago. Those are the times I will remember! See you up there eventually...Love, Samantha & Mike too.

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“ Our time together was too short, I will remember you in my thoughts and prayers.

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“ First you are my cousin, then we became brother-in-laws, most of all you have been and will always be my best friend. I will always cherish the memories that we've shared and will always be there to help your family whenever they need me. Take care of yourself. I will miss you.

February 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Bob was such a good man and had a big heart. He has a great family. He had a great sense of humor and always seemed to make me laugh. I Love him forever and always. Our thoughts with him and his family always.

February 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob, we will remember how you always made us laugh even to the end you always carried that wonderful bright smile. We love you and we will think of you everyday. Don't worry about anything my daddy will take care of you up there!

February 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Bobby, I know we have been brother and sister all our lives and we love each other like brother and sister. The last 7 years we have gotten close. Those are the years that I have learned a lot about family and what it really means to be a big part of family. I love you deeply and I will always cherish the time I have had with you. You are in my thoughts and heart. Love you brother. Your sister , Peachy

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“ *My father was the most loving man you could ever know. I wish that I have told him that I loved him more then i did. So in the future let people that you loved know that you did and tell them every day and keep telling them. I love you dad and thank you for everything that you gave me and did for me I love you more then you know. PLEASE watch over all of us and let us know your there.*

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“ *Bobby, I just want you to know how much I loved you and I thank God for making you one of my brothers. You brought us so much joy and laughter for the last 54 years. Thinking of you will always bring a smile to my face. Bobby, there is so much I want to say but can't get the words to come out right on paper. But you know what is in my heart...it all boils down to that I love you and my heart is breaking in two right now. I will say ""Good morning"" to you every day. And Sonny said to tell you that he had so much fun over the last 31 years teasing you over the pictures he never really had!!!...Bye Bobby, I love you*

February 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim & I have known Bob & Linda for many years. Our sons grew up together. Bob was one of the best dad's we had a pleasure of meeting. He was always involved in his kids lives, and when we'd stop by to ask an automotive question, Bob and Robert were usually tinkering in the garage, working on something together. To Linda, the love you had for Bob was always evident, as was his for you. To Amy, and Crystal, you were his daughters. Daughters are very special to their dad, and we know that he loved you both very much. To Robert, you were very lucky to have such a wonderful loving father. We really enjoyed seeing the two of you working together. We didn't see much of that with alot of other kids your age, and as parents ourselves, it meant alot. Bob was a devoted family man, and a wonderful provider for his family, and he will dearly be missed, but we'd like you to remember that he was very proud of you all, and will watch over you! His life will live on in his kids, and grandkids! God Bless You, Bob!

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“ You will be greatly missed. We had a lot of fun togther as kids. I remember all of the time we spend togther.

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“ Big Bro,I am so sad, but that is alright, I will heal. Fred, Stewart, and Chris, and Papa needed you to come home with them. Tell Papa I miss him terrible, and that I am doing ok. You are alright now, the O team is in charge now, they have you under your wing. Well, Bro I will be seeing you soon, and until we meet take care and I love you forever. I'll always remember what ya told me Feb 7th, and that I was number #1, in your eyes. Thanks for being my brother, I will never forget you, Bobby..... Love Always Your Lit' Baby Sister,Jackie

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“ Hey,papa I just want you to know that I love you very much and you will always be in my thought's and memories forever and say hi to my uncle Karl for me and tell him that I love him too. I will be thinking about you and I will see you later.God bless you,papa

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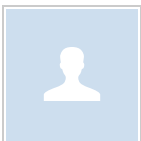
“ Please accept our deepest condolences on your loss.

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“ Dad, I love you. And I miss you so much. You left us with alot of great memories and they will never be forgotten. I am so glad that I was able to spend the time that we did. Happy Valentine's Day Dad!

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“ I love you Papa.

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“ Dear Jackie, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. May the love of God comfort you. Love, Janet

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“ you didn't know me much but I've heard alot of things good about you. I wish I could of had the chance to know you. Please watch over my mom .Love your neice Candy

February 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss you more than you know. Please watch over all of us. We will see you soon.

February 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob, This is the first time I have done this online and I am not one of your family relatives - I guess that does not really matter. I am part of your "" work family "" at Drainage & Sanitation - forget that new name Water Environment Protection. Who thought that one up anyhow? On Thursday and Friday there were many tears of love shed and some stories told by Big Al and Steve Moltion and Sandy and Mike Halczyn -these tales were filled with laughter and joy from the "" gift of your life at work"". Happiness, genuineness, caring, and, of course, eating way too much for lunch. Meeting some of your children and grandchildren has shown me that you were a very blest and loved papa. When you see my mom in heaven - she died in February 9 years ago - have a beer and a cigarette with her - tell her I love and miss her so much that it hurts daily but I know that she is in a place that holds no more pain and for that I am grateful. Thanks for taking the time to get to know me and I am glad to have helped you with your retirement paperwork. You will be missed by all who have known you. Sincerely Diana

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Bob 2 years ago . What a wonderful and brave man . He will be missed by many

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“ Hey Uncle Bob, It's me Jeremy. So how has it been lately. I've been thinking of you very much lately. Make sure that you tell Papa hi for me, cause I miss him a whole lot, but dont forget, I miss you just as much as papa. Just remember that you'll always be here with me no matter what. I won't forget all the times that we had together. Well, you can tell Uncle Stewart and Uncle Fred and Cousin Chris that i'll be thinking of them too. So, don't forget your with me at times. Well I'll talk to you later, Ok so I love you so much. Tell Papa I love him too.

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