



Mr. Robert K. Bolia

March 5, 1948 - April 15, 2021

On April 15, 2021 Robert K. Bolia (Norfolk, NY) took his final checkered flag. Robert passed away at UVM Medical Center in Burlington, VT at the age of 73. He was born on March 5, 1948 in Malone, NY to Kenneth F. and Frances M. (Soucia) Bolia. He attended Chateaugay Schools.

Robert is survived by his partner of 34 years, Sandra Haggett; his sons, Scott Bolia and Lisa Caskinette of Massena, Michael and Amy Bolia of Winthrop and Michael Haggett of South Portland, Maine. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Michael Bolia, Jr., Anthony Bolia and Makayla Bolia, all of Massena and Abigail and Isabel Haggett of South Portland, Maine.

Robert's extended family includes Codi and Amanda Burnett, Cora Burnett, Andrew and Andon Forget, all of North Lawrence; Ashley, Luke and Ensley Breault and Brett Mitchell, all of Massena along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Robert was predeceased by his parent and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Robert served in the U.S. Navy Seabees in Vietnam, then came home and served 20 years, retiring as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves, Massena.

Robert worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation at the St. Lawrence Seaway as a heavy equipment/crane operator, retiring after 37 years in 2006. He was a devoted union member of AFGE Local 1968. Robert was a lifelong member of the American Legion Post 79 and served as advisor to the Sons of the Legion.

Robert enjoyed co-coaching basketball and watching his grandkids play sports.

In his fifties, Robert finally followed a passion he always had for racing, he became an active race car driver at Mohawk International Speedway and then moved into being the pit steward there for several years. Countless weekends had Bob glued to the tv watching all the tiers of Nascar and he attended numerous Nascar races over the years in New Hampshire and Virginia.

Bob's passion for racing then drew him to the Northern New York Lawn Mower Racing Association, serving as their pit steward for many recent years.

To know Bob was to love him. A more kind and honest soul you would be hard pressed to find.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Thursday, April 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. Military honors will be provided at 7 p.m. In accordance with current health restrictions, those in attendance are asked to observe the use of facial coverings and social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory would be appreciated to any Veteran's association.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Bob was a great guy. From being at Mohawk to lawnmower racing, to hearing his nascar trip stories. We have alot of great memories. We will miss the times Bob would stop by to chat and vent about racing, and shared some wonderful laughs with him.
Harley Brown and Family

Harley Brown - April 30, 2021 at 08:50 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry Sandy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lori Curran - April 23, 2021 at 06:35 PM

JJ

“ Jean Jarvo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert K. Bolia



Jean Jarvo - April 22, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert K. Bolia.



April 21, 2021 at 11:35 PM

SF

“ My condolences to Bob's family. I served with Bob for many years while assigned to B Co. , 479th Engineers as one of the unit's officers. It was a pleasure to work with him. May he rest in peace.

Steve Fetcie, CPT, EN, USAR

Steve Fetcie - April 21, 2021 at 03:43 PM

DB

“ Served with Bob for four years while I was stationed in Massena Company B as active duty liaison. Bob was one of my top NCO's and was always first in line when ever needed on and off duty. I salute you Bob and rest in piece my friend. SFC Dick Borgia and Janis Borgia.

Dick Borgia - April 21, 2021 at 01:32 PM

SA

“ Sandy, I am so sorry and saddened to hear about Bob's passing. He was such a great guy and will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Please take care.

Susan Ashley - April 21, 2021 at 12:39 PM

BC

“ Scott and Family, We are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. We always talked with him at New Hampshire and Mohawk Speedways. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Herb Ducolon, Brenda Chapman

Brenda Chapman - April 21, 2021 at 10:08 AM

TL

“ Sandy

I was very sorry to hear that Bob passed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Bob always stopped in to talk to me about NASCAR and even though we never agreed on who the best driver was, we always had fun talking about it. I don't think that I ever heard Bob have a bad word to say about anybody. What a nice man!

Tom Lavigne

Thomas A Lavigne - April 21, 2021 at 09:41 AM

RS

“ *Bobby and I shared many a laugh, he was real. And gave me much needed advice more then once. When he spoke I knew what he was saying he ment, you were a quite gentle sole and I enjoyed your friendship. sorry for your loss sandy.*

Robert staires - April 20, 2021 at 08:17 PM

PB

“ *Peter Bashaw purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Mr. Robert K. Bolia.*



Peter Bashaw - April 20, 2021 at 07:48 PM

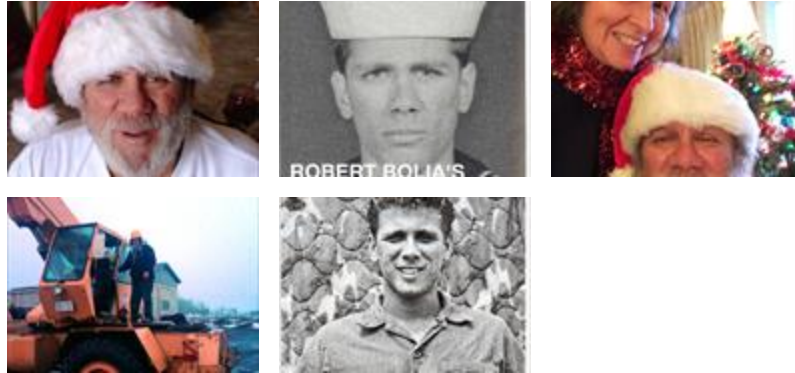
KL

“ *I am so sorry Sandy. Please know my thoughts are with you. k*

Karl Livingston - April 20, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SH

“ 20 files added to the album Memories Album



Sandy Haggett - April 20, 2021 at 01:22 PM

A,

“ Sending Love and prayers to Bobs family, he was always the friendliest face to see at our lawnmower races , and the first to sneak whatever sweet candy you had , preferably sour patch kids . Racing family won't be the same , rest easy bob

Amanda , Alex ,Sydney - April 20, 2021 at 12:55 PM

GD

“ Thinking of the Family and Friends of Bob, he was one of a kind and never hesitated to pick on me at the Lawnmower Races. He will certainly be missed, and there will never be another pit steward like you, Bob.

Gracyn Denny - April 20, 2021 at 12:22 PM

RD

“ So sorry to hear of Bobs passing Sandy,he was one of the most gentle men i've ever worked with.He would always stop and visit when he came to visit his dad. Bob & Melody DeLong

Robert DeLong - April 20, 2021 at 10:02 AM

TP

“ *Very sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. We got to know him when our son raced for many years with NNYLMR with Bob as the pit steward. We shared stories of visits to Maine. Very sorry for your loss.*

Tommy and Kim Phillips

Tommy & Kim Phillips - April 20, 2021 at 08:43 AM

BG

“ *My condolence to Sandy and family. Bob was such a kind mild mannered man. I have many fond memories of working with him. One not so fond memory was when he smacked the #4 turn concrete wall at Mohawk in his beloved #43. It was a hard hit and he just shrugged it off. I think I was more scared than he was. RIP Buddy.*

Bob Ghostlaw - April 20, 2021 at 08:18 AM

TJ

“ *Sandy, How sad to see Bobs' passing. He was a good friend at the Seaway!*

Terry Jordan

Terry Jordan - April 20, 2021 at 08:01 AM

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“ *AFGE Local 1968 purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Robert K. Bolia.*



AFGE Local 1968 - April 19, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert K. Bolia.*



April 19, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Sandy and Family, so sorry to hear about Bob, such a sweet and nice man, John and I send our Condolence. Sending prayers and Bob may you RIP.*

Sharon & John Childs - April 19, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *Sadly I won't be able to attend just know my thank and prayers are with you at this very sad time. Rest easy Robert.*
Betty LaBelle

Betty LaBelle - April 19, 2021 at 03:25 PM



Scott, Michael and Family
So sorry to hear of Bob's passing .I will always remember him by his kindness and great smile. He was such a sweet man .May he RIP.

Jean Jarvo - April 22, 2021 at 12:31 PM