



## Robert Joseph Rossi

January 27, 1949 - December 16, 2020

Robert J. Rossi

Age 71, of Marseilles, IL, formerly of Minooka and Braidwood, IL passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Morris Hospital. Born January 27, 1949 in Joliet, IL to the late Peter S. and Josephine (nee Balagna) Rossi. Bob graduated from Joliet West High School with the Class of 1967. He formerly worked for Fentool in Joliet and Jemco Engineering in Minooka. Bob had a love for cars, he especially enjoyed his 1966 Chevelle. He was an excellent mechanic that always had answer for anyone that needed his advice and his shop was a very popular meeting place for anyone interested in cars.

Surviving are two brothers, Stephen Rossi of New River, AZ and Peter (Jan) Rossi of Morris; one sister Mary (John) Ogg of Braidwood; and numerous extended family, cousins, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Visitation for Bob will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Monday, December 21, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Committal services will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Braidwood.

All attendees are required to wear face coverings, follow social distancing

guidelines, and due to the capacity requirements, please be brief with your condolences to allow other guests to pay their final respects.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to a local charity of your choice would be appreciated.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory  
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336  
[www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery-Braidwood

Essex Road  
Braidwood, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Braidwood, IL 60408  
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# Tribute Wall

NB

“ This is Gene Briscoe... I met Bob when in high school. His best friend is Ron Hostert. Ron and I met in HS.. and we became best friends as well... In Fact, Ron became my best man when I married Judy Baltz.

I remember Bob's big smile .. and his laugh... nothing seemed to bother him. He was so intelligent on cars, engineering ideas.. and repairs. I worked for Bob's father at the Rossi Motel.. and I drove a dump truck when they were digging the pond behind the motel and hauling the dirt to the corner of RT 52 and Frontage Road... They created a building pad for the future home of Rick's RV. Lots of laughs and good times in the old shop on the hill. Judy worked in the coffee shop for a year or so during the same time.

The Rossi family was always good to me and Judy. We held our wedding reception at the motel large dining room.

My deepest sympathy to the Rossi Family

N.Gene Briscoe

108 Rivers Edge Ct

Minooka 60447

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**N.Gene Briscoe** - December 26, 2020 at 12:55 PM

TS

“ Bob was the wonderful brother I never had for over 50 years, and that included his fantastic Family. In the early years, his home was my second home including the shop behind the motel where we spent many hours. Bob taught me many things, from working on cars to playing Euchre! We partied, went fishing, swimming, he almost drowned me a couple of times but it was all in great fun! He made friends easily, and was the most generous and giving person you could ever meet.

Rest in peace Bob, you will be missed every day by all of us.

Tom Sedivy

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**Tom Sedivy** - December 22, 2020 at 06:13 PM

RA

“ Steve all of us offer our sincere sympathy on the passing of your brother. He must have been a wonderful person --so many great comments and memories listed from friends. Steve we do wonder how you have been. We will never forget the fun we had at your farm. Remember when you parachuted in to the party. Great times and good memories.  
Take care and again, our condolences.

*Rita Ardaugh, Bernadette Ardaugh, Theresa Ardaugh Christofaro,  
Jim Ardaugh*

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**Rita Ardaugh** - December 22, 2020 at 09:09 AM

EV

“ Pete, Jan, Steve, Mary, We we so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a great guy who always had a smile on his face! He was an incredible asset to Jemco Engineering and the Tool Shop guys. The memories and tributes truly express what a fine person he was. Rest In Peace Bob.

*Ed and Nancy Vanderhoof*

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**Ed and Nancy Vanderhoof** - December 21, 2020 at 02:46 PM

KK

“ To Pete, Mary, and Steve, so sorry to hear of Bobs passing. He is one of the finest people to ever walk on the face of the earth!  
Sincerely Jane and Ken Kennedy

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**ken kennedy** - December 21, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JM

“ Hey Bob.

*I was not expecting this so soon. I guess this is the new way we say goodbye to our friends.*

*I imagine you are out of that wheel chair and walking around painless now. That has to be great.*

*Once you get settled up there and start to know your way around check out the race tracks for me.*

*I hope to make it there someday and I will be looking for someone to show me around.*

*Until we meet again.*

*Murph*

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**Jerry Murphy** - December 21, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JD

“ Jeff Deardurff

*Deepest condolences to Mary, Pete and Steve.*

*Brother Bob as his good friends called him and that's a lot of us! I was lucky when in 1972, when I met Bob and his family that changed my life forever. Bob did so much for my Drag Racing Years and my life after that as well. He will always be in my heart as the best !*

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**Jeff Deardurff** - December 20, 2020 at 10:22 PM

RH

“ *Ron Hostert*

*Deepest condolences to Mary, Peter, Steve, and relatives. Ross and I had been friends for a total of 62 years. We actually were inseparable from 5th grade on. We were blessed to have such a close bond. We did everything together : fish, swim, hunt, drag race, ride motorcycles, repair cars and party. He served as my best man at my wedding and even worked as a tool and die maker with me everyday for 25 years.*

*A few years ago we started playing poker with the guys once a month. We not only played cards, but also had many laughs. We even had time to solve all the world problems at these games or so we thought.*

*Ross would do anything for anyone. He had a big heart.*

*Bob, we will all miss you. A day won't go by that I won't be thinking of you.*

*Rest in peace, my friend.*

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**Ron Hostert** - December 19, 2020 at 11:44 PM

RM

“ *Bob was truly a person you were glad to have known in your lifetime. He was always there to listen if you had a problem, yet he never complained about any issue he was having. Whenever I visited, he always asked how my family and I were doing. I really think God called Bob home because he needed someone to fix Santa's sleigh or one of his angel's modes of transportation. Bobby would fix anything! He was a true friend, and he will be greatly missed!*

*-Ron McMillin and Family*

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**Ron McMillin** - December 19, 2020 at 03:02 PM

BH

“ We've known Bob for over 50 years. He has always been a great friend and fun to be with whether we were fishing, crashing model air planes or playing cards. We will miss him. Sincerely, Kathy and Bob Hlavacek

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**Bob & Kathy Hlavacek** - December 18, 2020 at 10:39 AM

RE

“ Bob was the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off his back. We have a lot of good memories of being out in the shop behind the hotel on Friday, and sometimes Saturday nights working on our cars with all the rest of the guys. Sometimes we'd go into the bar and drink Andeker beer. Chuck (Chuckypoo) was the bar tender. Then after the pool closed at 10pm for the hotel guests, we would go in and swim and Bob's mom would make pizzas. Sometimes we'd be in the shop and it would be getting late and someone would say "let's go to Joe's for hot dog's. We'd all get in our cars and go. Then there were the parties out by the shop. I'll never forget the "purple passion punch". That went down pretty easy, but boy it packed a wallup when it hit you. I think it must have been the 190 proof Everclear Alcohol. Everybody always had a good time, and nobody got in any trouble. Bob will surely be missed by a lot of people. Ray and Pam Eich

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**Ray Eich** - December 18, 2020 at 10:13 AM