



## Robert "Bob" Colucci

November 1, 1941 - December 28, 2025

Robert (Bob) Colucci died unexpectedly December 28th, 2025. Bob was born November 1st, 1941, to Raffael Colucci and Helene (DiModugno) Colucci. Bob was born an identical twin, 3 minutes after his twin Ralph. The twins were known for their humor, intelligence, and kindness and for their incredible bond to one another. Ralph died in September of 2021.

Bob, a lifelong Connecticut resident, graduated from Conard High School in 1959 and from Wesleyan University in 1963 with a degree in Literature. Bob was an expert in the written word, a lover of words as art and a voracious reader. Bob wrote poetry his entire adult life, working on a master poem until his last day.

After graduating from Wesleyan, Bob traveled around Europe and upon returning home eventually began working at the Hartford Superior Court as a Family Relations Officer in 1967. Bob's intelligence, compassion, commitment to truth and justice and his ability to connect with people, proved to be invaluable to not only families going through divorce but to the whole divorce system in Connecticut as divorce mediation was just becoming an option for families. It was said Bob could settle the most complicated divorces in half the time it would take in the courts with litigation. Bob was called "a miracle worker" amongst court officials and lawyers. Many of the family members Bob guided through the process noted Bob's ability to listen to both sides and his

passion for justice. Bob developed a formula for calculating alimony, and it is known as “the Colucci Rule” in Hartford County. Bob eventually became the Supervisor of the Family Relations Division at the Superior Court of Hartford. Bob retired in 1997, 2 months shy of 30 years of service. It is estimated that Bob helped settle 35,000+ divorce cases during his tenure. Bob continued with private mediation for several years after retirement.

Although prominent and successful in his career, his poetry was his true calling and love. Bob wrote his poetry, mostly out in the natural world, at his favorite places: Elizabeth Park, Charlestown Beach in Rhode Island, the country roads of the Berkshires and Western Connecticut and the Connecticut shoreline.

Bob is survived by his daughters Lisa Kula and husband Jonathon of Farmington CT, Alison DiPinto and husband Dennis, of Brookfield CT and niece Robin Colucci of Old Lyme CT. Bob is also survived by his 3 grandchildren, Ethan Kula, Zoe DiPinto and Gabriella DiPinto and his grandnephew, Dylan Hoffman and grandniece, Maya Hoffman. Bob is survived by numerous beloved cousins from both the Colucci lineage and the DiModugno lineage

Bob was predeceased by his twin brother Ralph and his lifelong best friends, Daniel Romanos and Don Cosham. May you now forever be together.

~“May God bless and keep you always. May Your wishes all come true. May you always do for other and let others do for you. May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung. May you stay Forever Young“~ Bob Dylan

To honor Bob’s memory, donations can be made to St Jude’s Hospital or Elizabeth Park Conservancy.

Memorial services for Bob will be set for a future date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't get to know Bobbie for very long but I work as a server for the Wood N' Tap. Bobbie would come in once a week or so and would oftentimes call the restaurant and ask if I was serving before coming in. Having lost so many important people in his life over the years, Bobbie would often come into the restaurant having a hard time dealing with that fact. Bobbie's mood would always turn around when him and I started exchanging stories and cracking jokes. He always made sure to leave a great tip and even would even go out of his way to leave money for the rest of the staff. Bobbie was a great person with a storied and accomplished past. His presence in this world will be greatly missed and hopefully more people will grow up to be like him.

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**Mark Yacavone** - March 10 at 12:41 PM

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“ Bob was a giant in the Hartford Family Court. His innovation and his people skills were incomparable. He made the lives of Judges and lawyers so much easier. But what he really accomplished with his extraordinary mediation skill was to allow people to move on with their lives in a positive way. Feeling that fairness prevailed during the most stressful time of their life. And in that accomplishment he silently made the lives of so many children that much better. We were all blessed to have his presence in the Family Court for so many years. RIP my friend. Frank Santy

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**Frank Santy** - January 07 at 09:12 PM

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*Thank you so much for this Frank!*

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**Alison Colucci DiPinto** - January 08 at 04:37 PM

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“Bobbie was like the father I never had. He was kind and caring and recognized at all ages when someone needed a helping hand or a listening ear. There are several distinct conversations that I remember with Bobbie. One was when I was very young.... Maybe 6? And we walked to the beach in Madison on a moonless night and my young child's mind was open to new discovery: he taught me what a “light year” is. He later recited that story at my wedding on the beach in Madison. I remember playing hearts on Don's porch with his daughters “Ace” ( Lisa) Allie and Robin his niece.... and my nickname came to be “Queen of Aarts”. Bobbie, Ralph and Don taught me the beauty of listening to a record , top to bottem, the likes of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Woody Guthrie and Willie Nelson. The phrases of those songs to appreciate like something to savor in your mouth. He recited his own poetry to me that was rich and vibrant about Nature and life . I learned from him of the richness of all art and the simple beauties of nature. Bobbie , Ralph and Don would share with me their stories of cavorting around NYC in the early sixties beatnik culture , seeing Bob Dylan at small coffee shop hookenanny. He lived a rich life and he found wonder where many of us would “move on to the next thing” I miss you Bobbie. You are now part of the light that shines on me, so i will come to know you there.

- Carol Aarts



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**Carol Aarts** - January 06 at 08:49 PM

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Wonderful memories. Thank you Carol ❤️

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**Alison Colucci DiPinto** - January 08 at 04:38 PM

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“ I was honored to know Bobby as a beloved “Uncle” and Friend. My treasured memories of times together are many. But my favorite is the joyous sound of Bobby and my Dad (Danny) laughing hysterically together - on the phone or sitting together in the kitchen of my childhood home. I will hold this most dear, forever, like the memory of carnival music so alive and filled with love. Our hearts are with Lisa and Ali and the entire family.

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**Alexandra Romanos Chambers** - January 06 at 06:20 PM

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Thank you Ali. What a bond your dad and my dad had. And our families are bonded forever ❤️

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**Alison Colucci DiPinto** - January 08 at 04:40 PM