



## Robert "Bob" J. Rosentel

December 2, 1927 - November 6, 2013

Robert "Bob" J. Rosentel, 85, of Hudson, NH died on Wednesday November 6th, 2013 at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH surrounded by his loving family.

Bob was born on December 2, 1927 in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late Martin and Elizabeth (Finn) Rosentel.

Bob was predeceased by his loving wife, Rosaria "Sadie" Rosentel, and two brothers, Martin and Edward Rosentel.

He served his country honorably during the Korean War in the US Army and was a member of the Hudson VFW, Post 48. He ran Bingo at the Veterans Hospital for many years. Bob was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 5162 in Hudson, and a 4th degree Knight in Assembly 1506. He is a Past Grand Knight of council 4565 in New City, NY. He was a former commander of the Catholic War Veterans, Post 1599 in Brooklyn. Bob was active with the Hudson Seniors and loved bowling with his league.

Robert is survived by three sons, Robert W. Rosentel and wife Penny of Nashua, NH, William Rosentel and wife Lynn of Baldwinsville, NY and Stephen Rosentel and wife Judy of Sandy Hook, CT; a daughter, Elizabeth Hendrick and husband Jeff of Nashua, NH; ten grandchildren, Charles,

Elizabeth, Dana, Amy, Patrick, Michael, Kathleen, Kristofer, Roe, and Kimberly; several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

Visiting Hours will be held on Tuesday November 12th from 4-7pm in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated the following morning, Wednesday November 13th, beginning at 10am in Blessed John XXIII Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church, 27 Library St., Hudson. (Visitors will meet at the church.) . Burial will take place at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen beginning promptly at 2pm that same afternoon. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that any donations be made to the Community Hospice House, c/o Home Health & Hospice, 7 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054 or the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Dr. Suite 110, Bedford, NH 03110. To leave an online message of condolence, get directions, or simply more information, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery

110 Daniel Webster Highway  
Boscawen, NH

# Previous Events

## MASS AT CHURCH

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Blessed John the XXIII Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church  
27 Library St.  
Hudson, NH

## GRAVESIDE SERVICE

NOV 13. 2:00 PM - 2:20 PM (ET)

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery  
110 Daniel Webster Highway  
Boscawen, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" J. Rosentel



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert "Bob" J. Rosentel

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Robert "Bob" J. Rosentel

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ We were Honored to know such a great Comrade. Bob will be missed. Veterans of Foreign Wars state of NH

VFW State Chaplain - November 23, 2013 at 07:38 AM

“ Eulogy for Robert J. Rosentel Part 1 of 2

*When I think of my Dad, the words that come to mind are strength, faith, perseverance, family, humility, and love. He was not only physically strong but, more importantly, he was emotionally strong. He not only taught us how to live, but how to die. He knew his last few days on earth were numbered, and he was ready to be with my Mom again. He was ready, and we were not. But, as always, he gave us what we needed- the time for the family to visit and say their goodbyes. He told us had a great life; a great family and great friends and had no regrets. Is there a better definition of success? He took great comfort in his Catholic faith, and attended Mass several times a week. When I was marrying Judy, who is Jewish, he accepted her like his own daughter from the very beginning, only thanking me for deciding to include a priest at our wedding ceremony. He never questioned how we brought up the kids, and, when I asked once if it bothered him, he said, “My faith works for me, but you need to decide what works for you.” He was strong in his beliefs but never judgmental of others who chose to live differently.*

*Due to the Great Depression, the death of his Mom, and his father leaving him and his brothers, he was forced to drop out of high school after one year, and worked to pay for a room at the YMCA. He was not able to continue his formal education but spent years working in newspaper plants, with all of New York’s newspapers available in the lobby. His education, then, came from those papers. Dad felt very strongly about giving all four of his children the opportunity to graduate from college, and we did. When I was in eighth grade, the nuns at St. Catherine’s in Brooklyn had a meeting with my parents telling them that, unlike my older brothers, I should go to a trade high school because I was not “college material.” Dad told me they were wrong and sent me to a college prep high school. He loved going to graduations for his grandchildren and traveled to Evanston, IL to hear Barack Obama speak at Northwestern. When my son Charles was receiving his Masters at Harvard, the first graduate degree earned in the family, Dad was looking forward to*

*being there, but Mom had a rough day with her breathing, and they were not able to make it. Another lesson in priorities: nothing is more important than Mom, and it was his responsibility to care for her like he promised when they married in 1952. He said, tell Charles how proud we are of him, and I'll make the next one. Four years later, he was off to Bloomington, to see my daughter Amy graduate from Indiana University. He was also very proud that his granddaughter Liz has since earned her masters, and Patrick and Amy are working on theirs.*

*His early childhood was a comfortable one living in Park Slope. When I asked if he felt any bitterness toward how his circumstances changed, he said that he had some good memories of the early times and his Mom; many people don't. He said, "You play the hand you are dealt. When you are feeling sorry for yourself, look around, and you will find someone who has it worse than you do. Always look to the future because there is another hand coming, and odds are it will be better than the lousy hand you are holding."*

*When his father reappeared, struggling with alcoholism after missing for years, he never hesitated to help and forgive him. I asked how he could forgive someone who abandoned him as a child, and he said, "Those were very tough times, and nobody's perfect." I responded, "But you can't forgive O'Malley for moving your beloved Brooklyn Dodgers to California in 1957," to which he replied with a grin, "like I said, nobody's perfect."*

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**Steve Rosentel** - November 14, 2013 at 09:53 PM

SR

“ *Eulogy for Robert J. Rosentel Part 2 of 2*

*When my parents' 50th wedding anniversary came along, they took the family, including all the nieces and nephews and their kids to Woodloch Pines in the Poconos for a three-day reunion. My Uncle Joe toasted them and referred to my Dad as the brother he never had. Those annual reunions have continued since 2002 and will continue in his absence.*

*He often would say that, if it wasn't for my mother, he wouldn't have anything. He never worried because she worried enough for both of them. They were truly soul mates. When I was a teenager, to some of my friends watching, my parents holding hands at a movie in their 50's was odd. To me, it was just another lesson.*

*After he passed, my sister and I were going through the bottom drawer in a dresser in the office at his house, when we came across several awards he had received from the various community service organizations with whom he had volunteered. Most of these awards he never mentioned to us. Front and center on the shelf of the same dresser was the program booklet from an awards dinner in 1998, when I received a community service award. My only regret with my Dad is that, while he spent so much time telling us how proud he was of our accomplishments, I am not sure that I spent enough time returning the favor.*

*So, when you think of my Dad, remember, strength, faith, perseverance, family, humility, and love. And don't forget to hold hands!*

*Stephen G. Rosentel*

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**Steve Rosentel** - November 14, 2013 at 09:52 PM

CS

*Steve, your father was gifted with wisdom. I am sure he was very proud of you. Cynthia*

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**Cynthia Stevens** - November 16, 2013 at 09:36 AM

BL

*Steven -- a beautiful eulogy for your father. Truly, his strength, his faith, his perseverance, his concept of family, his humility and his love have passed to his children. You, Liz, Robert and William were all so blessed by having two wonderful parents!*

Bill Lundy - November 16, 2013 at 11:38 AM

AJ

“ *My condolences to Liz and your family on the loss of your father. - A.J.*

A.J. Jablonowski - November 12, 2013 at 11:08 AM

EJ

“ *Eddie and Julie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" J. Rosentel.*



Eddie and Julie - November 11, 2013 at 09:47 AM

MR

“ *May God comfort the family during this time of loss. Psalm 147:3.*

M. Rogers - November 09, 2013 at 08:47 AM

PR

*Thank you to Bob for his many years of service to the Knights of Columbus. I really appreciated working along side him at Chowder nights during lent at St. Kathryn's Hall. He was my sole supporter when I made my 3rd Degree in the nights. I will really miss him and wish his family God's comfort at this time of sorrow. You can be very proud of your Dad and his service to the community over so many years! Paul Roy*

Paul Roy - November 12, 2013 at 08:38 AM