



George A. Roman Jr.

July 17, 1947 - October 11, 2019

George A. Roman, Jr., of Westampton, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2019 at Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice in Mount Holly surrounded by his family. He was 72.

George was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Nothing made him happier than being around his family. Professionally, George was a dedicated educator. He taught at Northern Burlington Regional High School for 37 years. George was the NBRHS teacher of the year in 1999-2000. In addition to teaching in the classroom, George was the long time advisor to the NBRHS National Honor Society. George coached cross country and wrestling. George was known as the "Voice of Northern" for his roles as the long time disc jockey at school dances and the football announcer on game days. George also lent his announcing talents to many other sports at NBRHS including, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. George was inducted into the Northern Burlington County Athletic Hall of Fame as a booster in 2013. On Sundays in the fall you could always count on finding George rooting for his beloved Philadelphia Eagles.

George is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia, sons, Brock and Matthew, daughters in-law Courtney and Shannon, grandchildren, Taryn and Lane sister Pat and brother Jim.

Relatives and friends may attend his visitation on Saturday, November 23 from 4-5 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt Holly. A Celebration of Life service will begin at 5 PM at the funeral home. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in George's memory to Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice (www.samaritannj.org), 5 Eves Dr., Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053 or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (donate.lls.org), Donor Services, P.O. Box 98018, Washington DC 20090-8018.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 04:00PM - 05:00PM

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Perinchief Chapels

438 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ, US, 08060

NOV **Celebration of Life** 05:00PM - 06:00PM

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Perinchief Chapels

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Comments



“ George was my teacher for two classes in one semester, apparently a record at the time. Since Pat and I were good friends when they started dating after high school I had to get used to calling him George instead of Mr. Roman. It was weird for a bit but he became a friend. I'm sorry for your loss Pat and Brock and Matt. I hope you find some comfort in seeing and knowing how much he was loved and how many lives he made better for having known him

Colleen Devereux - November 23, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ On behalf of our family and especially Mark we mourn with you. I'm sure family,colleagues and students know the unmeasurable positive influence Mr. Roman had. Watching Mr. Roman coach was magic for me. Transforming young people into responsible adults through leadership with empathy is an extraordinary virtue I will always admire. We are sorry for the loss of such a special teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Pepponi along with Stephanie's family

Chip and JoAnn Pepponi - November 17, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Mr. Roman was a fun teacher who cared about his students. He will be missed by many people. Rest in Peach Mr. Roman.

Somchai Sae-tong - November 17, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ Dear Pat, Brock, and Matt,
Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Lifting you all up in prayer, and sending lots of love and hugs your way...

Warren and Celia Knack - November 17, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ Dear Pat, Brock and Matthew
We are so very sorry to hear of George's passing. May great memories sneak up on you each day and help heal your broken hearts.
Roberta and Tom OMalley (Bert and tico)

Roberta OMalley - November 17, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ If you read all these remembrances of George that friends, colleagues, and students have written, you know what a wonderful man he was. He was our friend for over 30 years and we shared so much: Saturday morning swim meets, dinners out, movies, going to the theater, trips to Philadelphia to see Christmas decorations, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and so much more. He was a wonderful friend, good husband and a great dad. I am grateful that he was a part of my life and I am a better person because I knew him.

Rosemarie Donald - November 17, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ My name is Christian C Beltran. I graduated from Northern Burlington High School in June 1997. Mr. Roman was my National Honor Society Advisor during my senior year. Also, I fondly remember him as an outstanding football announcer before & after I graduated from high school. As a spectator, I'm thankful that I attended what turned out to be Mr. Roman's last four home Varsity Football Games as an announcer during September & October of 2018. Rest In Peace Mr. Roman.

Christian Beltran - November 16, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ He was my all time favorite teacher and this picture is exactly how I remember Mr. Roman. He made learning fun, a really stellar guy. My favorite teacher EVER. I lost my father last December. My condolences to the family as you mourn the loss of a great, great man.

Monica (Rarig) Conte - November 16, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ I was so very sorry to hear about the passing of George. Our deepest condolences to Pat, Brock and Matthew and the entire Roman family. Way back when, we all shared some wonderful times with you all. May his memory be a blessing to all of you.
Bobbie and Brad Israelsky

Roberta Israelsky - November 16, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Very Sad to learn of George's passing. I've known George and Pat for over 30 years. They were such a sweet couple with two awesome sons. I ran into George frequently at the Acme shopping. My condolences to Pat and the sons. His smile will certainly be missed.

Maureen Smith-Hartman - November 16, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ Mr. Roman was the teacher that made a difference. He always believes in me and pushes me to work hard. I am so grateful to have had such an amazing teacher in my life.

kelly - November 16, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Very sad and surprised to learn of George's passing. George and Pat live close by. George's son, Matt, and our son were friends in school and on the Pop Warner football team years ago; as I recall George came to every practice. Our condolences to Pat, Brock and Matt.

Dave Higginbotham - November 25, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ What a great man who meant the world to me. He helped to deady mold the man who I have become and many others. I'm grateful for the positive influence he had on my life and for teaching me life skills and compassion. I will cherish the memories that we had through our adventures during wrestling. I will truly miss him, but will treasure all the time I had with him. Love, James McMullen

Diana and James McMullen - November 16, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ Deeply mold me. Darn auto correct!

Diana and James McMullen - November 16, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Those of us that were lucky enough to know him understood what you meant!

Susanne McCalmant Baker - November 16, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Roman. He was was amazing teacher and mentor. I truly loved his history class. I never had an interest in it until then and still do thanks to him. His humor, positive spirit, and contagious laugh made his class my favorite. I came to NBC not knowing anyone my sophomore year. I had already been to three different highs schools by then and he quickly saw my determination to do well in school and in my personal life. He always made sure I had a positive day and kept me focused even when I had an admirer who he felt was a distraction that walked me to class everyday. Mr. Roman would always make jokes that I was able to walk my myself and told my admirer he had a class to get to as well. Ironic enough my admirers name was George as well. That admirer he tried to shoo off everyday became my boyfriend, high school sweetheart, and to this day my husband. We then had two sons, one of which I named “Roman” after him because I felt it was such a powerful name. I'm sure many have great memories of this great man. He has definitely made an imprint on this world and impacted so many lives. Thank you for being an amazing soul. May you sleep in peace.

Vanessa Johnson - November 16, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ Truly one of the kindest teachers I ever had. I am so sad to hear of his passing. He was such a kind, and compassionate man who always was there for the students of NBC. You didn't have to be in his class for him to know you, or want the best for you. He gave me the opportunity to be an assistant for him my senior year, and to this day I credit him for all of my college acceptances. He challenged me to be a better student, friend, and person everyday. You will always be remembered fondly, Mr. Roman.

Nikki Toughill - November 15, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ Being a military dependent, changing schools every couple of years was the norm but it could be tough to bond with your teachers. I'll never forget Mr Roman's enthusiasm for his vocation, sharing his passion for history with his students. He made history come to life. To this day -- 37 years after graduating from NBC, I still remember his tales and even his doozies (like "Rabbitcrotch, Arkansas" to describe a very rural part of America). What a gift to have been his student in both U.S. History and Criminology. I wish I had been able to reconnect with him. He made a very material impact on me and my future. Rest in peace, Mr. Roman....you were a positive force in the lives of many young people. Thank you.

Susanne McCalmant Baker - November 15, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ As a new colleague at NB, I was welcomed by George with a smile and humor that instantly made me feel a part of the Northern family. He was such a wonderful man, a consummate educator, and a considerate friend. He will be sorely missed. May God bless you, George. You made this world a better place.

Michelle Lovejoy - November 15, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ I taught with George for 30 years. His neverending smile and positive energy was infectious. He was surely one of Northern's best. I was shocked to hear of George's passing!
When I lost my 56 year old brother to AML in 2016 despite two bone marrow transplants, I prayed his willingness to participate in a trial would save others - but alas, the battle goes on. Eventually this horrible disease will be defeated and both my brother and George will have played their parts. Prayers to all who loved him and stood with him through his fight.
Susan Kearney

Susan Kearney - November 15, 2019 at 09:52 PM



“ Mr. Roman was a wonderful teacher ! Engaging students in the classroom subject of the day was his best asset. He shaped so many young lives and that is something to be so proud of. My sincere condolences to his family.

Kat Taylor - November 15, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George A. Roman Jr..



November 15, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ My favorite teacher of all time!! I always loved history and he encouraged my love of it and made me want to learn more!!! Some of my best memories of Northern Burlington happened in his class. In my later years i often saw him grocery shopping at Acme and he always remembered me and we would quickly catch up! He will truly be missed

Brandy Greiner - November 15, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ What an amazing man and teacher. He was so encouraging during my years of teaching at Northern Burlington. George was kind, considerate and always gave good, sound advice. He always checked in with me to see if I needed any help or just a friend to talk to. Even though I moved away to teach at a new school in Illinois, I always considered George one of mentors. May his memory be a blessing.

Jennifer Rubin - November 15, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ I never had him as a teacher, but saw him in the halls and had friends who thought so highly of him. He will be missed greatly.
(I dont want to lose the opportunity to tell you, Mrs. Rubin, that you are one of those teachers, right up there with Mr. Roman. It's unlikely that I'll come across your name again, and I wanted to thank you for being one of the best.)

Shari Ryan (Finch) - November 15, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ George was one of my co workers that I was proud to work with. He was dedicated to his students. He was not just friendly but also kind. He respected all even if they did not share his political convictions. An easy going man whose character was something that his students would do well to emulate. He is as a peer that made feel proud to be part of the teaching profession.

Dick Ford - November 15, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ Well said, Mr. Ford. He was an amazing example.

Susanne Mccalmant Baker - November 15, 2019 at 10:56 PM



“ One of the best teachers. You hoped you would get him as one, and loved it when you had him. Rest easy sir.

Joseph Johnson - November 15, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ He was one of my first teachers at Northern Burlington, a positive and involved educator. I also will never forget the fun school dances that he DJ'd..., he was a truly caring teacher.

Chuck Knauer - November 15, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ So sorry for your lost. He was one of my favorite teachers at Northern. He always had kind words of encouragement.



Brenda Youngblood Ortiz - November 15, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ One of the greatest teacher that has ever taught!!!

Matarra Diggs - November 15, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ Wow where do I start. I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Roman on both a personal and coaching level on the varsity wrestling team. He was great teacher and mentor always pushing his athletes to the max. He was the only coach I ever had that actually ran laps with us everyday, but don't let him pass you or you'll have extra sprints to do. Our high school dances wouldn't have been the same without Mr. Roman spinning those classic 80's dance tunes. He told me once that he wished all his wrestlers had my heart and determination to never quit. That is something that I've never forgotten and has stuck with me in my life to this day. So to a great person and man I say thank you for believing in me and supporting me throughout my high school journey. I'll miss you my brother.
NBC GREYHOUND SMURFS 1985 Mike Russo

Michael J Russo - November 15, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ Mr. Roman aimed to have every student believe in themselves. He believed in me. What a giant to be missed

Cindy - November 15, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ Mr. Roman was such a talented and gifted teacher. What a great smile and fabulous sense of humor.....many hugs of support to his family!! His Greyhound students loved him dearly! Class of 84'

Charlene Verner - November 15, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ Mr. Roman was an amazing teacher and SAT teacher. I am so sorry that the world lost a great person. Prayers for his family, friends, and former students. Rest in peace Mr. Roman.

Christina Marie - November 15, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ Mr. Roman,
The school dances DJ, the teacher who would sit and chat, and the teacher who would stand on a desk pointing a yardstick to explain the battle of Bunker Hill. He gave me many encouraging words of wisdom, that helped me get on with the day. The world is a sad place without him, but his memory live on with every student that meet him. I am sorry for your loss.....

Jazz Class of 1999



“ Mr. Roman was my favorite teacher. Using common sense and humor at times to make you think. It was his teaching that made me think and to be involved in the political discussion. I am very saddened to hear of his passing as he was awesome teacher. I only wish that i could have had a chance as an adult to have a conversation with him on the state of the US right now.

Mike Smickley - November 15, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Mr. Roman was a great teacher. He supported the school by attending all the football games that I can remember. I became a social studies teacher partly because of teaching style. When my son was old enough to take driver's ed, Mr. Roman was his instructor.

Kathleen Tepel - November 15, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ No one did more to shape me into a lifelong journalist. I very much mourn his death and celebrate the great gift he gave his students. Part cynic and part idealist, he inspired both approaches in his students, and I appreciate those gifts. I've "grown up" to be the editor of the Presbyterian News Service (presbyterianmission.org) in Louisville, Kentucky. I know I stand on sturdy shoulders, especially those of this very fine teacher. I'm sorry he's gone, but I know his lessons on civics and life live on, and I'm grateful.

Mike Ferguson, Class of 1976 (except I moved away in 1975)
Louisville, Kentucky

Mike Ferguson - November 15, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Mr. Roman was a great teacher. He inspired interest in subjects beyond the traditional curriculum and was always available to offer encouragement and support to students. I'll never forget him.

Doray Sitko - November 15, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ George Roman was the voice of Northern Burlington. He was very compassionate with his calling of various sporting games.

Chris Haines

