



Robert Ceselsky

April 4, 1940 - December 10, 2020

On Thursday December 10, 2020, Robert (Bob) Ceselsky, loving husband and proud father of 3 grown children, passed away at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida at the age of 80. Despite the nationwide pandemic protocols, he was fortunate enough to have his wife at his side. He was born on April 4, 1940 in Wilkes Barre PA, to Joseph and Mary Subally Ceselsky, the youngest of nine children in a Catholic family. Sadly, his mother passed away when he was less than a year old.

Robert served our country proudly in the United States Marine Corps and then as a police officer/Detective in the Washington DC Police Dept. He was forced to retire on disability after being shot during an after-hours raid on a nightclub. He moved to Florida in the early 1990s and worked as a security host at a local government facility until he officially retired in 2012. He was also known as "Uncle Ski" to many nieces and nephews and dearly loved by each and every one of them. King of the cheesy "dad" jokes, his sense of humor was contagious. He told the same 4 jokes over and over and laughed each time as if it was the first time he had heard them. Everyone loved his smile and somewhat "shy" personality. He was a mentor to so many that gravitated to his history, knowledge and stories. He was a member of the USMC League in The Villages as well as the American Legion, a group that practiced magic tricks and a Shuffleboard group that he enjoyed very much. He loved showing his magic tricks to everyone and every now and again pulled one off that was

actually quite impressive. He loved teaching some of the special tricks to his grandkids as well.

He is preceded in death by parents: Joseph and Mary. Siblings: Helen, Mary, Regina, Joseph, Richard and John (whom passed shortly after birth). He is survived by his wife of 24 years (Judy); two sisters (Irene in Michigan) and Kathleen (The Villages, FL). He is also survived by a son (Robert Jr in Pennsylvania); daughters and their spouses (Cherie & Mark Chmielewski, Zimmerman, MN); Lora & Luke Raubenheimer (Lake Placid, FL); and five grandchildren (Travis, Danielle, Hallie, Felix, and Izaak), who he adored and loved so very much.

At his request, no service will be held, but he will be buried in a Veteran's Memorial Park in Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ Lora,

My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. I will always remember how kind your father was to me whenever we were at his house back in high school. Wishing you peace to bring comfort and the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. I am always a phone call away if you need me.

Love Cheri

Cheri Swann - December 23, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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“ I can't believe the father of my two daughters is no longer here on earth, but I know that he's watching over his children, grandchildren, wife, and two surviving sisters....he's sitting right next to Jesus. We met in 1972...my sister and former "brother-in-law" introduced me to "Ski". They were partners on the DC Police Department. I was 22 years old...he told me he was 29 years old. A year or so later, I saw his driver's license and he was actually 10 years older than me (not 7 years)! But it made no difference as we had started a life together.

Ski was so proud to serve in the USMC and be a member of law enforcement. Once I had medical tests scheduled at a local DC hospital. I didn't know the area very well (and he knew I was nervous about the tests), so he surprised me inside the hospital. Upon completion of the tests, I was driving on the highway and heard the siren of an "unmarked" police cruiser. I felt it best to pull over only to find him walking up to my car...such a jokester!! I was so scared!

I always enjoyed our visits from Maryland (or Virginia) to visit all his family in Pennsylvania. We actually made a trip to upper New Jersey for Christmas one year. We were thrilled to see the famous ROCKETTES and the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree!

My desire from this day forward (for as long as I'm alive) is to help my daughters and grandchildren heal from their heartache of losing their Dad and Grandpa. And my daughters will continue to stay in touch with their half-brother (Robbie) and assist him with any needs. They all loved each other dearly!

Glenda Mahoney - December 21, 2020 at 03:06 PM

PG

“ Lora, That was beautiful, it brought tears to my eyes. Your dad was a great man and will be truly missed by all.

Pat Gillum - December 20, 2020 at 07:37 PM

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“ I was lucky enough to be able to call him my Dad. He used to sing me "Daddy's Little Girl" when I was young and I can still hear him singing it to me to this day. He was the absolute BEST Grandpa ever! He adored his grandkids so very much and they equally adored him. He made sure to make their time together special. Not sure he even visited to see me to be honest, it was to see those babies. He lovingly referred to Izaak Robert as "baby Bobby". He was always trying to get Izaak to change the order of his name to share grandpa's first name. Izaak is a spitting image of grandpa though. Down to his hair cowlicks and everything.

My dad's stories of his time as a detective in Washington DC never got old to listen to. The thing is that he wouldn't just talk about it, we would have to ask him about it. He was quite humble about it all.

As mentioned in the obituary, he was king of the "dad jokes". He had a handful of little jokes and one liners that he used all the time and giggle about it each and every time he told them. He would never answer the phone with a simple "hello". It was usually "Pizza Hut" or something equally as goofy.

I don't know how to say goodbye to you Dad. You were that strong guy that to me would live to be 100. I know you were fortunate enough to have 80 wonderful years, but I wanted you to have 80 more! I love you more than I can type into words and am the luckiest girl in the world that you are/were my Daddy. We will make sure to keep your photos and videos alive with the boys so that they always remember how amazing you were and how VERY much you loved them!!!!

Lora, Luke, Felix and Izaak

Lora Raubenheimer - December 19, 2020 at 09:37 AM