



## Robert Ciurczak

October 30, 1937 - June 23, 2014

### Obituary of Robert Ciurczak

Robert Michael "Bob" Ciurczak, Sr. 76, of Leesburg, FL was born October 30, 1937 in Niagara Falls, NY and passed away June 23, 2014. He was a veteran of the US Air Force and a retired Firefighter with the city of Buffalo, NY. He was also a member of the Chopin Singing Society and Buffalo Choral Arts. In 1995 he moved to Leesburg and enjoyed an active life golfing, cycling, flying model airplanes, and singing and acting in the Plantation Theatrical Group and Hawthorne Harmonizers. His love was gardening and he was renowned for his green thumb. Locally, he was a member of St. Pauls Catholic Church.

A beloved husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by: wife of 56 years Joyce; daughter Mary (Paul) Wasch; sons Robert, Jr. (Sherry), Michael and John; 3 grandchildren: Stephanie (Adam) Redden, Anthony Wasch and Anna Ciurczak; great grandchild Connor Redden; 2 sisters: Adeline (Leonard) Klima and Geraldine Ciurczak; brother Francis (Patricia); brother in law Paul (Jacqueline) Fusani; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by a brother Thomas and a sister Helen Specyal.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Thursday June 26, 2014 from 3-7 PM at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday June 27, 2014 at 8:30 AM at St. Pauls Catholic Church in Leesburg. Private inurnment will take place at Florida National Cemetery. For those who wish and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd, Tavares, FL 32778.

#### Visitation

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#### Services

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#### Interment

Private inurnment will take place at Florida National Cemetery.

#### Memorials

For those who wish and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:  
Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd, Tavares, FL 32778.

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert Ciurczak

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Joyce & family: Our prayers go out to you and your family at the time of your loss. Bob will be remembered for his smile and outgoing manner. He touched many lives along his journey and will hold a special place in the hearts of his friends & family in the years ahead.

Steve & Linda Grzanich - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ As Bob Junior, Anna and I remember and miss Dad, I keep thinking how lucky I was to be his daughter-in-law. He was a kind and generous man whose affection and love for his family was unbreakable. He also had a sly sense of humor that I'll miss very much. In the years to come, I will remember the way he liked to noodle around on the piano during visits, strum the ukulele, play the violin and listen to Polish Christmas carols over the holidays. I'll miss his borscht at Easter (a dish he converted me too - I had never tried it before!) and cookbook recommendations. I'll miss our political discussions. Dad was a man of many talents and insatiable curiosity; he never stopped learning, which is a lesson for us all. But most of all, I'll miss the way he always showed how deeply he cared for his family. He took an interest in all of our lives and did everything he could to make them better. He set a wonderful example as a husband and a father, and in that way, he will continue to be a positive influence for those of us who knew and loved him. Rest in peace, Dad.

Sherry Hogan Ciurczak - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ My prayers go out to Joyce and her family at this time. Bob was a true friend and will be missed.

Elaine monin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Joyce, We send our deepest condolences to you and your family. It was a pleasure to have known Bob while here at The Plantation at Leesburg. Hugs....Karen & Gail

Karen & Gail Sloan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ A friend is someone who is always there with a hammer and saw to help you.A friend is always there to yell,"Fore !" as the club he has just thrown flies over your head.A friend is someone will always tell you when you have put too many lemons in your lemon chicken casserole.A friend is someone who when you are playing the fool,he is willing to join you.I am having a difficult time trying to cry when I remember all of the wonderful,zany times I enjoyed with my best friend Bob ! I wish I had said this more times....I love you,Bob !

Gene Ciminelli - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ MaryJo, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. please know that my thoughts and prayers are wo with you and your family. Nancy

Nancy Schneider - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your husband & father. I feel like I knew him because Mary Jo spoke of him so often. My prayers go to all of you .

Heidi Monin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LK

“*Mary Jo & family I am so sorry for the loss of your father/ husband,/grandfather. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I know the days ahead will be difficult but cling to Jesus who will walk by your side as you journey on. Hold on to the wonderful memories you've shared as they will be a lasting comfort to you. Store them up in your heart. It will be a source of great blessing to you now and in the future.*

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**Linda Klussman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“*Mary Jo, I am so very sorry to hear about your Dad. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayer. Peace, Lillie*

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**Lillie Walton** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“*My sympathies to your family on the loss of Bob. My favorite memory of him was acting in my first play with him in The Odd Couple Female Version. He was a wonderful thespian and a joy to be on the stage with. What a joyful, fun loving guy he was. I will miss seeing him around Plantation. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

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**Linda Hallock** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“*You simply are not replaceable. We will miss you immensely but will take joy and comfort from all the happy memories that you provided..May you garden and golf for all your peaceful eternity. Your brother Fran,your sister-in- law Pat and your nephew Dale*

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**The Orlando Ciurczaks** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We just received a call an hour ago from Paul (Bob's wife's brother) conveying the news of Bob's passing. We had seen them both last July when Bob and Joyce spent three days with us in our home in Charlottesville, VA. Joanne had known Bob and Joyce from elementary school and they introduced her to Joe on a blind date at Langley Air Force Base. We have always loved both of them and will do so forever.

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**Joseph & Joanne Kopp** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Uncle Bob, We love you and will miss you dearly. Give my daddy a hug when you see him in heaven. May God hold you in the palms of his hands. Lynne and Steve

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**Lynne and Steve Thomas** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Joyce, Very sorry to hear of your loss. We know you and Bob had a wonderful life together. He was a very nice man and he will be missed by his family and friends. God Bless.

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**Bob & Paddy Fusani** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are saddened to hear of Bob's passing. The world has lost a wonderful man. So glad we got to spend time with Joyce & Bob last summer in Canada.

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**Bev & Glen Sharp** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We will miss you Bobby. We are so glad that we had our time together in Canada last August. We will miss your guitar & violin playing from our bathroom. Bob, you were the best. We love you.

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**Ann & Gord Hobson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Uncle Bob - thanks for adopting me as your goddaughter. You were the nicest godfather a gal could wish for. Thanks for many years of laughter and smiles, and thanks for sharing your many soup recipes with me - just throw it all in the pot, right? I'll miss you. Rest in peace but shake things up there in heaven! My deepest sympathies go out to you, Aunt Joyce, and the rest of your family. Love & prayers - Susan

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**Susan Ciminelli Heffernan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Mary Jo, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I don't know if you are here or in FL, but you have my deepest sympathy. You are in my thought and prayers. Donna Locicero

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**Donna Locicero** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ On behalf of the Board of directors and members of the Westernern new York Retired Firefighters Assoc. I would like to express our condolences to the Ciurczak Family on their loss. On a personal note I had the pleasure of knowing Bob and working with him at the Buffalo Fire Dept. Training Bureau and will will miss his smiling face and companionship, Rest in Peace old Friend

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**Ron Endle** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Whatsoever soothes your spirit Comforts your soul and Brings you peace... That is what is wished for you at this difficult time. In Deepest Sympathy PAUL AND THELMA BATCHELOR*

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**PAUL BATCHELOR** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My sympathy to the entire family; Bob was one of my special friends in the Plantation Theatrical Group. He was a joy to be around and a talented actor. My prayers are with all of you.*

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**Jo Marshall** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *To my brother Bob -The Man -The Warrior -The Artist -The Renaissance man - The Husband -The Father -The Hero -The Chef -The Uncle -The Passionate -The Musician -The Brother -The Religious L Love always Fran*

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**Fran Ciurczak** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Bob was our best friend. Bob was a very giving person not only with his family but to everyone he came in contact with whether it was through his singing, acting, reading or trusting a friend to paint with him. He loved his garden and lovingly gave of its fruits. If you needed anything Bob was always there. Our card games were somewhat boisterous at times but we'll miss his snickering laugh when the guys won. Our cruises won't be the same without the man who loved his bread & soup. We miss him more each passing day. Bob is not gone, he will always be with us.*

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**Ray & Carol** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Joyce, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. It was nice to get to know him through his obituary. I wish if I could have listened to his singing. I'm sure Bob and my husband Joe are meeting in God's presence. See you in Buffalo. May God bless you and comfort you.

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**Mary Frances Hirtzel** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM