



## Robert Piekarz

June 25, 1946 - February 7, 2022

Robert (Bob) Piekarz passed away on Sunday February 6, 2022 at age 75. Born on June 25, 1946, in Passaic New Jersey he was the son of Michael and Frances (Sciezka) Piekarz. Bob grew up on Norman Avenue in Clifton NJ with his older brother Michael (Butchie) Piekarz and his first cousins from Wallington Gwen Van Dyk, Richie (Ingret) Van Dyk and Joan (Eddie) Van Dyk-Guzzo. He played football in high school as part of the "Fighting Mustangs", and graduated in 1965. Bob's affinity for cars led him to develop expertise in car repair and auto bodywork. He opened East Rutherford Auto body in its first location in 1972. His propensity as a businessperson, and his expertise on a variety of vehicles caused East Rutherford auto body to move to a much larger location at 111 Union Ave about ten years later. At this location, Bob launched a second business: Roadmasters Towing, with a trademark that he was very proud of "Roadmasters: Pulling for America". Roadmasters served as one of the largest towing companies of its day, covering much of the state of New Jersey, and holding the contract for the New Jersey Turnpike. Both businesses have since closed, but they provide a backdrop of memories and adventures for Bob's nieces, nephews, family and friends.

His Father Michael Piekarz predeceased Bob, as did his mother Frances (Sciezka) Piekarz, brother Michael D. Piekarz, sister in law Eileen (Welstead) Piekarz, cousin Gwen Van Dyk and many Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Bob is survived by his nieces and nephews Douglas (Kimberly) Piekarz, Suzanne (Herb) Rodriguez, Christine (Joe) Carbone, and Daniel (Rachel) Piekarz. He is also survived by his Great Nieces and Nephews Jessica (Digi) Cresong, Amanda Piekarz, Michael Carbone, Katherine Rodriguez, Austin Carbone, Jared Rodriguez, Luke Piekarz, Nicholas Carbone, Elliot Piekarz, Eve Piekarz, and Ryan Rodriguez as well as his Aunt Jaye Nelson - Baker, cousins Richard (Ingret) Van Dyk, and Joan (Eddie) Van Dyk- Guzzo.

# Cemetery Details

## East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Avenue  
Clifton, NJ 07014

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington  
106 Locust Avenue  
Wallington, NJ 07057

## Burial

FEB 18. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
255 Main Avenue  
Clifton, NJ 07014

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Piekarz*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *You were always so happy to see us, with a great big smile and a twinkle in your eye. I loved the way you made fun of my dad and telling stories of all the stupid things you did together. Driving your Vett, painting the trees outside, the stain on your marble floor..... and driving in a blizzard to give us flash lights and batteries. Thank you for letting me do your nails when I was in beauty school. (the only man that would!) You're with General and Ezy now. I will miss you. Rest in peace.*

**Cheryl Wyka** - February 19, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Cheryl Wyka lit a candle in memory of Robert Piekarz*



**Cheryl Wyka** - February 19, 2022 at 05:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Piekarz.*



February 17, 2022 at 03:23 PM

CM

“ I have no words to express the sadness I am feeling over your passing. We met in 1991 when you hired me to work for you and have continued to stay close. You were a great person whom I considered not only my boss but my friend. I will cherish the memories and the time we've had together. So long for now buddy till we meet again. RIP. Love Milo. (Cathy)



Cathy Milo - February 16, 2022 at 04:50 PM

KP

“ I loved when you played Santa in 1995 for Jessica's 1st Christmas at our traditional Wiggilli (Christmas Eve vigil supper). Santa had not stopped by the Piekarz House hold in 20 years. It was nice to see that tradition start up again. I always enjoyed listening to your story's surrounded by our expanding family's. It was an honor to know you and you will be greatly missed. Xo❤️ Kimberly

Kimberly Piekarz - February 15, 2022 at 07:40 PM

KP

“ I absolutlly loved when you played Santa 🎅 at our Wigilla (Polish Christmas) celebrations for Jessica's first Christmas in 1995. That was the first time Santa visited the Piekarz home in 20 years. You did a great Job and it was wonderful to see that tradition brought back. I enjoyed spending time with you and listening to all your story's with each of our expanding family's. I hope you and Mike and Eileen Piekarz are playing poker up there in heaven. It has been an honor knowing you. Xo love Kimberly ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Kimberly Piekarz - February 15, 2022 at 06:16 PM

TR

“ I met Bob in 1962 and remained his friend since then. Way too many stories and memories so let me simply say that Bob will always have that special place in my heart and may God treat him with the love that he so much deserves. Rest in peace "my buddy".  
Tony Roberti

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**Tony Robeti** - February 15, 2022 at 10:48 AM

CC

“ Soar like an eagle Uncle Bob xoxo



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**Christine Carbone** - February 15, 2022 at 06:43 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Christine Carbone** - February 15, 2022 at 06:41 AM

GE

“ Sorry to hear the news about Bob's passing.  
We were friends since 6th grade.  
Gerry Tuohy



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**Gerry** - February 14, 2022 at 06:23 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**rocco** - February 11, 2022 at 06:05 PM

SF

“ Sherry Franek lit a candle in memory of Robert Piekarz



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**Sherry Franek** - February 10, 2022 at 12:21 PM

KG

“ Ken Gebhardt lit a candle in memory of Robert Piekarz



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**Ken Gebhardt** - February 09, 2022 at 07:24 PM

BB

“ I have known Bob since the 8th grade at Woodrow Wilson Jr. High in Clifton, NJ.  
Bob and I became friends back in those days, partly because of our mutual love of cars and partly because he was always a good person . I am very sorry to hear this news about Bob's passing. He will be missed and he will be in my daily prayers. Rest in Peace , Buddy....

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**Bob Bracken** - February 09, 2022 at 06:11 PM

WK

“ *WALTER KARCZ lit a candle in memory of Robert Piekarz*



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**WALTER KARCZ** - February 08, 2022 at 08:28 PM