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Robert Sabatino of Sanibel, Florida passed away with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 following some recent health challenges. He was 80 years old. Robert was born on December 29, 1935 in New York City, the proud son of Sylvia (Farber) and Leonard Sabatino. He was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard who later became a Merchant Marine Certified Captain. For many years he was a motor vessel operator and fishing guide on Sanibel Island, Florida. This was a labor of love he continued to enjoy until an age when most people had retired. He leaves behind his loving children Ronnie and Sherry Sabatino. The family is currently planning a Memorial Service to take place on the Island for a date in September. Please check with the family or back here for additional information which will be posted as soon as it becomes available. To share a story, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time, please visit Robert's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign his guestbook.



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AJ

Anne Joffe posted:

Bob and I met well over 40 years ago, and were on a committee to study the live shelling ban that Sanibel was going to pass. We stayed friends all these years, and I would often go on his charters as the shell guru when he had a space. When he wrote his book, I invited him to sit at the Author's Table at the Sanibel Shell Show, and he regaled everyone with his knowledge and history of these islands. I will miss him very much. Anne Joffe

September 7 at 11:52 AM

CL

Charles Lebuff posted:

Bon voyage, Bob. My family sends condolences to Ronnie and Sherry who I haven't seen in many years. My son Chuck and Sherry share the same birthday, so I remember the younger Sabatinos often. Bob and I shared many adventures together during our early years on the islands. Some, but not all, are discussed in his neat book, "Every Day is Saturday." If you haven't done so, do yourself a favor and read it. Recently, he was at his best in the DVD, "Sanibel Before the Causeway."

September 5 at 9:53 AM

AB

Anthony Bennie posted:

We never had the pleasure of meeting Robert in person but my wife purchased his book a few months ago when we moved to Southwest Florida permanently after vacationing in Captiva for over 15 years. She enjoyed the book so much that she would constantly read passages to us as she was going through the book. We just wanted Robert's family to know that his book had an impact and really did a great job of capturing old Captiva. Our deepest condolences for your loss, and may Robert's Spirit live on to all of us who love

September 5 at 7:33 AM

KC

Kara Cuscaden posted:

Dear Ronnie and Sherry, I am so sorry for your deep loss, and so many others that Bob was near and dear to.....I started coming to the islands pre-causeway, and I remember as a young child the first time my Mom and Dad went on a shelling trip with your Dad. My Grandparents ran the Reef Motel way back then and they knew your Dad and recommended him for this excursion. They enjoyed his sense of humor, but also his vast knowledge of the islands. Many years later after my parents retired to Sanibel, Bob still remembered them.....and myself and my sisters.....he was a good man and a great loss.....may he always rest in peace. And may peace be with you both and all your loved ones during this difficult time. Kara Cuscaden

September 3 at 3:46 PM



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CR

Carmine Rende, Jr. posted:

Dear Ronnie & Sherryl heard the very sad news of Bob's death while visiting a friend in RI. I visited Bob in the hospital several times and my visits with Bob were always very enjoyable. Death is one of those things impossible to understand and words are useless at such a time. I had to let you know, however, that my heart aches for you both. May you be given strength to bear this heavy burden. I will miss him. Carmine Rende, Jr.

September 2 at 8:53 AM

AM

Amy Sbarra-Michelland posted:

Bob and I met when I opened my spa business on Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva in 1998. Bob was fun, colorful and quickly became one of my biggest admirers! ?? We stayed friends over all these years, he took my oldest daughter on her first fishing trip and he would occasionally care for my little dog, Mica, when I took my girls to Disney. I'm sad to hear of his passing, the last I spoke to him he was in the hospital and said he was doing ok. When I get home, I will find a few pictures to post here of Bob that I have tucked away. God please bless Bob....he was a good friend to have all these years. A light has gone out over Captiva and Sanibel. We will miss you. Amy SbarraSophia SbarraMica, the dog

September 1 at 7:26 AM

JM

Judy And Sandy Montclare posted:

We thoroughly enjoyed Bob's sense of humor and his love of Sanibel. He always had a tale to tell. We also had a good time playing tennis with him. judy and sandy montclare

August 28 at 10:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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