



Mr. Robert G. Wheeler

October 31, 1929 - March 2, 2017

Mr. Robert G. Wheeler, 87, of Cortland, N.Y. passed away on Thursday March 2, 2017 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y. after a brief illness. Born October 31, 1929 in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, Robert was a 1948 graduate of Hanover High School in Wilkes Barre., and had faithfully served his country during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Navy.

Robert and his family relocated to Cortland in 1965 when he accepted a position at Cortland State as the Director of the computer center, a position he held until his retirement in 1991. Additionally, Robert was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a member of the Cortland Elks Lodge where he formerly served as their Exalted Ruler.

Robert is survived by his wife of 62 years; Mary Italiano Wheeler at home, his son; Mark (Lisa) Wheeler of Lansing and a daughter; Robin Wheeler (Tim) Baroni of Cortland, four grandchildren; Trevor, Bryce, Ryan and Nicole Wheeler., and special cousins; Frank and Vi Thomas of Syracuse., as well as many special friends from The Hollywood Restaurant, (Table #18) and S.U.N.Y. Cortland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Wednesday from 4-

6 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y.
Contributions may be made to a charity of ones choice. Condolences may
also be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Sincerest condolences to bob's family and friends. I have a lot of great memories of chatting with Bob down at the Elk's lodge. Great guy and a true gentleman. He will be missed. Jim Ochsner PERFort Myers, FL

Jim Ochsner - May 18, 2018 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ I enjoyed lunch with Bob and many others at Hollywood's Table 18 for about twenty years. I first met Bob when he kindly hired me at the college IT Department. I have unending respect for him through working with him there. Bob respected me as an employee and gave me a chance to expand my skills, a vital component on my course to business. When I applied for a job at Cortland County, Bob gave me a solid reference, even though he knew my assent would leave him short-staffed. His recommendation gave them the confidence to select me, and he was selflessly delighted to see my career advance. This allowed me to gather the additional experience and exposure necessary to pursue and ultimately realize my business goals. Our firm is now active across the nation, and Bob had a direct hand in making that happen. My life was far more fulfilling as a direct result of Bob's influence. I remain forever grateful to him for the positive effect he had on my life. Rest in Peace, Bob. We'll all miss your gentle ways.

Jim Buttino - May 18, 2018 at 10:51 AM

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“ My condolences to Mary and family. Bob was an asset to the Computer Center and the college. Great man to work with. Angie Partigianoni

angie partigianoni - May 18, 2018 at 10:51 AM

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“ I just heard this morning about Bob's passing and wanted to send a note .. I remember Mr. Wheeler as such a happy, jolly friend to my mom and Jim Murray and all our family. As a young person, I always felt uplifted when our family visited yours. Bob's computer work was inspiring to me and many in my class. I still remember visiting the SUNY computer center on a class trip when I was a senior, and Bob programmed the printer to print out a giant Snoopy! I pray you are uplifted now as you grieve the passing of a good, kind, cheerful man. My mom is no longer with us, but I want to represent her also in sharing our condolences. Love to your family!

Sue (Martin) Nordberg - May 18, 2018 at 10:51 AM