



## Robert James Sabatka

July 29, 1957 - October 20, 2016

Robert James Sabatka, 59, of Naples, died Thursday, October 20, 2016. Formerly of Olmsted Township, OH, he had been a Naples resident since 2007. He was born July 29, 1957 in Cleveland, OH, the son of Robert Joseph and Beatrice Ann (née Hanzlick) Sabatka.

Robert was a family man who coached his children's baseball and basketball teams. He also enjoyed taking them to their sporting and music events. He had a passion for music and was an outstanding talented musician on lyrics, keyboard, and piano. He formerly played with PF Flyer. He loved life and the great outdoors of sunny Naples where some of his favorite activities were golfing, fishing, jet skiing, and swimming in the ocean. He spent his career as a CPA and remained a member of the AICPA organization throughout his life.

Mr. Sabatka is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Sharon L. (née Soucek) Sabatka of Olmsted Township, OH; his beloved children, Lisa Sabatka of Naples, FL and James Sabatka of Olmsted Township, OH; his mother, Beatrice Sabatka of Cleveland, OH; and brothers, David (Sandra) Sabatka of Columbus, OH, Daniel Sabatka of Cleveland, OH and Phillip (Sandy) Sabatka of Rochester, NY.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Sabatka.

Services are being planned in Ohio and will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert James Sabatka*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I really enjoyed talking to him at basketball games our sons participated in. He was a great, friendly guy. I am so sorry for the loss to the family and country.*

*Kim Burnell  
Olmsted Falls*

**Ki Burnell** - November 04, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *I attend high school together with Bob at Padua. He had a dry sense of humor which I enjoyed. We may not have been close friends but brothers all the same in spirit. He is at the banquet of the Lord.*

**Daniel W. Cawthon Padua class of 75** - October 30, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Lisa and James, so sorry for the loss of your father and my longtime friend. Phil, Dan, and Dave. Mrs. Sabatka. He and I had some great adventures throughout the years. I will miss him.*

*Bill Satow*

**Bill Satow** - October 29, 2016 at 10:41 PM

JZ

“ I share the sentiments posted earlier by the Bird Man. Bobby had a dry sense of humor and was a great musician. I always enjoyed having philosophical discussions with him, as he had a unique perspective. He will be missed. I feel for your Mom losing a child.

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**Jimmy Z** - October 27, 2016 at 02:32 PM

DS

“ To all the ATO brothers that know Dan Sabatka but might say they didn't know Bob, he touched your lives too. When we won, for the first time ever, the inter fraternity sing entertainment award in the '70s, my brother Bob wrote the harmony score for all the music we sang. Robert Skidmore (RIP) & I had no idea what or how to do that and brother Bob was quite an accomplished musician even back then & helped us out. So when you see the trophy at DiPaulo's Restaurant in Buffalo or hear the songs someplace, your kind thoughts about this small untold story will be a kind prayer to his memory. Thank you all and thank you Bob Sabatka for sharing your talents with us.

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**Dan Sabatka** - October 27, 2016 at 12:48 PM

MV

“ Sorry to all the Sabatkas . Really sorry to hear this news. All my Sabatka memories make me smile. Grade school, h.s., card games, gigs, hoops, etc. There was usually a group of Sabatkas and it was fun. Always enjoyed seeing Bobby and talking with him. My thoughts are with you all.

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**mickey verdi** - October 27, 2016 at 11:39 AM

MP

“ *Very sad news. Bob was a fighter. He was always such a nice friend to my mom and dad and a big part of the Marblehead gang. Big hugs and loving prayers to the entire Sabatka family.*

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**Matt Pokorny** - October 27, 2016 at 06:20 AM