



Robert P. Bellini, P.E.

November 12, 1956 - April 16, 2020

Robert P. Bellini, P.E., 63, husband of Leslie (Kirchner) Bellini, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, passed away on Thursday morning, April 16, 2020. Born on November 12, 1956 in Flushing, New York, he is the son of Maria and Umberto Bellini of California.

Bob was raised in Bayside and Great Neck, NY, and was a graduate of Great Neck North High School. He received his Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from Manhattan College, and his Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from Syracuse University.

He was employed for 19 years as a Systems Engineer for IBM and then for 22 years at Lockheed Martin as a Principal Engineer / Computer Systems Architect. Some of the many professional licenses and certifications that Bob earned include Licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.), Certified Information System Security Professional and Certified Ethical Hacker.

Bob's passion for engineering and desire to shape and encourage future engineers through STEM programs inspired him to become a mentor for FIRST Robotics. He guided Dawgma Team 1712 at Lower Merion High School for 11 years during which time they qualified for multiple World Champion Competitions. Bob loved working with these bright and promising students and continued his mentorship with some through their college

careers.

In his spare time, Bob was a single engine aircraft pilot, Amateur Radio Extra, loved wood working and electronics, and actually enjoyed home improvement projects on his "honey do" lists.

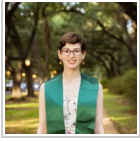
Technical Theater was another passion for Bob. He was the lighting and sound designer and engineer for a myriad of theatrical, dance and musical productions.

His desire to give back to his community led Bob to volunteer his time as an EMT and Fireman for Roosevelt Fire Department in Hyde Park NY. At that time, he was also a NYS EMT Skills Instructor and First Aid and CPR Instructor for AHA and ARC.

In addition to his loving wife of 38 years, Bob is survived by his son: Michael Bellini; sister: Lisa Bellini Gergley, her husband, Thomas of California and their children Daniella (David) Grant and Christopher (Charlotte) Gergley; and brother in law: Robert Kirchner, and Tracy McLaughlin of Pennsylvania. As the eldest of 17 cousins, Robert paved the way for good times and mischief for all. Fond and loving memories will be held by his aunts, uncles and cousins forever.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the BRCA Foundation at www.brcafoundation.org. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Dawgma



Maya Levitan - June 29, 2020 at 12:07 PM

TO

“ So devastated to hear of Bob's passing. Working with Bob in the lighting control booth during Theatre Society performances was one of the highlights of my childhood. He trusted me to hang lights, run cables, and operate the lighting board. Most importantly, he treated me like a full, empowered, competent member of the team even as a teenager.

Bob helped me develop my love for technology and inspired me to pursue engineering in college. In fact, I took a theater sound design class as one of my electives in college for my degree.

I send my deepest condolences and love to Leslie, Michael, and the whole family.

-Tom T.

Tom - May 04, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JR

“ First of all I want to say how sad I felt on hearing of Bob's passing and my prayers to Leslie and family.. But at the same time a lot of good times working with Bob at IBM filled me in a much better way as Bob had always done for not just me but everybody involved on our test floor. Bob was the networking guru that brought us out of the dark ages. I was a Eng. Lab Tech. maintaining some test systems while also programing others. So his helping me with networking was a God send, especially during overtime hours. We had the same manager for awhile and we were all instructed to not use the color red in our charts and graphs for presentations. So for a number of weeks Bob used red. Of course. When the manager figured it out that was not going to get his way he said we could now use red. And at the very next presentation Bob's graphs and charts were B&W. So I asked Bob why he didn't use red. He said "because we are allowed to." That was Bob in a nut shell. Very few had his drive not only to do his best but to do it with the latest technology and techniques available. He would teach anybody who wanted to learn and for that I say to Bob --- Thank you so much for caring, for being there when needed and for the enrichment you spread to everyone. And of course for just being you, which even today I have not figured out, which is the way I think he would want it. RIP Bob.

John M Rihn

Retired and working cattle in NH

John Rihn - April 26, 2020 at 04:21 PM

SF

“ *Bob was so full of life, it is hard to imagine him gone. We will miss his friendship, his intelligence, his kindness, and his sense of humor. We enjoyed our many get-togethers throughout the years. Bob was a very special person who will be missed.*

Sallie and John Farkas



Sallie Farkas - April 26, 2020 at 03:04 PM

MG

“ Mr Bellini was an incredible man with an amazing passion for helping others. I was lucky enough to have him as one of my mentors for Dawgma.

When I first joined the club, I had no desire for the actual engineering side of things. I barely wanted to be in the club. One day, Mr. Bellini announced that I would be doing electronics. I, nervous as could be because here this big scary man told me I'd be doing something outside my comfort zone, nervously agreed. The next day, Bellini stuck to his guns and brought me to a table filled with circuits and wiring charts. He taught me how to do basic soldering and connectors and set me loose from there. I ended up falling in love with it and continuing to do it for the rest of my time at Dawgma. It taught me to love problem solving and logic and eventually bringing me to study Mechanical Engineering in college.

I learned Bellini was so much more than a "scary old man": he was actually one of the sweetest and kindest people I had ever met. He was always there to listen whenever I started crying (being that it was high school I cried a lot). He was always there to push you as far as he knew you were able to achieve. He also had an amazing sense of humor. I was cleaning out my laptop and I found an album called "pictures that make me smile." I found one titled "Bellini." On this particular day, Dawgma had stayed late. It was build season and we were tired and sharing a meal together. Mr Bellini took a clementine and a pocket knife and created what I can only describe as perfection.

I will miss him with all my heart.



Miriam Glickman - April 26, 2020 at 12:07 AM

TG

“ Dear Leslie, Michael, Maria, Umberto, Lisa and the entire Bellini family:

Robert was my brother in law and I am overcome with emotion and sadness about his passing at such a young age. He was a genuine and sincere man who had integrity, honesty and was always willing to help or solve a problem whenever and wherever there was a need. Although he was an exceptionally bright and very accomplished engineer he also was kind and generous with his time. We can see that all through these tributes as he impacted all our lives and volunteered for many causes in an effort to give back to others.

To some people he may have appeared a little tough with a sarcastic sense of humor on the outside but once you got to know him you could see that inside he was a softie who had empathy and cared for others. I'm grateful that my 2 children Daniela and Christopher got to know him and spend time with him especially since we live on the other side of the country. He had a positive impact on them and always encouraged them as they embarked on their own careers in engineering.

I will never forget how much effort he put into making sure that his mom was properly taken care of when she became very ill while in Florida. Robert and Leslie went above and beyond in their care taking and I remember picking them up at the airport at 3:00 AM as they brought a very sick Maria Bellini back home to California. Robert would lift her and carry her into her wheel chair and then sleep on the couch in her rehab hospital to make sure her oxygen kept flowing and that she was being cared for properly by the nursing staff.

He was a very loyal and dedicated son and insisted on things being done the right way so that his mom would have the best care possible. On his last trip out to California to see his parents he checked the oxygen hoses in his moms room and found that they

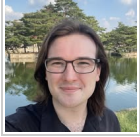
were not set up correctly causing her breathing problems so he straightened it all out and set up a system for it to not happen again. He also encouraged his Dad to do more exercise to improve his strength and balance. He was doing his part to make sure his parents were being cared for and were in a position to be as healthy as possible. This was another example of his character and his willingness to help others.

Robert you will be missed very much by all of us who knew you and shared life together. My wife, Lisa, your sister is heart broken as am I in your passing. It's still so hard to believe and every time I see your smiling photo I break down and become emotional. Your passing has made us have a new perspective on our lives and how much we all really mean to each other. I'm looking forward to seeing you again someday my brother and when that happens we will surely celebrate and rejoice!

Blessings,

Tom Gergley

THOMAS J GERGLEY - April 23, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ I was a student on Dawgma, and had the privilege of learning from Mr. Bellini for my 4 years on the team. He helped me become a better person, communicator, and leader, and I’m extremely grateful for him.

I have a salient memory of him that I think illustrates how he was for us:

We were at the World Championships in 2016, and had been eliminated. Were we happy & proud, we’d had a good run, and were seated in the dome, ready to watch Einstein - the last alliances that hadn’t yet been eliminated were about to clash for a World Championship, and we had a prime view. Students were stoked for the spectacle and exhausted from competition.

“Alright, who wants to come pack up the pit?” - Mr. Bellini

He had a point. We hadn’t packed up our pit, since we’d only recently been eliminated, while plenty of other teams had gotten their stuff cleared away. It was really something we ought to do. But no one wanted to leave their seats right now. He seemed surprised by this - he didn’t think he’d have to ask twice. “Come on guys, we need to do this.” A couple other students and I volunteered to go pack up the pit, listening closely to the livestream the whole time.

His attitude towards watching the Einstein matches seemed to be: “Why would you care? We’ve been eliminated: the cool part is over.” And that’s because when it came down to it Mr. Bellini was a true believer in what he professed. What excited him about a robotics competition was not what happened on the field, what awards were given out, who won in the end. It was the education and nurturing of his students that mattered to him. He didn’t really care about how well the robot did on the field except for what it revealed about us, and the process we took to get there.

Heck, he probably thought that another repetition packing up the pit was more valuable than watching the Einstein matches live. And he

would be right.

Gabriel Krotkov - April 22, 2020 at 05:37 PM

CH

“ *Leslie, Michael and Family: For the more than 20 years Bob and I worked on the same Contracts and had known each other, he was always one of those people that you enjoyed seeing and talking with every time. Bob was always positive, loving life and his work for the company and country. Reading his bio, it's easy to see that Bob touched many people in such a positive way! We will miss him, no doubt, and I feel privileged to have known him for the time we had. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Chris Holdsworth

Chris Holdsworth - April 22, 2020 at 01:28 PM

JD

“ *Knew Bob from his days at IBM in Poughkeepsie/East Fishkill. So sorry for your loss.
Thoughts and prayers to the Bellini family during this trying time.
Regards,
John Drummond*

John Drummond - April 21, 2020 at 05:06 PM

DG

“ I am married to Robert's niece, Daniela, and though I did not get to spend a considerable amount of time with him, I believe that I got to see a glimpse of who he was as. Every time that he would come to California to visit I saw him helping somebody. Not only that, but he did it quietly in the background without seeking attention for himself. On the day of our wedding he and Leslie did a lot behind the scenes to make sure things came together (probably more than I am even aware of). The next time I saw him after that he was in the middle of replacing an old, dirty hot water tank in a cramped, hot room. He did it with no complaints, just ready and willing to help with a positive attitude. I am sure that many other examples exist that others on here can attest to. His heart for helping others and meeting their needs was very apparent, even to someone who only saw him a handful of times. I am thankful for the time I got to spend with him and he will be greatly missed.

To Leslie, Michael, Maria, and Umberto, may you experience "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) and take refuge in Him. I am praying for all of you.

David Grant - April 21, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SP

“ When we think of Bob, we see a consummate and creative engineer who shared his gift with others across an array of milieus. In New York, Bob was part of the theater scene, the lighting engineer, the sound engineer, the set designer and construction director. He did it all. Looked easy to the outsider. Ask and it would be done. When he and Leslie moved to PA , a lose for us still in NY, he wired and programed many of the household functions. They had a "smart" house, smarter than our house; we were a little jealous I think. The computer room, a mecca of computers and gadgets for which we were clues, boggled the mind no boggle for Bob though. We were impressed with Bob's work sharing his expertise with youth, not the simplest age group with which to work, in the design and development of robots. He saw the need to engage youth in science, technology, engineering, and math. He answered the call so to speak and provided youth with a good role model in work ethic and STEM.

We will miss him and remember him fondly,
Sally and Barry

Sally Pittman-Smith - April 21, 2020 at 10:27 AM

KA

“ Robert, you had the special privilege of being the oldest of 17 amazing cousins who all looked up to you and I have the privilege of being the youngest of this special group of people! Even though I was too young to partake in all of the mischief I always love hearing the stories of all the crazy things my older cousins did in which you were always the ringleader!

Aside from this wonderful sense of humor you were an intelligent, warm and kind person who helped so many people in so many different ways. You will be missed and will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Love, your youngest cousin Karen

Karen - April 20, 2020 at 10:43 PM

SB

“ Bob and I go way back.....to Roof Top Rentals (only a very few will know what that means), but Bob was a great friend and we had a lot of fun way back when. That was 45 years ago (wow) and even then, when technology was so primitive, it was clear that Bob was (or would become) a brilliant engineer.

Bob was always a warm and caring individual, doing whatever he could, and whatever was needed for others. You always knew he would be there for you, and I will always remember that wonderful quality about him.

Leslie, Michael and Family, I want to extend my condolences to you all during this difficult time. Please know that Bob will live on in our hearts, and in the hearts of so many he has touched.

Laney and Steve

Steven Brill - April 20, 2020 at 07:53 PM

RC

“ Leslie, we will all miss Robert so much. He was so intelligent yet so humble. Our prayers are with you, Michael, Aunt Marie, Uncle Umberto Lisa and Tommy. I am so happy that we had the chance to see him last Summer and Fall. We have great memories. I felt so privileged to have been part of your wedding party. I know he loved you very much. What great memories we all have together.

You and Robert were always so kind to my Mom and Dad.

We all looked up to Robert. Now, we know he has a special place in Haven. -- Probably, in the technical department.

Love, Rich, Margaret, David and Christopher.

Richard Carratu - April 20, 2020 at 06:32 PM

DA

“ Leslie -
*So very sad to hear of Bob's passing.
He was a wonderful individual.
I am so glad I got to know him - through our time working together at Lockheed. He was a wonderful co-worker and friend.
I will keep you all in my prayers during this difficult time.
David and Chris Arenson*

David Arenson - April 20, 2020 at 05:51 PM

CV

“ Leslie, Michael and Family, I want to extend my deepest sympathies and warmest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. Words cannot take away the sorrow you have experienced with the recent loss of Bob. His contributions to Lockheed Martin were exceptional over the years, often working our most complex national security programs. He made a tremendous impact to both the people and the programs he supported. A great leader with tremendous technical skills and a passion for robotics and STEM, Bob embodied what many of us aspire to do to give back to our youth and inspire our next generation. The Lockheed Martin family sends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you.

Clark VanBuskirk - April 20, 2020 at 02:33 PM

SK

“ Leslie, Michael and family -
So very sad to hear of Bob's passing.
He was a wonderful individual.
I am so glad I got to know him - through our time working together at IBM as well as our moments in theater at Rhinebeck Performing Arts and Cast of Hyde Park.
I will keep you all in my prayers during this difficult time.
Steve Kochis

Stephen Kochis - April 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM

LB

“ This is our cousin Alessandro's message to Robert in English.

*Dear cousin Robert,
I still live the memory of when you came to Italy, from grandmother Margherita, you kept me on your legs and imitated the voice of Donald Duck, I remember when you bought the Trans Am, personalized with the plate with your initials: RPB 001, unforgettable, I also remember when in the 70s you built yourself that portable phone that you carried in your briefcase, and I remember that video call of greetings that we had with you, Leslie, your mom, your dad and that beautiful dog, and we were at Aunt Anna's , me, Fabrizia, Matteo and our dog Kyra I will never forget you, we will love you forever, Alessandro, Fabrizia e Matteo.*

Lisa Bellini - April 19, 2020 at 04:39 PM

LB

“ This is our cousin Alessandro's message to Robert in English.

I still live the memory of when you came to Italy, from grandmother Margherita, you kept me on your legs and imitated the voice of Donald Duck, I remember when you bought the Trans Am, personalized with the plate with your initials: RPB 001, unforgettable, I also remember when in the 70s you built yourself that portable phone that you carried in your briefcase, and I remember that video call of greetings that we had with you, Leslie, your mom, your dad and that beautiful dog, and we were at Aunt Anna's , me, Fabrizia, Matteo and our dog Kyra I will never forget you, we will love you forever,

Lisa Bellini - April 19, 2020 at 04:37 PM

AM

“ *Caro cugino Robert,
ho ancora vivo il ricordo di quando sei venuto
in Italia, da nonna Margherita, mi tenevi sulle
gambe e imitava la voce di Donald Duck,
ricordo quando hai comprato la Trans Am,
personalizzata con la targa con le tue iniziali : RPB 001 ,
indimenticabile, ricordo anche quando negli anni 70 ti sei costruito
da solo quel telefono portatile che trasportavi nella valigetta, e
ricordo quella videochiamata di auguri che ci siamo fatti con te,
Leslie, tua mamma, tuo papà e quel bel cagnolino, e noi eravamo
da zia Anna, io, Fabrizia, Matteo e il nostro cane Kyra non ti
dimenticherò mai, ti ameremo per sempre, R.I.P. Robert, we always
love you .
Alessandro, Fabrizia e Matteo.*



Alessandro Malatesta - April 19, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DD

“ Robert- my oldest cousin (more of a big brother) -so many great memories from childhood and on. I was always so impressed how you take things apart, figure out how they worked & put them back together!! I wanted so much to learn that from you and I did. Not on your level but I enjoy creating, building, fixing & trying to figure out how things work! I remember when we were kids you came over with your mom to visit Nonna by the time you left you had taken our home phone apart and went home without putting it back together!! My mom called your dad & he brought you back to fix it!!! I thought it was ingenious & hysterical but our parents did think so!! I came across a picture I think you were almost 6 years old & from the looks of it you must've been into some mischief!! (Picture to follow). You not only were our leader in getting into mischief but you looked out for all of us. You were very caring & loving. I remember once Leslie told me you had a picture of me in your wallet- that not only touched my heart but I felt very special! I'm so sad & so heartbroken at the loss of you! You will always have a special place in my heart & in my life! Robert I Love You. Til we meet again!



Debbie DeRosa - April 19, 2020 at 10:45 AM

MC

“ We have so many fond memories of Bob. I met Bob soon after joining IBM, more than 35 years ago. Bob sat across the hall from my second-line manager and I always enjoyed stopping in his office to chat.

We moved to different areas at IBM, but then were reunited through Leslie, the Big Band Sound and a love of musical theater. Roger and several others have mentioned the shows Bob produced and did tech for in Rhinebeck. Dave and I had a blast playing in the pit for Guys & Dolls (photo) in 1996 and Hello Dolly in 1997 at the Rhinebeck tent.

I always enjoyed catching up with Bob and spending time together as "band spouses" at various Big Band Sound concerts and events. I remember one particularly fun CIA Student Charity Event with a masquerade ball theme that had a large turnout of spouses. I'm not sure that Bob really enjoyed the mask aspect (photo), but he was a good sport!

Thanks for all the great memories, we will miss you greatly...
Marie and Dave



Marie Cole - April 19, 2020 at 07:39 AM

DA

“ Dear Uncle Robert,

Our hearts are heavy but we are so thankful for so many wonderful memories together. I will always remember your sense of humor and your devotion stand up for the people and causes you loved. Your passion for your work and for the students you mentored was always so evident. Work never seemed like a job to you and I always admired how deeply you cared about solving complex problems to improve the world for everyone.

I remember all the encouragement you gave me and my brother in studying engineering. While I will never live up to your technical capabilities, it is such an honor to be able to follow in your footsteps in a small way.

I remember the fun memory of coming to stay with you and Aunt Leslie for Christmas one year. I remember running laps around the neighborhood in the snow, making baklava, enjoying your fun basement and playing with Dexter in your endless backyard. You made us feel so welcome and I will never forget that trip.

I remember how hard you worked to help out at my wedding. You always preferred to work in the background without drawing much attention to yourself. I remember you carrying heavy jugs of water up and down the steps throughout the whole reception. I hope you still had the opportunity to enjoy it.

I remember when you came to visit right when Christian was born. You were so thoughtful, asking about when was a good time to come and being very sensitive to my needs as a new mother. I remember you decided not to hold him just to conclusively rule out the possibility you would drop him!

We truly enjoyed your visit this January although we didn't realize it would be the last. I know you weren't feeling well but made the sacrifice to come anyway. I remember your distinct compassion and

empathy as David shared some of the challenges running his business with the changing legislation. We really appreciated that you set aside the time to spend one on one with us, even putting up with sitting in a cold spot by the door. It was amazing to see you and Aunt Leslie's selfless live for each other, always trying to anticipate the others' needs.

Most of all, I thank you for caring so deeply for my grandparents. You were always so diligent to make sure all their needs were met and no need went unnoticed. You were always thinking of them and how to help them, even feom a distance. We will never forget all you and Aunt Leslie did to get them home from Florida.

To my Aunt Leslie and Cousin Michael, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know God will comfort you in this time and that he has an ultimate plan and purpose for all that happens in this life. We are here for you and we love you.

- Daniela, David, and Christian

Daniela - April 19, 2020 at 01:20 AM

MA

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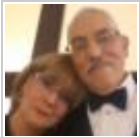


marc - April 18, 2020 at 11:44 PM

LB

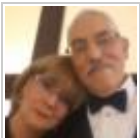
“ Dear Robert, I want you to know how much I love you. I've always looked up to you as my big brother. You showed me off to your friends when I was 1 week old by carrying me outside after mom said you couldn't let your friends in the house since you were full of mud. You didn't listen and did it your way anyway. You are the one who could fix it all whether it was electrical or not. You are the oldest cousin and admired by all. Everyone wanted to follow you and you were the leader of the pack, whether it was for a prank on Uncle Danny's car or just to sell grandpa Vito's fresh tomatoes at the corner. You taught me how to light my first firecracker. You took me and my friend out for my 16th birthday. You have been my hero, rescuing me at college from my horrible roommate when I was a freshman and picking me up when I injured my knee and I was on crutches since mom and dad were in Italy. I always knew you were there for me. You and Leslie went above and beyond helping at Daniela's wedding. I know it was an extraordinary effort you went through to come to CA. in January and I admire your strength and tenacity. I will miss you and have a big space in my heart just for you! Your little sista and favorite MOOSE!

Lisa Bellini - April 18, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ *Maria Florio was added to the Family Tree.*

Leslie Bellini - April 18, 2020 at 10:56 PM

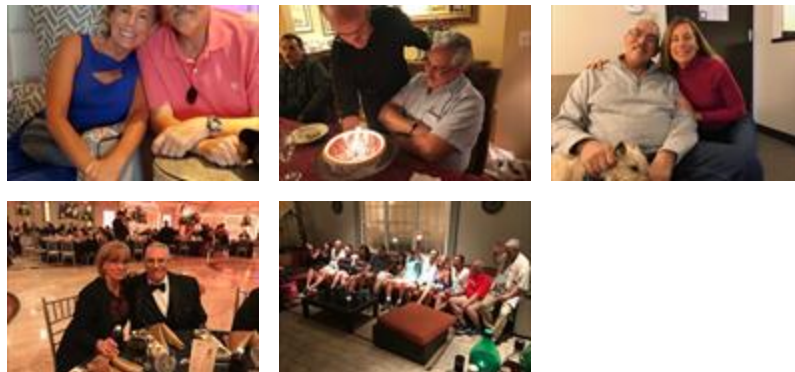


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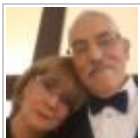
Leslie Bellini - April 18, 2020 at 10:55 PM

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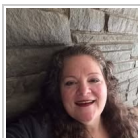
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Leslie Bellini - April 18, 2020 at 06:32 PM



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Valarie Noll Losey - April 18, 2020 at 05:42 PM

LB

“ 16 files added to the album *Family*



Lisa Bellini - April 18, 2020 at 04:33 PM

BM

“No partial credit, bridge fall down!”

I want to share the impact that Mr. Bellini had on my life. Joining robotics exposed me to proper engineers - and leading the pack, Mr. Robert Bellini, PE. Their professionalism, depth of knowledge, and experienced problem solving stood out as qualities I continue to emulate.

Bellini led the team as a manager - the Boss. He expected results, but most importantly commitment. After an unspectacular performance in 2014, he addressed the team as a general, demanding more. He set the expectation that failure was not an option.

The next season we turned the tide, fighting past quarterfinals, semifinals, -He stood again at the head of the team, expressing his pride, and rewarding us by paying for the entirety of the traditional southeastern-PA Wawa stop on the bus ride home. At MAR-Champs 2016, immediately after qualifying for Worlds, he gave me the firmest handshake - and the widest smile I have ever received.

Visiting the team the following year, I told him that Purdue was kicking my butt. He said, "Good!". Last Fall during a particularly rough semester, I reached out to him. He shared that he also had to learn to commit the time and energy to the work. It's silly, but I try to wear my robotics shirts to exams, knowing that he will accept nothing but positive results. I regard Bellini as an Engineer's Engineer - a true professional. Without a doubt, Mr. Bellini was the toughest coach, yet the most impactful mentor.

Ben Model - April 18, 2020 at 03:33 PM

RD

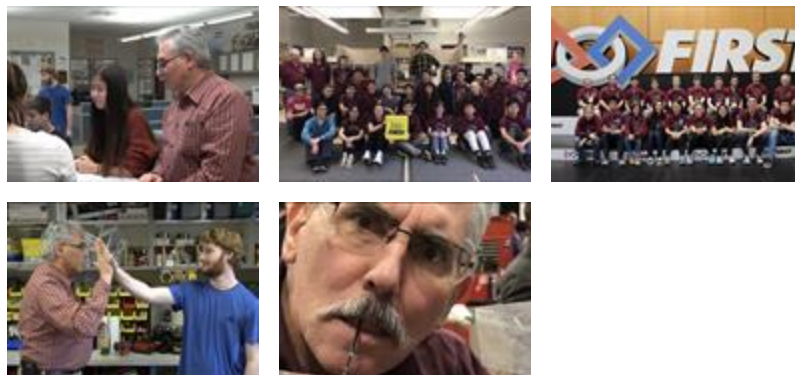
“ John, had mentioned. on this tribute wall, the summer of 1996 where he did a show with his parents and brother all on stage. My daughter and I were in that show as well as doing another show the following summer. Leslie and Bob produced both shows at the Rhinebeck tent. I have done many shows after those two but they were by far the most enjoyable for me. My daughter Stephanie also had a great time and my wife also got to help. Bob was a wiz on the technical stuff and a joy to work with. He would say we'll make it happen and it did. Guys and Dolls and Hello Dolly were big hits thanks to the leadership of Bob and Leslie.
Bob, rest in peace and thanks for the great memories.



Roger D'Aquino - April 18, 2020 at 02:45 PM



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Nathaniel Chin - April 18, 2020 at 02:33 PM

JB

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Journey Byland - April 18, 2020 at 02:04 PM

LB

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Lisa Bellini - April 18, 2020 at 01:53 PM

BF

“ *My memories go back to the early days of RTS (a theater group) in Rhinebeck, NY. We only had spotlights for lighting. Leslie was our favorite diva. Bob came to our rescue and crawled through the library attic to install our first “real” lighting system of used and battered lights restored by Bob. I worked closely with them both down through many shows and was constantly amazed by them both. My husband (Fast Eddie) and I became fond of them both and blond, curly-haired Michael. Bob and Leslie became like our own children. We loved every visit they made and enjoyed many dinners at Foster’s. I can barely see through the tears to write this. My love to you Leslie, Michael and family.*

Barbara Fisch - April 18, 2020 at 12:57 PM

MW

“ Bob inspired so many students, including my three children, with the all-absorbing robotics program at Lower Merion High School – FIRST Team 1712. He had an out-sized influence on them during their important high school years. His leadership of Team 1712 and his almost fanatical commitment took the team to the world championships in 2009, 2016 and 2018, inspiring tremendous growth in the size of the team. I was so proud when he encouraged and welcomed my older daughter to be a junior mentor to the team, remaining her mentor as she completed her undergraduate degree. They say it takes a village... Bob was a respected elder in our village! Working with Bob as a founding member of the team's parent booster club, we didn't agree on everything, though I like to think that we had a healthy respect for each other. Bob's passing is truly difficult, remembering his passion and presence during numerous build seasons and competitions. A good, good man and we will all miss him. Rest in peace Bob. In our hearts, Team 1712's flag flies at half-mast.

Marion Williams - April 18, 2020 at 12:46 PM

JO

“ I met Bob in the spring of 1996. His wonderful wife, Leslie, was a classmate in an acting class offered at Dutchess Community College. Bob and Leslie were producing *Guys and Dolls* in Rhinebeck that summer, and Leslie asked my brother if he would be interested in auditioning. My Dad said he was certainly interested, and thus began one of the best summers of my life: all four of us (mom, dad, Gregg, and me) were all involved. It was the longest rehearsal process in memory, which is a blessing; it was months of late night parties and gatherings, keeping restaurants open, and trying to out ham each other at the JD Dance Studio (and yes, months; auditions were in late April, and the show ran the end of July-early August). After *Guys and Dolls* ended, Leslie and Bob helped my brother and I produce our first play, *Foul Feast*, with support from Mike Weida and the programming Board at DCC: he helped build the set, do the lights, sound, etc. I don't think there was anything the man couldn't do or wouldn't do.

Sending love and light to Leslie, Michael, and all touched by his loss.

John - April 18, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ My earliest memory of Bob goes back to probably 1970, 50 years ago. We lived about ½ mile apart on Fairview Ave. he was number 92 and I was number 17. He was the lucky kid whose parents allowed him to have a go cart. I would watch him going up and down the road in that thing, probably around 30mph, I was thinking lucky kid. We didn't meet until high school around 1972 in stage crew. In all of that time he was always a good and loyal friend. He will be missed.

Brian Lauro - April 18, 2020 at 11:40 AM

JN

“ We will really miss Bob. He was a generous neighbor with his time and help and he was always willing to help. We spent lots of time together in a committee that worked on protecting the air quality in our community. Thanks to Bob's engineering and science expertise, we were successful with the project. We always admired the deep friendship and loyalty that he and Leslie shared. Bob will be remembered fondly and we send our prayers to you, Leslie, for strength in this time. - The Norris Family

Jeannine Norris - April 18, 2020 at 11:23 AM

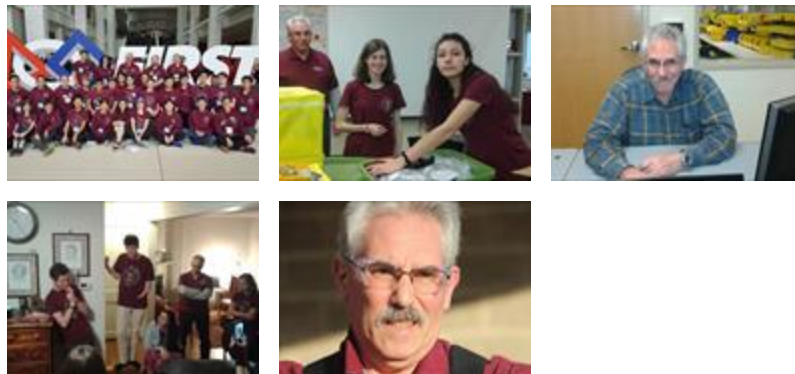
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“ Dear Leslie and Michael so sorry to hear about the passing of Bob We had fun times together along with your loyal dedication to Roosevelt Engine co 3 and the rescue squad Our deepest sympathy to you and your family
Jeff Elderkin
Roosevelt Engine Co 3

Jeff Elderkin President eng co 3 - April 18, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MW

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Marion Williams - April 18, 2020 at 10:50 AM

SK

“ We met Leslie & Bob over 26 years ago in the Hudson Valley. We had so many joyful times together in Woodstock, Saugerties, Rhinebeck & Hyde Park especially when we were all working on a theater project together and then just kicking back wherever we had landed. As the four of us moved on we had more joyful times in Phoenixville & Key West. With Bob, you never quite knew in what city he was working (and especially what he was working on!) but we managed to always stay connected. We were privileged to be at the special 40-year old birthday dinner Leslie made for him in Hyde Park and of course at their 25th anniversary bash. Bob always so smart, witty and wise. He could figure out how to fix anything with his affable humor and technical brilliance. He adored Leslie and she adored him back. John always kept this photo of Bob's credentials when he gave him a private tour of the NBC broadcast Studio. He will be missed tremendously but always remembered with our deepest love and admiration. Stephen & John



Stephen Kitsakos - April 18, 2020 at 09:44 AM

JT

“ Dearest Leslie - we are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We cherish the many golden memories of working with you both in theater shows. Much love - Ellen & Jonah Triebwasser


Jonah Triebwasser - April 18, 2020 at 09:29 AM

MA

“ It is with the heaviest of hearts that I post this. Robert was my oldest cousin who I always looked up to and admired. I have so many wonderful memories from my childhood and also so many beautiful recent memories. All my life, Robert was always the smartest person in the room. That beautiful star will be missed. I always loved and admired the love that Leslie & Robert shared. They were truly a love for the ages that has taught me how a husband and wife can be. I am so grateful for the time we've had together. I miss you cuz and love you forever 😊
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marc - April 18, 2020 at 08:53 AM

 Sarper Toker

“ Bob and Leslie have an our great neighbors and friends. They have been awesome and always there to help. Bob fixed or car one day while it was urgently needed. He was extremely sharp and very kind to all including us. We will terribly miss Bob. Maria and Sarper Toker

Sarper Toker - April 18, 2020 at 04:34 AM

CF

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of Bob. I remember being at Leslie and Bob's beautiful wedding. How accomplished I saw he was from reading him story. Brilliant as well as a very kind man.



Carol Fortunato - April 18, 2020 at 01:35 AM



“ Some 40 odd years ago...
 Leslie: Is today Wednesday?
 Bob & Kevin in unison: All day.

Kevin McNearny - April 18, 2020 at 12:41 AM



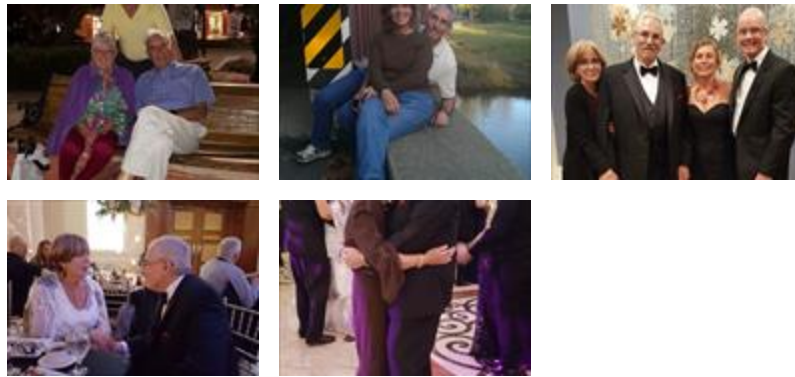
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