



## ROBERT PAUL CAMPANALE

June 7, 1963 - October 15, 2024

Robert Paul Campanale, aged 61, passed away on 10/15/ 2024. He was a beloved father, husband, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend - who will be remembered for his generous spirit, infectious laughter and wry sense of humor. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Rob was born near Uxbridge, Massachusetts, where he lived until age 8, before moving with his family to Narragansett, RI in 1971. Every fisherman has a story, and Rob's started here in the days of LORAN-A and old Ford pick-up trucks —building lobster traps in the basement with his dad, Marco to build a life harvesting the sea with an 18' plywood skiff. At 15 years old, Rob began his journey as Captain of the 37' F/V Barbara Ann, stepping into his father's shoes when Marco Sr. suddenly passed away. With the support of his mother and brothers, Rob worked hard to earn his place in the Point Judith fishing fleet, "A good sailor for my age". Rob met every challenge with determination and enthusiasm- reaching one goal to set another. Rob never feared a rough sea. Campanale & Sons would eventually include four steel-hulled off-shore fishing vessels and Rob would pass the torch (or rather, the wheel) to the next generation. Recently he relocated to Tallahassee, Florida where he could enjoy spending time outside. He enjoyed driving his pontoon boat and spending time in his backyard "waterpark" and swimming in his pool. He loved his dog Gansett who kept him busy giving him bones.

Rob is survived by his loving wife, Eileen, his daughter, Bridget Fitzsimmons

(husband Patrick); his sons, Domenic Campanale (wife Kaitlin), Devon Campanale (wife Kathryn), his stepchildren, Madeline Bellico (husband Michael) and Mason Tarasevich, his grandchildren, Landon, Callie, Adeline, Robert and Vincent. Rob will be greatly missed by his brothers, John Campanale (wife Deborah) Roy Campanale (wife Sandra), and Anthony Campanale (late wife, Linda). Rob is predeceased by his parents, Marco & Barbara Campanale; his brother Marco Campanale Jr (wife Patricia) and his sister, Mary Varner. Rob was blessed to have a close family – which includes his nieces and nephews, Marco, Barbara, Roy Jr, Cammy, Chris, Jen, Kate, Jimmy and Christina.

Taken too soon and will be in our hearts forever.

“Good Enough”

A private memorial service for family and close friends followed by a gathering for a celebration of life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Pt. Judith Fisherman’s Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 3315, Narragansett, RI 02882

The family is being cared for by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444

# Tribute Wall

WR

“ I will always remember Rob Campanale. Learning to drive for the first time his 1978 maroon 3-speed column shift Ford F-150; pumping quarters into the jukebox at Milt's to listen to The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald while Vern served us \$0.50 cent Miller drafts. Baiting tub trawl hooks and going to Cox's on one of the coldest February days I ever experienced - made \$0.10 cents that trip, after expenses that is. Rob loved fishing and was very proud of his 2 boys and daughter - he loved his family. He exceeded his childhood dreams of getting an offshore boat and accomplished more than most could have in two lifetimes. I will always miss Rob Campanale. Fair Winds and Following Seas my Friend. Last Call.

William Rogers - October 30, 2024 at 11:05 PM

KZ

my DNA matched his 239 399 1522 what's up ?

Keith Zavattaro - March 06, 2025 at 02:34 AM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of ROBERT PAUL CAMPANALE.

October 30, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of ROBERT PAUL CAMPANALE.



October 21, 2024 at 12:51 PM

SM

“ Rob was a great friend, and even though I’m a few year older, a mentor. Rob was the gold standard by which all other offshore lobster boat captains could be judged. No one was more determined, worked harder or did better.  
Rob’s sons, Domenic and Devon were a great source of pride. They have their own lobster boat and are working hard and doing well. Each time I talked to Rob, he knew exactly where the boys were fishing and what they were catching. For those of us who knew and loved Rob, we can take some solace from the joy and love he gave and received from his incredible wife Iliene and their blended family. He will be greatly missed.

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**Scott Martin** - October 21, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ It’s an honor to have known him, we had some great times together, probably the best times of my life. I’m very sorry for your loss. Kurt Tedeschi

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**Kurt Tedeschi** - October 21, 2024 at 04:44 AM

DG

“ I’m sorry to hear of Robs passing. He was my first friend when we lived in point Judas r Island back in the '70s. Use to hang out all the time during the Summers always had a blast with him. Sorry for the loss of a really cool guy  
Daniel Green

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**Daniel Green** - October 20, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MK

“ So sad to hear this news. I have many fun memories of playing with Rob and his family there on Upton Road. Rob and the Campanale family were great neighbors.

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**Michael Kennedy** - October 19, 2024 at 11:39 AM

BL

“ *Eileen and Mason..Our sincerest condolences. You are in our prayers.Lou and Barbara Langnehs*

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**Barbara A Langnehs** - October 18, 2024 at 02:23 PM