

## **ROBERT "BOBBY" MONTANARI**



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Robert "Bobby" Montanari, of Myrtle Beach, SC, on March 21, 2025, at the age of 82, following a courageous battle with cancer. Born July 30, 1942, to the late Henry and Betty Montanari in Pittsburgh, PA. Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Rosemary of 54 years; his children, David Montanari (Eunjin) and Nina Thatcher (James); and three

grandchildren, Savannah, Henry and Luca, who lovingly called him Pappy; sister-in-law, Anna Mae Lenkey (Joseph); nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

Bobby was a true restaurateur, and he owned many bars and restaurants in Pittsburgh before moving to Myrtle Beach in 1988, where he opened Umberto's at Barefoot Landing, as well as several other restaurants along the Grand Strand. Umberto's is still operating after 37 years by his daughter, Nina. He had a level of charisma and graciousness with customers and staff alike that made everyone feel like family. He was a unique individual that could walk into a room and create the atmosphere; it was a rare talent and he radiated it. Bobby's wit and instincts contributed to his success and respect among anyone that he met. In his younger days, Bobby was an avid golfer, and he loved to read. However, his biggest passion was a great Italian meal and a good bottle of wine, which led him to countless trips throughout Italy. He even managed a recent trip in April, 2024, despite his illness.

His family is eternally grateful to have had him as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

A private memorial will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Plum Creek Cemetery in Plum Borough, PA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his favorite charities: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the Shriner's Children Hospital.

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