



Robert Costanza

March 24, 1940 - January 4, 2010

Robert Costanza, 69, of Kankakee, died Monday (Jan. 4, 2010) at home with his family at his side. Mr. Costanza was born to Frank and Theresa Pecora Costanza on March 24, 1940, in Chicago. He came to the Kankakee area from Chicago in 1964 as a storekeeper for the New York Central Railroad. He was employed at Gould National Battery (GNB) from 1967 until he retired in 2001. He was the battery division traffic manager at the corporate offices in Lombard. Robert leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Mary (nee Michel). They were married July 8, 1961, at St. Anthony's Church in Chicago. He is survived by four daughters and two sons-in-law; five sons and four daughters-in-law, and 16 grandchildren: Teri Menard, Elizabeth, Katherine and Margaret of Kankakee; Amy and Dennis Wettig, Ella Rose and Addison of Charleston; S. Jennifer and Neil McNamara, Meghan and Brody of Westchester; and Moira of Kankakee; Marc and Sandy, Rachel, Anna, Molly, and Luke of Elk Grove Village; James and Kymberli, Simon Grant, Izabella, and Jaidin of Kankakee; David of Oak Park; Thomas and Renee, Uma and Vito of Chicago; and Michael and Kelly of Kankakee. He is also survived by his mother, Ann Dell Costanza of Dolton; his brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Donna Costanza, nephews, Brad and Kyle of Leawood, Kan.; sister-in-law, Jean Costanza of Chicago Heights, nieces, Carrie (Joe) Palicki of Manteno and Catherine (Patrick) Dillon of Woodstock; two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law, Marc and Margaret Michel of Calumet City, John and Joy Michel of Oak Park; one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joan Michel and Jose' Fernandez Aviles of

Madrid, Spain; and several nieces and nephews. Robert is preceded in death by his mother, Theresa; father, Frank; and his brother, Thomas. He enjoyed photography, painting and was a professional drummer. Visitation for Mr. Costanza will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A Mass of Christian Burial will be said by Father John Peeters at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee, at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials in Robert's name may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

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“ Sorry to see this hope, all will be good in the coming year for you all. Sorry for losing tract of you guys. Would like to hear from you by e-mail **ROGER TANNEHILL##imported-begin##ROGER TANNEHILL##imported-end##**

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“ So sorry for your loss. i ½ Currently I am in South Korea, but prayer knows no distance. i ½ Words will not cover the hurt, but here's a hug from far away X.

 Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Mabus##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Costanza Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Rob will be missed, but will never leave our hearts and memories. Love, **Patti##imported-begin##Patti Peyton##imported-end##**

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“ Condolences from myself and the Travis family. i½Robert was a great father to a lot of great kids. i½I have a lot of fond memories of my times spent with the Constanza kids and the Clough kids. i½##imported-begin##Blake Travis##imported-end##

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“ I am a friend of Teri's from St Pat's. My condolences to all of you for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of grief. I lost my Dad three years ago, and was comforted by the knowledge that his spirit and love lives on in me. God bless you all.

Steve Kelley##imported-begin##Steve Kelley##imported-end##

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“ He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort...And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5

##imported-begin##Magallon Family##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mary and Family,

 I wish we didn't live so far away.

We wanted to be with you. ĩ½Please know you are in our
prayers.

Love to you all,

 Jake and
Mary###imported-begin###Mary Richards###imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to hear about your dad. ĩ½I haven't seen Jim since
the 70's, or Mark since Bob Palinski and I hung out in the 80's, but I
recall you all having a pretty tight family. ĩ½My condolences for
your loss. ĩ½###imported-begin###Mark Baron###imported-end##

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“ Mary, Amy, Dennis and the rest of the Costanza family, please
accept our deepest condolences in your loss of a great
husband, father, grandfather and friend. ĩ½We are all thinking
about you guys today and in the coming days. Saying prayers for
you all.

Love,

Dave, Kelly, Cameron &
Dylan Wettig###imported-begin###Kelly Wettig###imported-end##

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“ It was with great sadness to learn of the passing of "Mr. C" as I
remember calling him. He was a sweet soul and a fond part of my
childhood. On behalf of the entire Forgue family I wish you our
deepest simpethies.

Kirk###imported-begin###Kirk
Forgue###imported-end##

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“ Our sincere condolences to you Mary and your family. i½Bob was such a great person and we are sure he will be missed so much. i½Kind, gentle and loving. i½May all the joys of the past fill the emptiness in your hearts. i½###imported-begin###Nick & Shirley Africano###imported-end###

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“ Our sincerest condolences to the entire Costanza family for the passing of Robert. As long time friends of Frank and Donna Costanza, we want to offer our prayers for Robert and his family. May God Bless all of the Costanza's.###imported-begin###Mike and Lynn Bruhn###imported-end###

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“ We are thinking you the whole family at this sad time. Take good care of each other.Love, Kris and Terry Hemp###imported-begin###Kris & Terry Hemp###imported-end###

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“ Your family is in our prayers. i½You have our deepest sympathy.###imported-begin###Mary Beth (Denault) Mathis###imported-end###

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“ Mary and family-We would like to be with you at this time but we are in Florida and will unable to attend the services. We will remember Bob as a person who loved his family and always had a smile for everyone. George considered Bob as one of his best friends and I loved him because he always made me laugh. We send our sincere sympathy and prayers. George and Joann Molter##imported-begin##George & Joann Molter##imported-end##

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“ Mary

Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Sharon & Dale Breitbarth
Bennette Allie##imported-begin##Sharon & Dale Breitbarth##imported-end##

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of growing up with your family and getting to know you all. I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you all. I will always remember Mr. C. and him walking through the house with those boxers and tall black socks while Tom, Tim and I were watching TV downstairs. Of course, all the other fun memories. He will be missed!!##imported-begin##Mike Eickhoff##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your lost. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Debbie (Fiala) Snyder##imported-end##

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“ You have our condolences and deepest sympathy. We will always remember you as good neighbors and your children as close friends with our children, Jase and Blake.
 Bill and Carolyn Travis
 Bill & Carolyn Travis

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“ To All of You, I'm sorry to hear about Rob. I wish you all the strength to get through your time of grief. And I wish I'd known Rob better. I know he was a good worker and provider since he was never home while David, Amy and I were roller skating in the basement. I do remember, David, Amy and I listening to music at the house on Chicago St. Rob came upstairs and was teasing David about something. I don't remember what he said. I was so shocked to hear him talk. All our best to you. And Mary if I never said it before, Thanks for all the butter cookies.
 Love, Marci, Kevin, Colin, Conner, Kylie and Amylynn
 Marci Peyton

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“ Sorry for the loss of your father, my thoughts are with you.
 Tamara Thoma Barnett

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“ Very sorry to hear the news. While I don't remember him well I do remember as a child seeing his face on a Monical's billboard and thinking that was the coolest thing in the world. Reading all of the other tributes it's obvious he knew how to make people smile.
Chris Ruder

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“ To Rob (may you rest in peace) and Mary, we send our sincere sympathy for your suffering.
We are sad for you, Mary and your devoted children and grandchildren for your loss.
Rob will be rememebered as a dedicated mate, persistent parent and a very sweet guy.
The obit photo captures the neighborly neighbor we knew from 1965. His legacy continues through your amazing family and those of us who enjoyed his friendship.
The flesh grieves, but the spirit rejoices.
With love and the best memories!

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“ Mary and Family...Our sincere sympathy to all of you. We are in Arizona and unable to attend the funeral. Please know that our prayers are with you. We truly enjoyed knowing Bob and he will always be someone that we'll remember with heartfelt thoughts.
We were so surprised to read of his passing and know how deeply he will be missed by all of you.
Fondly, Mary and David Benoit

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“ To the Costanza Family: you have our deepest sympathy. I can see that God was present in the life and in the passing of your beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. His presence were certainly PRESENTS to us all! As the other family on Chicago Street that had lots of children, we spent a lot of time back and forth across the street and will always have fond memories. We lost our father just Dec. 16th so our father is probably singing with the Temptations and Mr. Costanza is probably rocking with the Beatles!!! He'll be ushering in Mikey's new baby and we'll have plenty of beautiful memories to share. God bless you and give you peace during this difficult time!

The Talley's
Tomika Talley

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“ My friend "George" Rob, I would just like to say that you and your family touched our hearts here at St Marys MICU. I must say that you kept us on our toes and made us laugh, daily. Your wife Mary was a beautiful testimony of a wife's love and devotion. You raised a beautiful family and we all had the pleasure of getting to know them while you visited us.

Love
your nurses (MICU)

Barbara DeYoung

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“ Mary -- My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Greg
Greg Harris

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“ My prayers and sympathy are with you and your family. ĩ½God Bless you all!##imported-begin##Eunita Rushing##imported-end##

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“ ĩ½ĭ½Hey Lord,

 ĩ½ĭ½Everywhere you go, even Heaven, there is ALWAYS the need for a "jack-of-all-trades"; one who you can count on to get it fixed when it ain't workin'!

 ĩ½ĭ½Take THIS one! He's it. I knew him, I worked with him, I got no complaints.

 ĩ½ĭ½Knowing you was a pleasure and a privilege, man. I was honored. See you on the dark side of the moon for the big party when this is all over. Take care. Chins up to the family.##imported-begin##Mitch Booth##imported-end##

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“ "Come, good and faithful servant - enter into your Father's Kingdom" ĩ½ĭ½May the peace of God rest in your whole family.##imported-begin##Cheryl Chinski##imported-end##

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“ Very sorry for your loss. ĩ½I know no words can help but my thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family.##imported-begin##Albert C. Denault, II##imported-end##

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“ My condolences go out to Bob's Family during this difficult time. I had enjoyed working with Bob at Provena St. Mary's while he was a volunteer working as a mail courier in our Central Stores Dept. at the hospital. I enjoyed talking to him about Gould Battery which I found out he had worked with my Dad for many years, too. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. God Bless.##imported-begin##Vickie Bertrand##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mary, Please accept our sincere condolences upon Robert's death, and share these with your beautiful family.

We pray for peace for you and for them, and know Bob must now be resting in peace and praying for you all.

Jane Potter,
George Potter

##imported-begin##Jane & George
Potter##imported-end##

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“ Mary,

My heart goes out to you and your family as you'll go through these hard times. May god bless you and your family. I will keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Stella Bender##imported-end##

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“ The Tatum family would like to send our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. ĩ½Bob was a kind-hearted soul. We thank him for his love and support of our mother, Phyllis Tatum.
ĩ½Working at Gould Battery (GNB) was a hard task and he made my Mom's load light. ĩ½We will be sure to pay it forward.

In Love,

The Tatum Family##imported-begin##Linda Bradley-Bey##imported-end##

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“ Bob was a true professional. He always had a good word for everyone and we'll never forget his ĩ½wonderful smile. You and your family are in our prayers Mary.##imported-begin##Pat & Tony Prince##imported-end##

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I saw Rob in the roles of Husband, Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather and friend. He was fantastic at them all. ĩ½He will be missed.##imported-begin##Patti Wojtas##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He always seemed to be such a nice guy.I never actually worked for him. Truly enjoyed talking to him. I saw him at St. Mary's, shortly after I had a kidney removed. You have my sympathy and prayers.##imported-begin##Robert ĩ½Hardwick##imported-end##

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“ Marc and Sandy,

I am so sorry for your loss. Having never met your dad Marc, but knowing you, tells me what a kind, wonderful person your dad must have been. It would take a special person like your dad, and strong parents, like your mom and dad, to raise such a good family. Your entire family remains in my prayers, especially your mom as her loss is perhaps the greatest. Please accept my sympathy and my love...

##imported-begin##Sharon Moore##imported-end##

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“ I work with Robert's son, Thomas, at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Thomas graces all of us everyday at the Conservatory with his fun-loving personality, kindness, genuine spirit and fantastic sense of humor everyday. I never had the pleasure of meeting Thomas's father, but I can only imagine what a wonderful man he was for he i½raised a truly wonderful son.

My condolences and thoughts go out to the entire Constanze family.##imported-begin##Kelly Katzmann##imported-end##

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