



# Robert Mangiafico

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**R**obert Joseph Mangiafico, 72, of Charlotte, went to be with his Heavenly Father on June 30, 2014.

He was the son of the late Joseph Mangiafico and the late Mildred Mangiafico, born in Massachusetts on April 26, 1942. After proudly representing his country as a United States Marine, he worked for Canteen Corporation for an astonishing 47 years until retiring in 2012 at the age of 70. Following his retirement, a garden was dedicated in his honor at his regional office in Charlotte, NC.

Bob was married to Leah Mary Witkowski Mangiafico on June 5, 1965. Bob and Leah have 4 children, Robert Mangiafico Jr, Michael Mangiafico, Marc Mangiafico, and Tina Mangiafico Ezzell. Bob has 10 grandchildren, aged 3 to 15.

Bob was a dedicated family man with a loud, boisterous laugh, a generous heart, and true Italian fire. He was always heavily involved in his children's activities including a past role as President of East Hartford Little League and years of coaching youth football. Known to possess an incredible work ethic, he nonetheless was always available for his family frequently traveling large distances to never miss an event. Bob was also well known and highly respected at Canteen Corporation and in the vending industry where he spent his entire 47 year career. A man of faith, he touched many lives and led by example.

Bob is survived by his wife, Leah, of 49 years; three sons, Robert Jr, Michael (Jane) and Marc (Allison); one daughter, Tina Marie (John); ten grandchildren, Brendon, Michael Jr, Maya, Robert III, Skyler, Scout, Ever, Easton, Aven, & Cutter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name to be sent to the American Cancer Society and/or The Hospice House of Huntersville, NC.



## Obituary

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## Tribute Wall

**Robert Mangiafico**

MM

**Michael Mangiafico** posted:

Mario, Thank you for the very kind words. My father always enjoyed the company of my friends-- whether just coming over and going for a swim, shooting pool, or coaching them on the field. I hope you and your family are doing well. Regards, Michael Mangiafico

October 14 at 2:57 PM

RG

**Ron Gattinella** posted:

So sorry for your loss. I used to hang out with Bob at the Lincoln Dairy on Franklin Avenue. We had a whole bunch of guys together. We would shoot hoops in the back yard of the Dairy with wooden gasket attached to a tree. He was a lefty and nobody could stop his jump shot. We had a lot of fun and awesome memories. He was in AX fraternity with me also at Bulkeley. I worked one summer for him at the vending company along with all the other guys he took care of. Bob had a rough upbringing in that his father was extremely ill and confined to the house. He never complained! I have to tell you that I am actually very emotional about your loss. I feel I have lost a part of my past. I will always remember him, in fact, a bunch of us were having dinner 3 weeks ago and we all knew Bob, we used to call him Mang, we were talking about him and the good times we had at the Dairy and BHS. You and your family were lucky to have a self-made man and such a good person. I am happy I knew him and had him in my life.

July 8 at 6:21 AM

BB

**Bruce Baltovi** posted:

Leah, So very sad to read of Bob's passing. I lived at 611 Brewer St. before I moved to Manchester. Bob and Frank Bonzani and I were all very involved in East Hartford's baseball program. Bob was everything printed in his obituary...and more! Simply put, Bob was a GREAT GUY! He will be missed. Bruce Baltovi

July 5 at 9:14 AM



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PP

**Peter J. Kiro (Pete)** posted:

Dear Leah and family. It saddens my heart to learn of Bob,s passing. As EVERYONE knows he was a Warm, Caring person with a "Heart full of Gold". He was a joy to be around, his face ALWAYS had a huge smile for EVERYONE. Bob was ALWAYS there for you no matter what was needed, a banquet for football or EH Little League Champions at the ELKS. I cannot count the times he came to my assistance and helped make the project a success. Especially the building of the Little League Stadium at Gorman Park. Of all his family, Micheal, Bob, Marc, and Tina I knew Marc the best due to baseball. All of the family had his great personality, never "putting people down" but encouraging them to succed.Leach I know all too well of your love for Bob and the many years you enjoyed together. I will always remember the days at your home and the meetings we had. You were always there for your "guests" making them feel "WELCOME".May GOD bless you all, I will NEVER foget BobPete & Dottie Kiro

July 5 at 5:43 AM

MD

**Mario Diloreto** posted:

Mrs. Mangiafico, Mike, Rob, Marc, Tina and all of your respective family members,It was with great sorrow that I learned of Mr. Mangiafico's passing. I was very fortunate to grow up in East Hartford, play ball, attend school and become good friends with Michael and your entire family. Mrs. Mangiafico - I thank you for always making me feel at home. I have warm memories playing football and baseball with the boys, and remember how much Mr. Mangiafico genuinely cared about all the boys he coached and mentored. He was my favorite umpire - gave me the biggest strike zone ever - and I needed it! He was a man I always admired and had a positive influence during our formative years. We share your grief at his passing, but fondly remember Mr. Mangiafico as a good, engaged family man and an important member of our wonderful community. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.With heartfelt condolences,Mario DiLoreto

July 4 at 6:52 AM

BC

**Barbara Childers** posted:

My sympathy to Bob's family. I worked with him for many years at Canteen. He was a wonderful leader and always had a smile on his face. Leah and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all!

July 4 at 4:56 AM



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