



## Robert L. Vona "Fly"

November 19, 1955 - October 19, 2019

Robert L. "Fly" Vona 63, Life long resident of North Tonawanda, Saturday (October 19, 2019) at Home. Robert was born in North Tonawanda, New York on November 19, 1955 to Samuel and Ann (Ferrentino) Vona. Robert was an avid bowler, he enjoyed baseball, and softball with his team Mr. J's. He loved watching the Detroit Tigers and the NY Mets, He was also an avid Buffalo Bills and Sabres fan. In his spare time he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Robert "Fly" Vona is survived by his sister Phyllis (Jim) Hojnowski, stepson Tim (Kim) McCabe, uncle of Kimberly and Jennifer Hojnowski, and great uncle of Douglas, his two cats Sammy and Mowgli, and his many close friends.

Celebration of Life for Fly will be held Saturday, November 23rd, 2019 from 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM at Dom Polski Club

576 Oliver St - North Tonawanda, NY - 14120

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **23**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dom Polski Club

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# Tribute Wall

LR

“ I'm glad I saw Rob at our 45th reunion. We gave each other a big hug. That was the first we saw each other in many years. Although I knew Rob since Pine Woods Elementary School (He grew up across the street from the school and adjacent to Parkside Lanes). He had a great pitching arm and could knock the bowling pins down! Rob and I bonded for a time early in high school. He was a part of our "Urbano Deli" gang. We would hang out, play cards, listen to music & of course drink a couple of beers & wander around NT. Had some good times with him listening to Bloodrock & Chicago III. I'll remember his great sense of humor and his laugh. Here's to you Rob!

Lee Rynkowski

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Lee Rynkowski - October 25, 2019 at 02:46 PM

GW

“ I met fly when I stopped into ava's bar, for some drinks, he came in and I was I guess in his way, so he said excuse me, can I get in here to get to the bar. So I said sure, no problem, so he said thanks, I said hi I'm Gail, he said hi I'm fly, I said your name is fly, and I made a weird face, who calls their kids fly, he said no my real name is Robert, fly my nickname. And we both started laughing! So I knew fly before I met Phyllis. And then Phyllis and Jimmy moved on my street, then fly was over there, so then I would go over and see him at Phyllis, I loved fly, he was a good man and fun to be around, he will be sorely missed. Sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

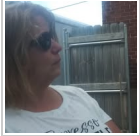
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Gail Woodman - October 24, 2019 at 06:13 PM

CH

“ I first remember Rob in high school when he was in one of my art classes. He was really good, we sat near each other, he was very funny and a joy to know then and also lately. He will be missed, one of a kind!

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**Cindee Hojnowski** - October 23, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ I looked forward to seeing Fly @ the free shows at The Canal, in NT, every Summer. May the good Lord comfort his family. XO A terrible loss for the community. RIP, MY DEAR FRIEND!

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**Monica Shields** - October 23, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Rob. We go back a long way. Elementary school and Little League baseball. Where has the time gone. Will miss you Rob.

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**Tom Jaccarino** - October 23, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ There's so many good memories I have of/with Fly. From having coffee to talking politics to going food shopping, he was always a person that's just naturally easy to be with. Even though I've only known him for about 6-7 year's, I feel we've been friends for a lifetime. My heart is heavy. I will love and miss him forever.

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**Angelina Bateman Fortuna** - October 22, 2019 at 11:23 PM

CS

“ *My sincere condolences to Fly's family...he was a good soul, and a kind man. I pray that God brings you comfort and peace during this difficult time. <3*



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**Colleen Summerville** - October 22, 2019 at 10:35 PM

CS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Colleen Summerville** - October 22, 2019 at 10:33 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Gentzke lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Vona "Fly"*



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**Cindy Gentzke** - October 22, 2019 at 10:23 PM

 Mike  
Clark

“ Rob & I played little league baseball together back in the middle '60's. He was a pitcher & I was his catcher. Been friends since. Turned me on to some great music like Pink Floyd etc.while partying at his place. Memories of those days always brings a smile. RIP my friend! You will be missed!

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**Mike Clark** - October 22, 2019 at 08:10 PM

JS

“ I first me Rob at Delaware Lanes when I was about 15. We walked down the street to the dairy and got ice cream cones in the middle of winter. He surely loved his music. RIP Fly, Peace & Love...Jim Sylvester

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**Jim Sylvester** - October 22, 2019 at 04:02 PM

BR

“ I loved listening to music with him. He got me into some great obscure bands. He would be playing air drums and his hair would be going all over the place, like headbanging. It made me so happy to be listening to music, with someone who loves music the same way I do. God Bless you Fly!

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**Brian** - October 22, 2019 at 03:44 PM

DK

“ Phyllis, I met you at Mary Ellen's picnic this summer while she was home. I had such a nice visit with you and Jim. I am so sorry about your brother. I am sure he will be missed by many who loved him.

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**Debbie Kirkman** - October 22, 2019 at 10:05 AM

GB

“ One of my fondest memory of Fly was when Mark was born. I would sit on the front steps with Mark waiting for Gary to come home from work. Fly would stop on his way home from work (Brand Names) to see him. If Mark had a Yankee outfit on, and he spit up on it, the Yankees would usually lose that night. Fly thought that was so funny. He got Mark some Mets things. I think mostly to piss a Gary off! Going to miss you Fly. Say hi to Gary for me!

Gloria Behm - October 22, 2019 at 09:31 AM

SS

“ I remember when I use to bring him treats and sometimes dinner too. He would be so happy with I bring him I would bring him ginger ale. He would say it helps his stomach I wish I could of known about his condition sooner I could of helped him. I will miss him so much. Love you fly.

Shelly Snyder - October 22, 2019 at 09:10 AM

AP

“ R.I.P FLY



april - October 22, 2019 at 08:45 AM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Vona "Fly"



Carol - October 22, 2019 at 12:24 AM