



Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates

July 18, 1943 - September 3, 2019

Robert Joseph "Paul" Podgorski, 76, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Born July 18, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois, Bob is survived by his wife Constance F. Podgorski, nee Moore, and their three grown Children, Debra Lynn (Alex) Attiah, Katherine Ann Just and David Joseph (Beata Strama) Podgorski as well as six grandchildren, Annika Attiah, Ronan Attiah, Laila Attiah, Jenna Just, Jack Just and Mars Podgorski and his sister Beverly (Podgorski) Nesbitt. He was preceded in death by his Father, Joseph Paul Podgorski and his Mother, Lillian V. Podgorski.

Bob was most proud of his family and marriage of 54 years to Constance – the dream, traveling companion and rock of his life. He was also proud of his continuing community involvement both professionally and civically throughout his life. Believing in giving back and paying forward, Bob was past president of the Electronics Personnel Association, founding member and past president of the Employment Management Association (a Pericles award winner), as well as The Relocation Council of Chicago. He was co-chair of the former Chicago-land's Project with Industry for 14 years and past chair of the North Chicago Business and Industrial Council – Human Resources committee. Bob was involved with the Environmental Commission of Hoffman Estates as Past chairman and as a member of the Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission. In addition, Bob was a member and past board member of the

Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and a member of their annual fishing derby and scholarship's committees. He founded, developed and coordinated the Saint Hubert Job and Networking Ministry, beginning in 2003. He was a prolific writer in careering, Human Resources and on fishing topics. He was a contributing writer for Outdoor Notebook and published articles in several other fishing publications. He also volunteered as judge of the annual Silver Games fishing derby for Friendship Village, Schaumburg, IL.

In 1985 Bob founded his own business practice, R.P.P. Enterprises, Hoffman Estates, IL. Beginning as a Human Resources Consulting practice, it evolved into a job transition support organization presenting careering programs throughout the Chicago land area, with a mission to use his knowledge of employment and hiring methods to help seekers. He was also the director of the Schaumburg Township Employment Support Center. Prior career affiliations include Director of Employment and Staffing, Northrop Grumman Corporation; Rolling Meadows, IL where he was instrumental in helping to establish the Company's B-2 Bomber Division and assisted in the merger between Northrop and Grumman Corporations. He was a member of the H.R. management teams of AT&T's former Teletype Corporation, Skokie, IL. He was also an H.R. Executive with Ohmite Manufacturing Company, Chicago area and Alliance Manufacturing, Alliance OH, (both North American Philips Companies). He joined Charles Industries, Rolling Meadows, IL and later affiliated with Harper Community College where he managed their remote operations in Prospect Heights and Schaumburg, IL, as well as provided careering topics as a Harper College adjunct instructor. Bob's favorite saying was "Through Faith there is Hope, where there is hope, there is a future." He will be remembered for his love of family, deep faith, giving spirit and sense of humor, all of which NEVER failed him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory can be made to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (https://giving.mskcc.org/?utm_source=mskcc.org&utm_mediu

m=referral&utm_campaign=header-link) or to the St Hubert Catholic Church (<https://www.sainthubert.org/ways-to-give>)

Family and friends will meet Friday, September 6, 2019 from 3:00 P.M. till time of funeral service at 8:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 Hassell Road (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. A private family inurnment will take place at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery in Palatine

1185 West Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067
(847) 397-3284
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=38>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
2550 Hassell Road
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Funeral Service

SEP 6. 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Connie and Family, I was honored to know Bob through St. Hubert Church and the various ministries he was involved with. Bob was always pleasant, friendly and had a smile for all. I will continue to pray for Bob's soul and peace for the family. Everyone who met Bob was better for knowing him. I know I am.*

Mary Kay Duda - September 07, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ *Connie, I am so sorry to hear about Bob. I remember how much of a small world it is especially remembering how Bob was the one who signed Ed's offer from Teletype and also how their birthdays are just 1 day and a few years apart. Nothing is chance God wanted it that way. Our lives are connected in different ways. I am sorry that we missed his wake. We sold our house and moved to Tennessee this weekend. I will keep in touch. Love and as you have always sent, hugs. God Bless you my friend and your family.*

Elaine Kolasa - September 07, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ *I only wish I could contribute all the things this fine man did. God Bless you Bob.*

J.Michael Barbazette - September 06, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.



September 06, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.



September 06, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.



September 06, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.



September 06, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.*



September 05, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ *Chicagoland/Milwaukee Inside & Outside Sales Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.*



Chicagoland/Milwaukee Inside & Outside Sales Team -
September 05, 2019 at 08:29 PM



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Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 05, 2019 at 05:43 PM



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Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 05, 2019 at 12:37 PM

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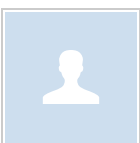
“ We were so deeply saddened to hear about Bob's passing and so very, very sorry for your loss.

We got to know Bob through his work with St. Hubert. He was very helpful to us when we started our job support group in the Western Suburbs. Bob was a tireless and passionate advocate for job seekers and a trail blazer and mentor to job search group facilitators. Bob was just one of those rare good guys with a giving heart and humble soul who will be so sorely missed.

Tom Rohan, Judy Kennedy, Leslie Kelley, Susan Sedler, Mark Staelgraeve, Eileen Uzarski and Jennifer Collins

The Interfaith Career Network

Susan Sedler - September 05, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.



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HE

“ *Sympathy to the family. Bob helped many, sharing his expertise and offering moral support*



Helene - September 05, 2019 at 01:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.*



September 05, 2019 at 01:35 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Joseph Podgorski of Hoffman Estates.*



September 05, 2019 at 01:10 AM

NM

“ *My deepest sympathy to Bob's wife and family. I knew Bob when he and I were President(s) of the Relocation Council of Illinois. Bob always shared his vast knowledge of Human Resources with me when I was at United Airlines. We shared some good HR stories and had a few laughs. May you rest in peace, Bob.*

Nancy McAtee - September 05, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ I met Bob when he returned to Kinkaid Lake on a trip to honor the memory of his fishin' buddy Wally and feel blessed to have shared a boat several times with him....may God bless him and comfort his friends and family and sweeten their sorrow with the memory of how very special they were to him.

Alan Nutty - September 04, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ My parents have been long time friends with both Bob and Connie. Bob and my dad met in real estate school when I was a toddler - some almost 50 years ago. My parents used to play pinhole with Bob and Connie - all the kids would have a “sleep over” while our parents played cards. I have very fond memories of those days. Bob would often go on fishing trips with my dad and I remember my dad always saying that Bob had the perfect pancake recipe! My dad passed away in 1998 and Bob did the most amazing thing. He had trees planted in my dad's honor at each of their favorite fishing spots. I was on one of the trips to Hayward, Wi where we went to a remote island to plant a tree. I sat in bear skat while we took the group photo. Thanks, Bob, for the scented memory! ;). You are missed, but my dad is certainly happy to have his fishing buddy with him. Love and prayers to Connie, Deb, Kathy and David and all his sweet grandkids.

Maria Buchner - September 04, 2019 at 10:30 PM



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JR

“ Bob was a great asset in helping the unemployed stay positive by providing guidance and sharing information in helping people transition to there next position. I assisted him in various locations around Chicagoland setting up meetings to help people prepare for there next job. Bob was a wonderful and very nice man, very humble and giving to all. RIP Bob Podgorski, your helpfulness to all will be missed.

James M Reilly - September 04, 2019 at 08:52 PM

CR

“ Bob was a good friend of my father (Tom Rada). Like my father, Bob brought Recruitment Advertising out of the boring and into the creative. I enjoyed hearing their good times together as friends, associates and fishing buddies.

When I lost my father 9 years ago, Bob was very kind to me and my family and we stayed in touch over the years and talked about how the industry has evolved and of course all his travel plans.

You will be miss Bob! Sending healing thoughts to your family and friends!

Chloe Rada - September 04, 2019 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ Bob Podgorski was a wonderful man! His service in the St. Hubert Job Ministry was a Godsend to many people, including me. My husband lost his job at age 54 and I had not worked full time in years. The St. Hubert's Job Ministry, with Bob Podgorski leading the organization, was instrumental in helping me to find a full time job with benefits. Bob was friendly, dynamic, a strong likable leader, and guided the members of the St. Hubert Job Ministry in such a way that sharpened everyone's skills while building their self confidence. I will be forever grateful to Bob and the St. Hubert Job Ministry.

Jeanne Chamberlain - September 04, 2019 at 06:43 PM

RK

“ I only got to know Bob somewhat over the last four years through his work with St. Hubert's Job Ministry but in a way, the fact that I did not know him well, gave me a unique perspective on who he was. It was obvious that Bob was a dynamic guy who made things happen. He was decisive and action oriented. He had a great presence and helped make things better for a lot of people through his work with St. Hubert's. He will be missed but he left a legacy that will continue for a long time into the future.

Richard J. Kennedy - September 04, 2019 at 05:58 PM



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LZ

“ May God's peace blanket the family during this time. Bob's service with the St Hubert's Job Ministry was a gift from God to me and many others during our time of career transition. Thankful Bob has been part of my journey.

Laurel Ziemann - September 04, 2019 at 05:42 PM

PS

“ Connie,
I always enjoyed talking with Bob and he was a man of many kind and interesting words...but he was a man of even greater actions, and here are two my my favorites: for 9 years he shielded our team from what would have been a caustic work culture had he not been there, an amazing feat that I only recognized as I got older; 24 years after we first met, he took the trouble to make an introduction that has greatly enhanced my career to this date. I will always owe him and will do my best to pay it forward-the only thanks he would ever want. I am so sorry for your loss but I also have to say I am so lucky for having known him.
Paul Schmitz

Paul Schmitz - September 04, 2019 at 05:22 PM

BB

“ Cousin Bob Budz and Pat send our deep sympathy and condolences to you, Connie and your family, as you send your beloved Bob to his God! May he be wrapped in the warm and loving arms of his Lord.

Bob and Pat Budz - September 04, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ 122 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 04, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *Whenever you saw Bob, you felt that you were the only person in the world to him at that time. His smile and infectious personality drew people to him. It was an honor to call him friend. You will be missed but your legacy continues Bob*

Lisa & Jim Elder - September 04, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Lord has welcomed him with open arms and a smile on his face. Praying for your family during this difficult time.*

Mark O'Meara - September 04, 2019 at 02:46 PM



I am so sorry for your loss. God has gained a true angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lisa - September 04, 2019 at 03:27 PM

CA

Offering my deepest condolences at this time. Bob was a generous, kind and made a tremendous impact on those in the community that have been in transition with the Job Networking and presentations he did at St. Hubert's. We will miss his twinkling eyes and his smile, his words of encouragement. May God bless you.

Cynthia Andersen - September 04, 2019 at 03:39 PM

TH

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.* ”



Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - September 04, 2019 at 01:15 PM

DL

*Connie,
I will always remember Bob's warm smile and his infectious laugh. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Sending a huge hug to you! Love you, Darby 🤔🤔🙏🙏😊*

Darby Lanpher - September 04, 2019 at 03:11 PM

MN

Connie so sorry for your loss. Bob always would be there to answer questions or give advise and praise during my time at Harper College and after he was a great friend he will be missed.

Mark Neubecker

Mark Neubecker - September 04, 2019 at 05:16 PM

LM

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Connie and Family. Bob is now with the Angels in God's Kingdom. Growing up in Chicago, We have fond memories of our weekend family get togethers and celebrating Christmas and holiday get togethers with cousins and relatives. We will always cherish the memories of those get togethers and will always remember Bob and family visiting us in California.

Rosemarie Lickiss and Gene Mielak

Lolly Mielak - September 05, 2019 at 12:44 AM