



Robert E. Ruest

November 13, 2025

Robert "Bob" E. Ruest of Hampton Falls, NH, passed away after a sudden illness surrounded by his loving family. He was 79.

A 1965 graduate of Salem High School (MA), Bob was employed for nearly 30 years for General Electric. His pride was always his family and his work with young people as a football coach.

In the 1970s, he was a longtime coach and league official in the former Salem Midget Football League, a precursor to Pop Warner. Later in the 1990s, he coached and officiated his son's and daughter's various sports teams in numerous Hampton Youth Association programs and then brought his football passion to Little Warriors Football of Hampton, NH, sharing his experience with a new generation of young players.

In retirement, Bob kept busy by again working with people and spent years driving a medical services van to assist people with special needs to get treatment. At his core, Bob simply loved people, whether he was sharing laughs with patients he transported, swapping stories with parents of youth he coached, or opinions with strangers in an aisle at the grocery store.

He also loved driving, restoring and showing his classic 1981 Triumph TR-7 auto at British car shows, a true winner. His zest for life being almost endless.

The source of his greatest pride and joy was his family. His 43-year long and happy marriage to his wife, Lori, was the envy of many. He is also survived by his son Ernest (wife Jillmarie) Ruest of Atkinson, his son Brandon Ruest of Hampton Falls, and his daughter Amanda (husband Cody) Bisnett of Dover. Bob leaves his forever love to four cherished granddaughters, Alexis, Deanna, Amelia and Elena, as well as one great-granddaughter, Isabella.

He was predeceased by his parents Ernest and Mary of Salem, MA, as well as five sisters. He is survived by one sister, Beverly Jalbert, of Beverly, MA, and 18 nephews and nieces as well as many friends he truly adored.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Memorial donations to honor his legacy can be made to Little Warriors Football on their website, www.littlewarriorsfootball.com

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry for your loss Lori. George and Patti Young

George and Patti Young - November 28, 2025 at 01:37 PM

HJ

“ Uncle Bobby was a great guy. Wish we saw more of him growing up. I did have the good fortune to hit the salem state college bars with him while I attended ssc. He will be missed.

Henry krisko jr - November 22, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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“ Lori, please know that we will deeply miss Bob. He will always be dear and near to our hearts.
Heidi Sirois-Rohrbacher, LPN

Heidi - November 21, 2025 at 04:31 PM