



## Mr. Robert A. Whalen

December 18, 1979 - September 6, 2017

### OBITUARY

Robert A. Whalen  
Lowell Resident

Robert Albert Whalen died unexpectedly in Somerville, MA on September 6, 2017 at the age of 37.

Robert is survived by his mother Claire Hardy Whalen and her partner Bill Laughreau of Lowell, MA; and his father Robert A. Whalen Sr. and his partner Dee Sciarappa of Pelham, NH.

Robert leaves behind two sons; Jason H. Whalen of Lowell MA and Shane R. Whalen of Hudson, NH; his siblings Stacey Hubley and her husband Dick Hubley of Dracut, MA; Kimberley Brown and her husband Scott Brown of Andover, MA; Timothy Whalen and his wife Lesley Whalen of Chelmsford, MA; Claire Ryan and her husband Michael Ryan of Lowell, MA; and Christene Ulm and her husband James Ulm of Brockton, MA. Along with eleven nieces and nephews; Kyler, Riley, Ryan, Kaelyn, Scotty, Shaden, Sean, Lauren, Delaney, Thomas and Gwen.

Robert Albert Whalen was born on December 18, 1979 in Cambridge, MA. He attended schools in Somerville and Lowell, MA. Robert was an avid outdoorsman, as he loved fishing, firepits, and camping. He was a big fan of all our Boston sports teams. But his biggest passion was spending time with

his family and friends. Robert had an infectious smile and personality that would light up any room. Robert was the type of man to do anything for anyone at any time. Everyone who knew him, knew he had a heart of gold. Robert will be greatly missed by all.

## DEATH NOTICE

Robert A. Whalen, 37, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 6, 2017 in Somerville. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET LOWELL on SUNDAY from 2 until 6 PM. Robert's FUNERAL will begin on MONDAY MORNING at 9 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by his FUNERAL MASS at 10 o'clock at the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 144 E. Merrimack St. Lowell. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Please see [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com) for Robert's complete obituary.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS

978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road  
North Tewksbury, MA 01876  
(978) 851-2248  
<http://www.stmarycemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
[sean@faymccabe.com](mailto:sean@faymccabe.com)  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Mass

SEP **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

## Burial

SEP 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Cemetery  
90 River Road  
North Tewksbury, MA 01876  
(978) 851-2248  
<http://www.stmarycemetary.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert , my son this. Should. Not. Be!!!! It w ill be taken care osion

Claire Whalen, Roberts! M ♥ M - November 23, 2025 at 12:36 AM



There's nothing's more painful than loosing one of your Children xxx ❌  
♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ ❌

Claire Whalen, Roberts! M ♥ M - November 23, 2025 at 12:47 AM



“ I cannot believe you are gone 6 years. Miss you, miss our talks and laughs. Rest easy. 🙏🙏

Dee - September 06, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ Dee Sciarappa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



Dee Sciarappa - September 06, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ Mr. Robert A. Whalen

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM

TA

“ Robert, we miss you so much!! It has been so difficult..we visit the you everyday!! You will always be in our hearts and thoughts. I love you..



Tara - October 19, 2017 at 11:12 PM

KR

“ We miss and think about you everyday!  
Krystle and Shane



Krystle - September 29, 2017 at 08:57 PM

CU

“ I miss you so much my brother

Christene Ulm - September 27, 2017 at 09:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Bobby and family, My heart is breaking for all of you and I wish I was closer so I could wrap you in a hug. Your family in Michigan will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love you all  
Debbie and Larry Williams

Debbie Williams - September 13, 2017 at 08:25 AM

TC

I am so sorry for your loss. May the lord be with you at this time.

Theresa Carey - September 15, 2017 at 08:45 AM

PF

“ Sorry for the lost of your brother, son, dad, uncle, family member and friend. I didn't know Robert well but could tell from the few times I'd see your family together the bond you all have is unbreakable. My girls want Riley and Ryan to know they are there for them if they need someone to talk to or just be there with them.

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**Pam Jordan Feffer** - September 11, 2017 at 06:37 AM

MB

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Whalen family. May you find strength and comfort in each other and friends during this most difficult time. Stacey, Kim, Tim, Claire & Christine I know all to well the pain you're experiencing. May it begin to lessen with each passing day and fill the void with cherished memories. I'm sure Robbie and Robert are together & enjoying the glories of heaven. God Bless you all. Rest in peace little Robert.

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**Michelle Bodoïn Bergeron** - September 10, 2017 at 02:00 PM

CC

“ Robert, I Love you and will cherish all the Beautiful memories of you and your family! I ask God to help your family through this very difficult and sorrowful time. Love Auntie zColleen

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**Colleen Corey** - September 10, 2017 at 12:24 PM

JB

“ .. I just want to lay on your chest and feel your heartbeat! You&I WE made the world Jealous! My Best Friend, The Man I will Never stop loving! My one and only forever and ever! I Love you so much! Xxxxx you're my Angel now! I will MISS you like crazy and my every morning texts! I Love you Roberto. Yours Forever, Jessica

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**Jessica Belley** - September 10, 2017 at 12:14 PM

AD

“ *My heart goes out to all your family! So very sad, such a young life gone. RIP and peace and comfort to your family.*

**Alix Draper** - September 09, 2017 at 03:48 PM

KR

“ *I'm so sorry for your family Robert, especially your brother. It's a bond that only someone with a brother can understand. I pray that God finds a way to get your family through this tragic time. You were without a doubt one of the craziest kids I ever met. I can't ever remember a time we were together that we weren't crying laughing. I remember skipping school and being at the house with your brother Tim and the cops banged on the door. We thought it was for us. I was never so relieved to hear someone ask if Robert Whalen was home? Haha. You always had us laughing and today you have us crying. You had a smile that everyone will always remember you by. No matter what you had going on you made who ever you came across feel like they were the best part of your day. You were such a great guy Rob and I'm going to miss you. Love ya brother!*



*Your friend,*

*Kevin Richardson*

**Kevin Richardson** - September 09, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ To Bobby and his family... I'm so sorry for your loss💔  
May God give you all the strength you need.  
My prayers and thoughts are with all of you  
❤️  
RIP so  
Love,  
Cousin L



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**Linda DeVito Klein** - September 09, 2017 at 11:36 AM

KB

“ I just can't believe this still! My heart hurts for you and your family! You were my favorite cousin and only cousin I spoke to! Your smile and good hearted ways will live on! Xoxo



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**Kolleen Benoit** - September 09, 2017 at 11:32 AM

PB

“ You will be missed ! Love you lots xoxo

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**Patricia benoit** - September 09, 2017 at 11:30 AM

RS

“ Robert Whalen Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



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**Robert Whalen Sr** - September 09, 2017 at 09:33 AM

RS

“ My Son

*The biggest tragedy in any fathers life is to lose a child, especially when that child is your first born son who has your name, Robert Albert Whalen. These words will be my last written, all other words I have with you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*I remember when you were born, how proud I was, my first son. I went out and bought two boxes of cigars with IT'S A BOY! on them and passed them out. What a feeling of pride it was.*

*Remember the time you and your brother Tim snuck out of the house in the middle of the night to bury my car keys in the field. I must have punished you that day for something and you got me back. This was when you were 8 or 9, imagine the stories I can tell. Well, this is the time for me to say I Miss You and Love You very much. Your heart was so loving and caring.*

*Robert good bye My Son. Take care and know you will be with me every moment in my life. Your Dad*

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**Robert Whalen Sr** - September 09, 2017 at 09:32 AM

KB

*Love you dad*

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**Kimberley Brown** - September 09, 2017 at 10:22 AM

CU

*I love you dad ❤️*

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**Christene Ulm** - September 09, 2017 at 10:22 AM

TW

*I love you dad 😭*

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**Timothy Whalen** - September 09, 2017 at 10:30 AM

AC

*I'm so sorry all of you! 💔*

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**Amanda Cuebas** - September 10, 2017 at 10:42 AM

PR

*I'm so sorry for the loss of your son. Keeping you in my prayers. 💙*  
*Pattie*

**Pattie Romano** - September 10, 2017 at 04:08 PM

DS

“ *I asked God WHY?  
Why a man who's smile and hugs brought sunshine to all who had  
the honor to know him.  
God replied, every once in a while I need a good one.  
I said God this time you outdid yourself and took a GREAT ONE!*

*Robert, thank you for opening your heart and soul to me, our many  
talks especially the night for 3 hours we sat in the Dunks parking lot  
during a misty rain as we laughed and cried then you turned and  
said we are lucky you are in our family, we hugged and went back to  
the house, these moments and all our time is forever etched in my  
heart.*

*I love and miss you Robert.. Love, Dee*

**Dee Sciarappa** - September 09, 2017 at 09:06 AM

CU



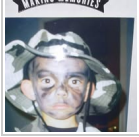
**Christene Ulm** - September 09, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Noelle Ricciardone lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



**Noelle Ricciardone** - September 09, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ Robert this is Jordan Perry. You were like a brother to me since i was a little kid. And still are to this day. Love you Rob. And thank you foreverything. Rest easy and peacefully finally.



Deborah Frost - September 09, 2017 at 07:49 AM



“ Christene and family, please know all of you are in our thoughts. My heart is hurting for all of you and I am here if I can help in any way. May your brother , son, father, uncle, friend RIP💙

Patricia Romano - September 09, 2017 at 07:14 AM



Christene Ulm - September 09, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ R.I.P. Rob

Sue Early - September 09, 2017 at 07:14 AM



“ Patricia Romano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



Patricia Romano - September 09, 2017 at 07:09 AM

SE

“ Sue Early lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen

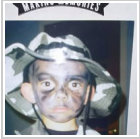


sue early - September 09, 2017 at 06:56 AM

SE

RIP Rob

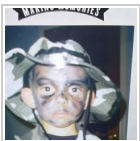
sue early - September 09, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ Deborah Frost lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



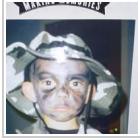
Deborah Frost - September 09, 2017 at 06:12 AM



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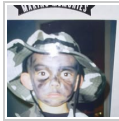
Deborah Frost - September 09, 2017 at 06:12 AM



“ *Deborah Frost lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



Deborah Frost - September 09, 2017 at 06:09 AM



*Thank you for being so good to my family and I Rob. You know the times im talking about. Rest easy son in law. We love you.*

Deborah Frost - September 09, 2017 at 06:11 AM

CU

“ *Robert, My brother. I love you and miss you so much already. You have left such an impact on so many especially me. We had a special bond even though I would always "lecture" you. I'm your baby sister and that's what I did best. You had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. Your crazy stories, your silly laugh, your beautiful smile, that handsome face, those huge hugs till I couldn't breathe. Those are memories I'll cherish forever. You may be gone but I'll have a piece of you with me always. You loved your family so much especially your boys. Watch over us Rob and guide us to find the strength we need. I love you and miss you more than you'll ever know. Rest easy brother. ❤️ Love your baby sister xo*

Christene Ulm - September 08, 2017 at 11:23 PM

KB

*Love you sis ❤️*

Kimberley Brown - September 09, 2017 at 06:49 AM



❤️XO❤️

Patricia Romano - September 09, 2017 at 07:22 AM

DS



Dee Sciarappa - September 09, 2017 at 02:05 PM

CU

“ Jim and Christene Ulm



Christene Ulm - September 08, 2017 at 11:08 PM

LW

“ Robert, I'm gonna miss seeing my kids light up with excitement when they'd see you coming. I'm going to miss hearing them laugh with you, play with you, wrestle with you, and hug you tight. Their love for you Uncle Robert was unconditional. I'm gonna miss seeing you and Timothy together, laughing at the most ridiculous things and reminiscing about your crazy adventures from the past. You were always so good to us Robert, and I'm going to miss your big, loving heart. Watch over us now, and we'll be looking for you. I love you Rob ❤️ Your sister-in-law

Lesley Whalen - September 08, 2017 at 10:28 PM

KB

Love you Les ❤️

Kimberley Brown - September 09, 2017 at 06:51 AM

CU

I love you Les ❤️

Christene Ulm - September 09, 2017 at 10:23 AM

DS



Dee Sciarappa - September 09, 2017 at 02:06 PM

Debra Haakenstad

“ Debra Haakenstad lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



Debra Haakenstad - September 08, 2017 at 10:00 PM



“ ❤️ Will be missed.  
Hampton beach concerts! Snoop dog was my favorite concert we attended together.



Michelle Randazzo - September 08, 2017 at 09:34 PM

DS

“ Dee Sciarappa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



Dee Sciarappa - September 08, 2017 at 09:26 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Slagle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



Gloria Slagle - September 08, 2017 at 09:17 PM

DT

“ *Donna Tuminelli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



Donna Tuminelli - September 08, 2017 at 09:14 PM

SW

“ *hey dad I will miss you*



Shane whalen - September 08, 2017 at 08:44 PM



*Shane I am super sorry regarding your dad. He was a great friend.*

Michelle Randazzo - September 08, 2017 at 09:35 PM



*Shane so so sorry my heart aches that you are sad !!!! He was a great dad xoxo*

Debra Haakenstad - September 08, 2017 at 09:55 PM

CU

*I love you Shane ❤️*

Christene Ulm - September 09, 2017 at 10:23 AM

DS

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Dee Sciarappa - September 09, 2017 at 02:07 PM

JB

*Shane you have the best father! I am so sorry! Just know he will always be with you! You were his #1 boy! He Loved you So-so Much. Take care Shane xo*

Jessica Belley - September 10, 2017 at 12:22 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



Sean & Erin Rourke - September 08, 2017 at 08:34 PM

AC

“ Rob I'm so sorry I cannot be there to say goodbye! It's killing me. Our memories will live with me forever. You have always been the brother I never had. You are one of the most selfless people I have known. My heart aches for you and your family. I'm so grateful for the many years we had you will be missed by so many. I love you Rob!



Amanda Cuebas - September 08, 2017 at 08:26 PM

CU



Christene Ulm - September 09, 2017 at 10:25 AM

KM

“ *Krystle Marcaurelle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



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**Krystle Marcaurelle** - September 08, 2017 at 08:21 PM

KW

“ *Kelly Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



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**Kelly Williams** - September 08, 2017 at 08:15 PM

KB

“ *Nobody will ever truly know the bond that we have not had! I will always remember the laughs and the great times we spent together! I won't forget the laughs that we had last week at Walgreens! I love you Endlessly! XOXOXO*

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**Kolleen Benoit** - September 08, 2017 at 08:14 PM

TK

“ *Tim, Lesley & The Kids lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



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**Tim, Lesley & the kids** - September 08, 2017 at 08:12 PM

AM

*I'm so sorry Tim 🙏*

**Amanda** - September 08, 2017 at 08:17 PM

KB

“ *God looked around his garden  
And he found an empty place  
And then he looked down upon the Earth and  
saw your tired face*

*He put his arms around you  
And Lifted you to rest  
God's got it must be beautiful  
Because he only takes the best*

*He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain  
He knew that would never  
Get well on Earth again  
He saw that the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb  
So he closed you are weary eyelids  
And whispered peace be thine*

*It breaks our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you*

*The day God called you home!*



**Kolleen Benoit** - September 08, 2017 at 08:02 PM

  
Donna  
Marshall

*Beautiful.*

**Donna Marshall** - September 08, 2017 at 09:24 PM

BH

“ *Bobbi-Jo Hodge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



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**Bobbi-Jo Hodge** - September 08, 2017 at 07:53 PM

 Steve Hodge Jr

“ *I'm gonna miss you brother, I hope the best for your boys and your family in this time of loss.... I will never forget the awesome times growing up, weekend trip to Conway for St. Patricks, and all the good talks and ideas of everything... I really wish you could have made those things happen... rest in peace bro*

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**Steve Hodge Jr** - September 08, 2017 at 07:45 PM

 Steve Hodge Jr

“ *Steve Hodge Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



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**Steve Hodge Jr** - September 08, 2017 at 07:39 PM

LB

“ *Linda Belcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen*



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**Linda Belcher** - September 08, 2017 at 07:25 PM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time  
No words could express how very sorry we are for your loss Robert  
may you Rest In Peace Love The Belcher Family

Linda Belcher - September 08, 2017 at 07:24 PM

KB

“ Kimberley Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Robert A. Whalen



Kimberley Brown - September 08, 2017 at 07:21 PM

RF

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all your family,  
Allan. Love you all

Ruth Fitzsimmons - September 08, 2017 at 07:16 PM

SK

“ Thinking of you all so very sorry for your loss...  
You all are in our thoughts and prayers  
Much love Shawna Keevers and Family ❤️

shawna keevers - September 08, 2017 at 05:58 PM

SU

“ Sue lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A.  
Whalen



Sue - September 08, 2017 at 05:57 PM

KB

“ *I love you brother.*

that we both had inside.  
We shared our dreams and plans,  
and some secrets too.  
All the memories we share,  
is what bonds me now to you.  
We grew to find we have a love  
that is very strong today.  
It's a love shared by our family,  
that will never fade away.  
You are my brother not by choice,  
but by the love of God.

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**Kimberley Brown** - September 08, 2017 at 05:54 PM

CU

*I love you Kim* ❤️

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**Christene Ulm** - September 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM

DS



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**Dee Sciarappa** - September 09, 2017 at 02:10 PM

RB



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**Robyn Brown** - September 10, 2017 at 02:34 PM

CO

“ *Heaven "gained" an Angel*

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**Colleen** - September 08, 2017 at 05:53 PM

CO

“ *Colleen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr.  
Robert A. Whalen*



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**Colleen** - September 08, 2017 at 05:50 PM

TP

“ Tara Perry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



Tara Perry - September 08, 2017 at 05:37 PM

TP

“ Robert, I don't know where to begin...but boy do we have some beautiful memories...you gave me a great life and the kids..you were loving and kind hearted you provided and did more than expected...I look at the texts you sent me and I smile cause we will always love each other...thank you for giving me a beautiful boy and raising Lexi like she was your own. You were a great father and taught the kids so much. Robert it's going to be quite some time til I see you again but when it's my turn to leave this earth I am hoping you are there waiting for me. For now our talks will be silent..but I know you will be listening and watching over us and your boys..I love you Robert and now you can rest peacefully. Until we meet again...

Tara Perry - September 08, 2017 at 05:36 PM

CU



Christene Ulm - September 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM

TW

“ Timothy Whalen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Whalen



Timothy Whalen - September 08, 2017 at 05:24 PM

TW

“ *In memory of a special brother  
so full of loving deeds  
who always thought of others first  
and helped fulfill their needs*

*Someone who loved to bring a smile  
as he went on his way  
And never failed to brighten up  
A dark and gloomy day*

*Someone who'll never know how much  
he's missed and thought about  
for when he left, it seemed as if  
the stars have all gone out*

*Brother you meant so very much  
in every single way  
and you're remembered with much love  
today and everyday.*

*I love you Robert. I already miss you so very much. I miss your  
smile, I miss your laugh and your giant hugs. My kids will forever  
hear stories of all our good times and love. Rest easy my brother.  
There is now a golden hearted angel watching over all of us.*

*Love you,*

*Your Brother Timothy*

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**Timothy Whalen** - September 08, 2017 at 05:24 PM



Debra  
Haakens

*Tim im so sorry for your loss sending thoughts and prayers to you and  
the family*

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**Debra Haakenstad** - September 08, 2017 at 10:00 PM



*Tim, I know I haven't seen you in years, but I just want to let you know I'm thinking, and praying for you. Rob was such a good guy. Both you and Robert had a huge impact on my life. I thank God I had you guys in my life at such a young age. You guys toughen me up, and taught me how to enjoy life. We had so many good times together. It kills me inside to know Rob has left us. I seen him a few years back and I appreciated the fact he never changed. He had that happy go lucky personality. Just want to let you guys know I'm thinking of you, and I love you guys.*

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**Peter Gran** - September 09, 2017 at 01:28 AM

CU

*I love you Tim ❤️*

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**Christene Ulm** - September 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM

DS



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**Dee Sciarappa** - September 09, 2017 at 02:08 PM