



## Robert Belott

December 28, 1944 - February 1, 2014

Robert Louis Belott "Roberto", 69 of Sarasota, FL passed away on 2/1/14 surrounded by his family and friends at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

After 25 years as a commercial photographer in NYC, Robert moved to Sarasota in 1995 to open The Cypress Bed and Breakfast Inn with his business partners and close friends, Nina Belott and Vicki Hadley.

Robert was a passionate artist, an award winning photographer, a self-taught musician, an inventive chef, all of which made him an original and unforgettable innkeeper.

He is survived by his mother, Esther Belott , Nina (Iannone) Belott, son Brian Belott( Annie Pearlman) Brooklyn, NY, sister Donna Belott( William Schmidlin) Branchville, NJ, brother Dr. Peter Belott (Lisa McSwain Belott) San Diego, CA, nephews Brett Belott, Dr. Todd Belott(Tracy), and grandnieces Sabra and Trinity.

A celebration of Robert's life was held in Sarasota on Feb. 3, 2014. A memorial service will be held in NJ next month. Donations in Robert's memory may be made to your favorite animal shelter.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Belott*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Robert Belott*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



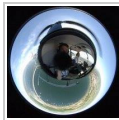
“ *Dearest Belott family...*

*Essie, Peter, Donna, Billy, Nina, Brian, Vicki, and Chris....*

*Louis and I are so saddened and so shocked by Bob's passing. He was very special to so many including us. We cannot imagine this world without him. We cannot fathom how profound your loss must be. Please know that we are sharing your pain. We will miss him forever.*

*Cousins Louis and Georgie D'Arienzo*

**Louis and Georgie D'Arienzo** - February 19, 2014 at 10:08 AM



*Hey. Can anyone help me with an email to the Belott family. Thanks.  
Brian Denmark [bf@unitedpress.dk](mailto:bf@unitedpress.dk)*

**Brian Fogh** - April 22, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CH

“ *Chris sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Belott*



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**Chris** - February 12, 2014 at 09:37 PM

MS

“ *Mr R. Stillskin lit a candle in memory of Robert Belott*



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**Mr R. Stillskin** - February 12, 2014 at 09:34 PM

“ I never liked the term Brother in Law, the notion of legality infringing on this holy bond cheapened what I understood Bob’s place in my life to be about. Lord knows I truly love my sister Nina, but my relationship with Bob had nothing to do with her in my mind anyway. The young boy, baby really, that I was believed that sisters were little compensation in place of a Brother. Today my perspective as a senior citizen reveals the blessing my sisters are and continue to be but not so much then.

I have a memory ‘gratefully’ of meeting Bob for the first time in the Stag Field rec house. I couldn’t have been much more than 10 wondering why one of the coolest big guys that ever existed was interested in me. I saw Bob as a giant, because that’s what he was for me. I still can see that slanted smile (more of a smirk really) and his confidence was disarming to all in his company.

From that point on I would include Bob in my picture of family long before city hall and the Catholic Church had anything to say about it. My peers, best friends, childhood cohorts all coveted the attention I received from him and there were times we fought over who would have Bob as a confirmation sponsor or just the bragging rights of his favor. In those days I was either identified as the Docs boy or Nina’s brother both monikers granted me a kind of back stage pass, all access allowed into Roberts court guaranteeing fun and excitement that even the likes Hunter Thompson, Jack Kerouac or Keith Richard would envy.

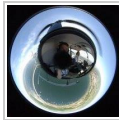
It wasn’t all just fun and laughs either, there were lessons to be taught, truths to be told and values to be molded. The importance of family, value of arts and science, the honor in a good days work , and his example in giving back, generosity and sharing life with others . Lending a hand for the sake of something unseen (at least then) and its power and grace gained in the process.

It’s so cruelly ironic however that his most valuable gift to me was the understanding when to ask for help, that in the darkest of nights light always returns. Accept your infirmity rather than deny it, what matters is getting back up and learning from experience. I’ve come to understand an important part of that formula was brokenness, complete submission and a powerlessness. Without that, you may

*be able to advise others but ego, the id present in the best of humanity, blinds one to the truth and turns on its master. There is still a message that fans out from the grief we are left with, but it's not about us .It is about others. In selfishness and anger and WHY ME, WHY BOB it's unavailable. Bob was all about generosity and love in his intention, so his tragedy can influence past this terrible injury to us few in order to signal a multitude. I know Bob would be ok with the difficult trade off, at least he taught me such things. I am only one of the souls touched by his spirit, there must be so many others like me. I'm not sure if Bob believed in heaven Angels and life after death, but I do know he was sure that the energy that is who we are is forever, eternal and indestructible. I can face life's difficulties armed with lessons learned from his generous spirit and allow him to rest a while in my heart until we meet again.....*  
*Chris Iannone*

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**Chris Iannone** - February 12, 2014 at 03:35 PM



*Hey. Can anyone help me with an email to the Belott family. Thanks.*  
*Brian Denmark bf@unitedpress.dk*

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**Brian Fogh** - April 22, 2023 at 12:02 PM

SM

“ *Donna & Essie*  
*We were so sorry to read of Bobby's passing Although we have been out of touch please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at the time.*  
*The Milani's*  
*Charles,Sue and family.*

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**Sue Milani** - February 10, 2014 at 06:54 AM

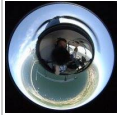
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*I just want you to know how stunned and sad I was, after seeing Bobby's passing in the Star Ledger. I was in high school with Bobby. He was talented, funny, just a real nice and cool guy. Again, I'm so sorry.*

*Wayne T Hoffman*

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**Wayne T Hoffman** - February 11, 2014 at 10:23 PM



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**Brian Fogh** - April 22, 2023 at 12:01 PM

J.

“ *Nina and Brian I'm still shocked and devastated after hearing about Bobby. He was such an important and special person to me, nothing but good times and great memories. Nina, you and Brian will always be in my prayers.*

*Love J. Mc Donough*

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**J.McDonough** - February 10, 2014 at 05:53 AM



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**Brian Fogh** - April 22, 2023 at 12:03 PM

JR

“ *Toni and I were shocked to read about Bob's passing. Although we have been out of touch, we have been remembering the times we shared with Nina and Bob, the picnics, the carriage house and so much more. Our deepest sympathies.*

*Jim Rhatican*

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**jim rhatican** - February 09, 2014 at 06:50 PM

PG

“ *Niña, I was so sorry to read of Bob's death. Although we have not been in touch for many years, I still remember our days together at Oak Knoll and the many parties and gatherings we had. So much water under the bridge.... but still, such a loss. My best to you and to Brian.*

*Pat Gallagan (Planer)*

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**Patricia Gallagan** - February 09, 2014 at 06:19 PM

JO

“ *Sincere condolences from the O'Brien family in NJ. Bob was a great friend of John O'Brien who passed away in 1983.*

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**Jerry OBrien** - February 09, 2014 at 08:34 AM

VH

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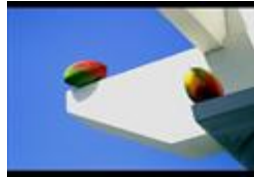


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**Vicki Hadley** - February 06, 2014 at 01:42 PM

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Vicki Hadley - February 06, 2014 at 09:43 AM