



## Bobby Vazquez

April 15, 1951 - May 25, 2013

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# Tribute Wall

KT

“ *This is a place to leave respectful wishes, not a forum for tasteless and false remarks. Have some respect for yourself and for the Man/Dad you say you loved. I've met some of the Men Bob served with across the pond. So straighten up and fly right and find some respect for yourselves.*

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**Kathy Tonkin-Vazquez** - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Bobby, how disgusting of your wife aka "KT" to remove mine and our daughter Maria's remembrance of you. I know that you understand my sincere expression of sympathy to our daughters Maria and Barbara. You had an amazing ability to tell stories. Bob you were so very fortunate not to serve in the military, ie Vietnam as many of our lost friends did....instead you were in the Army Reserve National Guard and never left Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn,NY along with your cousin Frankie.

You can be so VERY PROUD of Maria's accomplishments which she achieved all alone, I know that you are proud of Barbara as well.

Perhaps now you can rest in peace with Pop, Alexia (our 2nd daughter) and your grandmother Maria.

No matter how hard KT tries she cannot ever change the fact that you are/were Maria's Dad.

You will be missed.

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Denise Vazquez - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Bobby Vazquez

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Doug Scara - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Bob....I am very sorry to hear about your passing...As your little cousin, I enjoyed our time together....I always wished you love although it was never communicated to you...But sometimes marriages do that.....You have two wonderful daughters. One who looks just like you,,,Barbara and the other who has your heart ,Maria.....both very loving girls...(thanks to their mother)...

*Till we meet again.....love*

*YOUR FIRST. COUSIN .....Rod*

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**Rod Couto** - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Please consider the following an apology for the misinformation I received from second hand sources in regards to the Service time of Bobs military service, and apologies to those of his friends and family. It's not uncommon for this to happen. However the rest of the comment stands true. May he Rest in Peace.

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**CG NJDOC Ret** - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“Dad, we did not have a close relationship & not by my choice. That aside anyone you were friends with had a friend for life and anyone you ever worked with from the NJDOC/NJPD to the film industry always had only great things to say about you. You always put 100% into whatever job you had for as far back as I can remember.

*I'm not sure why everyone thinks you were in Vietnam since we know for a fact you were never in a war. I wish they would stop giving you credit for that. Having heard all the stories from Grandpa & Uncle Manny from the time they served this country you were very fortunate to have Aunt Stella get you out of ever having to leave Brooklyn & Grandma always loved to tell that story.*

*There are things I would have loved for you to have taught me but I was never given the chance to ask, had I had the chance I know you would have enjoyed every moment of teaching me just like when you taught me to play T-ball in my room when I was in 2nd grade using a mini popple as the ball & that night we spent hours on the phone so you could help me write my kick ass Pearl Harbor report in 7th grade.*

*I had you in my life for about 15 years off & on, then it was Barbaras turn and now Alexias, I'm sure she will take excellent care of you.*

*No matter what anyone has to say or what they think you were & always will be my father, I was your 1st little girl, no one and nothing can ever change that.*

*Resperado, Franfranco, Disney, introducing you to country music & finding out a little dog is just as great as a big one are a few of things that always put a smile on your face every time we spoke no matter how old I was and those things were and always will be between you and your tough guy.*

*Rest in Peace Daddy*

*Love Forever & Always,*

*Maria*

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**Maria** - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *This guest book is for my father the women he married has no right to remove what I wrote. I was his daughter long before he ever met her, she took my family from me, i did nothing to her, i never even met her, yet she continues to threaten me.*

*I know you saw what was done last week Dad.*

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**Maria Denise Vazquez** - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Rest in peace, padrino. I have and will always have nothing but love for you. When we spoke a few years ago, the love you felt for me, my father, was so evident. I will cherish so many memories of you from my childhood for the rest of my life. Give my love to my Nana and Papa up there in heaven.*

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**Jennifer Gomez Theriot** - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Grief is the price we pay for love yet the love we give and gain is the very reason we smile with joy. Each person we meet creates a story in our heart. Bobby Vazquez is a man whom will be remembered for wisdom, strength and kindness.*

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**Tammie Trimble** - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Thoughts and prayers for the Vazquez family during the difficult time. Thank you Bobby V for your work.

Paul Bednarz - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family,if there is anything you need from me I'll be there.

Eric Martin - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Sorry for the loss. Even when things were not going his way he had a smile on his face and a kind word.

michael robinowitz - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I can't say I knew Bobby, but I am a life long best friend of his first born daughter Maria. If he was anything like Maria, I'm sure he was a wonderful man and loved by many. I wish him forever peace as he be laid to rest. Please watch over my best friend, she means the world to my family and I. Maria spoke highly about you and weeps over her loss. I'm saddened by the misfortune she endured, and by the absence of you.

MarieNicole Carlucci - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My heart and prayers goes out to all of Bobby's family and friends. He made a profound impact on many of our lives. I always felt safe when he was around.

Patrice Coleman - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Bob it was a pleasure to serve with you, Charlie and I thought a lot of you I know you two will get together.

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**Harold Turk** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our deepest Condolences to the Vazquez family. Bobby has done so many Great things for all the members of Local 479. May You Rest in Peace. Prayers for the family.

*Greg Mills*

*Construction Coordinator*

*Tyler Perry Studio's*

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**Greg S Mills Sr.** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I only knew Bobby for a couple off years as a new member of the local. In that time I got to know him as a knowledgable and dedicated member of our local industry. He was a leader that respected his brothers and sisters participation, yet could take control when necessary. He could have made a great character actor, yet chose to put his skills to use behind the scenes. I want people to remember his good works, even though he was weakened, he continued to work for us to bring another great studio to Georgia. He also led the donation effort to get relief to our brothers and sisters in NY after hurricane Sandy. I hope people outside small group will know how much he gave, as a volunteer, to help others. Peace to you and your family.

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**Johnny Thigpen** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Bob was a great man,he told it like it was.I was looking forward to working with him again but God has other plans for him he was called home. Like they say only the good die young. He was the real deal. I loved his stories. When I did a pipe ramp on Americas Most Wanted and we wrapped we went to have drinks and he said to me in his NY accent, Kid you have some Balls. We became friends, My sincere Condolences to his Family and Friends.

*RIP Brother Bobby.You will be missed.*

*Blessings*

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**Jay Amor** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ The heartbreaking news of Bob’s passing saddens me personally on so many levels; union, craft, and really personal. Bob affected everyone in all those ways. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to his wonderful wife and family; to his loyal friends and co-workers at every level and category; to his Local and Union that he served so well and so faithfully; and to the world in general because his passing is a loss to all and everyone. Bob was one hell of a human being.

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**Greg Kasper** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Bobby during the last couple of years, and we all became like a family. No matter what happened with his health, he remained focused with a razor sharp intensity on keeping the work coming in. I will miss the lunch breaks filled with great stories. And I feel that a true testament to what the man has done for many of us, is the fact that I have been too busy working in an industry he worked so hard to build here in GA, I haven't had the time to visit with KT and the rest of the family. God speed Bobby. Thanks for everything, from the bottom of my heart.

Cory - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ You will be always part of the history of S.O.G.

Phillip Steinberg - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I feel honoured and privileged to have had Bobby grace my life and to have known him as my Brother and my friend. I always loved his stories and his passion. Bobby had a gift of making you feel safe in his presence, no matter where you were. I am deeply saddened by his passing and my thoughts and prayers are with Kathy, your families and our extended Union family. Until we meet again my friend.....

Kelly Moon - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My most sincere condolences to the Vasquez family, friends and union brethren. I knew Bobby only through 479, but I knew him well enough to know that he was passionate, and dedicated, warm, bright, and full of good humor. His passing has come so soon. He will be dearly missed.

Katherine Skinner - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To the friends and Family of Bob Vazquez.

*My thoughts are with you all today.*

*As I start another nights work I am reminded of the years Bob and I shared such experiences and it saddens my heart to think we will not have the chance again.*

*I am also delighted to have had the honor of being Bob's friend.*

*His hard work as president of our local helped to create the most successful film communities in the country.*

*We owe much of this to him and I pledge to keep his memory alive with stories of how this all came to pass with his help.*

*His stories of his days in the police force were impressive.*

*Bob left me a message about two weeks ago because he saw something I worked on and he was compelled to call and tell me how impressed he was with the lighting.*

*This was the man Bob was.*

*This is the person we should all strive to be.*

*I will miss my friend more than I can express.*

*I wish you all the best in this time of grief.*

*Dan Cornwall*

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**Dan Cornwall** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ We will all miss Bobby, R.I.P

Sylvia \$ George Vrattos - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ God bless you my friend. To a true family man. A man that loved people and everyone around him. Bless his family and look over them. Thanks for all the great times and laughs. We will miss you my friend.

JoJo and Dean Stephens - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Bob Vazquez was a professional and a gentleman.

Who can ask for a better legacy?

Fred Moyse - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ To my old friends Maria and Denise. We are truly sorry for the loss of your Father/Former Husband. We send you prayers and hugs from Buffalo, NY. Please stay strong and know he will always be with you. Maria, he will always be your father and you will always be his little girl :)

Betsy Damante-Scott - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ We will all miss Bobby. My memory includes a radiant smile from a man of great pride with a loving family. I will remember him as a friend and brother to us all in 479.

david ellis - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Cathy, our sincere condolences in the tragic loss you have suffered with Bob's passing. We are so fortunate to share our neighborhood with you and Bob during the past 5 years and we wish to remind you that if there is anything we can do to lighten your load in the years and months to come, please feel free to call on us at any tim*

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**Roy & Anna Mathis** - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Bobby cared.*

*Behind the tough exterior, Bobby had the biggest heart of anyone I have had the honor of calling a friend. His dedication to his work and the "industry" is obvious but it his dedication and love for family and friends that I will remember.*

*I will miss him.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy, his mom , daughter and the rest of his family.*

*As Bobby was always there for me so am I for them.*

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**Adam McCarthy** - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *My dearest friend/sister Maria...my friend/other mother Denise--I am so sorry to hear of the loss of you father/former husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find peace in knowing that your dad is now at rest in heaven with your sister/daughter Alexia. Know that you are truly loved. Deepest sympathy your NY family.*

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**Giustina Rossi** - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ You were always in my thoughts as I would recall the early days of Rahway.

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**Jack Rafferty** - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ The world has lost a truly wonderful person. May he shine from above as he did here on earth.

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**Debbie Payne** - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OP

“ My good friend Bobby. You were one of best friends...may god bless you and may you rest in peace..... You will be missed.

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**Orlando Pedro** - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Bobby will be missed greatly. He was a friend and employer when I badly needed both, and a tremendous union brother in arms. I know he started many of us in this industry, and then helped us to improve our working conditions across the decades.

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**Chris Mills** - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My thoughts and feelings go back many years the passing away of this Truly Compassionate and Caring person who served his country in Vietnam, who after experiencing the Horror of War was capable of teaching, sharing and experiencing life to its fullest and reminding others that you don't have to work at it, just LOVE those you know and be there for them during those times when they need you. In our lives if your lucky enough to meet such people that Inspire you, Make you laugh till you hurt and Listen to you when no one else does, then you can consider yourself very fortunate to be in that persons company and had experienced a friendship and understanding that served as a model for how you should treat others and see the rewards that come from it. My thoughts and prayers go to Bobs family and friends, I know as others do that this is a Great loss to you all and a Very Sad time for me, I haven't seen Bob in many years but my early friendship with him has stayed with me till this day. Bob and I attended funerals of Law Enforcement Officers in the NY & NJ area when I served in the Honor Guard with him with the NJDOC. I recall like it was yesterday, we were returning from the funeral of a fellow law enforcement officer, Bob, in the quiet of the car, driving back to EJSP , said " When I die, I want everybody to go out and have a good time and celebrate. " Bob, I will do as you have asked. I will Celebrate Life in your Honor.

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**Christian Gorski NJDOC Ret.** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Bobby sad to hear of your passing ,you did what you wanted to do and enjoyed it.May you find peace in the open hand of Christ.

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**Sgt. Michael E. Davis** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bobby V,

*Husband, Father, Uncle, Brother In-Law, Son In-Law, Friend and to many more to list. Most of All To Me, An Unforgettable Friend.*

*He always extended a helping hand to anyone he met.*

*You are a great friend and My Brother in all walks of life, Till We Meet Again, Save Me a Place At The Dinner Table.*

*NO MAN IS INDISPENSABLE, BUT SOME ARE IRREPLACEABLE  
!!!!!!*

*Love*

*John Scot*

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**John Scott** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Cathy,

*We were so sad to hear of Bobby's passing - our hearts go out to you and your family during this time.*

*We did not know you guys very well, but we always looked forward to seeing Bobby at Borga Italia - sitting there, in the front tables, laughing and swapping stories...*

*We will miss him.*

*You are in our prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mike & Angie*

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**Mike & Angela Purcell** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *RIP Bob. You were one of a kind and truly missed. The years with you at Rahway Prison were some of the best times of my career.*

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**Richard Gilgallon Retired NJDOC** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I can't say I knew him well, but I did a couple of shows with Bobby over the years - me a craft service key, Bobby running special effects. We had some great conversations: long and complicated and full of strong opinions. I always thought that this fellow Bobby was a strong and very special person.

*I knew also that he did good works and looked out for the people around him. Wish I had gotten to know him better.*

*Now, as president of IATSE Local 477, I'm very aware of how many of my members knew and cared deeply for Bobby. I think I can speak for all of them when I say "rest in peace, Bobby . . . there are many who miss you, many who remember you well."*

*Chris*

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**Chris Ranung** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news.

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**Georgeanne Olive** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ So shocking to read of Bobby's passing. My deepest condolences to Kathy and family.

*I always enjoyed sitting with Bobby at our union meetings and when he spoke, people listened. He was always a dedicated, responsive and a caring union member. He did so much for our local. I enjoyed his sense of humor and his many stories.*

*We have lost but heaven has gained.*

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**Alba Leone** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I never had the chance to meet Bobby .I have heard nothing but good things. He will be truly missed because he is the inspiration of many and the kindness and love he shared will be remembered.

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**Andrew Watkins** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Bobby was always a gentleman and a pleasure to be around, and I feel honored to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Alan Robbins** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Rest In Peace my friend and brother

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**Frank Pascucci** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

L4

“ I am sorry for your loss. He was a good person, a strong leader and put the Union on a dedicated path to bigger and better things. He will be missed!

Lee Burks, Medic 479 - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ we will all miss Bobby, God Bless, and our prayers go out to the family.

Alan Collins - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ THE MEASURE OF A MAN: Not - "how did he die" But - "how did he live" Not - "what did he gain" But - "what did he give" These are the units To measure the worth Of a man, as a man, Regardless of birth.

Tony Fullard - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Hell of a man, good friend for a long time.

Forever missed, not forgotten

Scott Leftridge - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ To my friend . To the man who gave me first chance at being a member of a great union .A brother hood who always sticks together .We will carry on in your name and make 479 the best local in the movie Industry.

wayne Shag Lush - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Bobby was quite the character. A hard working family man who will be missed by many. My thoughts are with his family.

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**Brian Gunter** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Bob was a great guy, and a great leader. He has left a legacy that will be long lasting in the film community, and anyone who knew him will be forever touched. He will be greatly missed!! My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Daniel Green** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Your loss was big to the NJDOC. Glad to see you made it in the movie industry. May you rest in peace and the lord watch over your family and bring them comfort. Goodby friend.

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**Peter Cessario** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We honor the life of our Brother Bobby Vazquez and send our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. He will be remembered always.

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**IATSE Local 798** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bobby may you be in the arms of an angel. Rest in peace.

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**Joseph Santucci** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I will always remember you for your strength, your courage, your commitment to your fellow workers, your humor, your smile and that wonderful laugh you had. Life for me is far better for having known you my brother and I will forever miss you. Until we meet again, Rest In Peace Bobby.

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**pete koegel** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Cathy, it was with great sorrow I heard that Bobby passed away. He was a great guy that I loved to be around. His story telling kept every one laughing and enjoying them so.

*He taught me much about the movie business and us Philly guys looked forward to seeing him. Tony Pace*

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**Tony Pace** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Bobby, was one of the kindest, sweetest people I have worked with and known in the Movie Industry. His jokes, warmth and human kindness will be missed. My heartfelt prayers go out to his family.

*Much love Bobby, see you on the other side.*

*Toby*

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**Toby Sells** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sincere Condolences to Brother Vazquez's family. Bobby was a stand-up union man who worked hard for his IATSE Sisters & Brothers.

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**John Gates** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Sending love to the Vazquez family. Bobby was a good man and will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss!

Sarah Downer-Saharek - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ One of my Best Friends, A True Friend a Warrior and a Hero

*Rest In Peace My Friend*

*Bobby & Carmen Ferretti*

Robert Ferretti - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Sending my most sincere condolences with lots of love and prayers from Pittsburgh. Bobby V was loved by so many, and I had the privelege of being one of them. He was a second dad and gave great hugs. He thought we were some crazy girls...he was right! But I know that's why he loved us so much and why we fit in so well!!!

*Barb, Cathy, Abuela, Nadushka and the rest of the family, my warmest thoughts are with you and my cherished memories.*

*All my love,*

*Renee*

Renée Carolan - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Rest In Peace Brother!

*Bob Connell Retired Lt. NJDOC*

Robert Connell - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I am so sorry to hear that we won't be seeing Bobby's smiling face or hearing his stories anymore. My thoughts are with you. I am glad to have had Bobby experiences to remember.

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**Lesley King** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ To the family of Bobby Vazquez: I am so sorry for your loss. Barbara I know how close you were with your dad. I feel your hurt and wish I could take it away for you. Sending love and healing vibes to you and your family. It is such a sad loss.

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**Katie Dover** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ A man who looked out for his Family,fellow man and Union Brothers and Sisters. I am saddened at this loss and wil honor his memory.

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**W. Darwin Conort** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ The news of Bobby's passing came to us with great sorrow. We are very blessed that we knew such a great man. He was kind and would do so much to help others, he made this world a better place. We will miss him very much. All our thought and prayers go out to the Vasquez family.

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**Lauralyn and Joseph Walsh** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ a Dedicated Daddy, a Proud Grandpa, a Loving Husband, a Caring Son, an Exceptional Uncle, a Wonderful Brother & an Amazingly Funny & Dear Friend has crossed the Finish Line... He has moved on to a New Experience & I wish his Generous, Brave, Kind, Fun~Loving Spirit \*WELL\* in it's Travels Beyond. He has left behind many Wonderful & Happy memories for his Adoring Family & Friends. His Life & Laughter here in this realm will be Greatly Missed, for there is \*Noone\* who can fill the Void that his Passing has left behind. My Heart is Crying for his Dear Precious Broken~Hearted Family & Close Circle of Friends. I feel Blessed to have had Crossed Paths with such a Fabulous Person & I am most certainly better for it... Rest Peacefully as you embark upon your Next Great Adventure, Bobby & Thank~You for your years of Friendship, Guidance, Support, Laughter & Love that you have always shown to me & many many more. You are Indeed a Trail~Blazer & One~of~a~Kind! In Gratitude, Sadness, Peace, Love & Light... ? Zen

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amanda zenil - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Bobby was a true gentleman. A larger than life personality who was such a huge supporter of the Georgia Film Industry. We did not know each other for long, but in that short period of time, we got to swap some seriously hilarious film stories, and helped to see the establishment of Pinewood Atlanta Studios. None of it would have been possible without Bobby's vision and passion.

*I consider myself extremely fortunate to have known the man, and will always think of him when I set foot on the grounds of the new studio complex. It will be part of his long and proud legacy in Georgia, and the Film Industry, at large.*

*From all of us at The Pinewood Group, we send our deepest condolences to Kathy, family and friends. Bobby will be truly missed.*

*Andy Weltman*

*EVP, Pinewood USA*

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**Andy Weltman** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM