



## Robert K. Olenik

December 16, 1965 - August 19, 2020

On Wednesday, August 19, 2020, Robert K. "Bob" Olenik, age 54, formerly of South Park. Beloved son of Robert and Francine (Terchick) Olenik; brother of Joseph Olenik, Jennifer (Kevin) Pollard, and the late Suzanne Olenik; also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Bob was an avid animal lover who enjoyed gardening, rock music, and spending time with his family, friends and cats. A private service will be held for family members. Arrangements by GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Condolences may be offered for the family at [www.GriffithFH.com](http://www.GriffithFH.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob was wicked smart with as much zest and zeal for life as anyone I'd met. It was tough contacting him in the last few years but it was always worth the effort. You learned things from Bob you wouldn't anywhere else, like how to make soup from an onion & half a cabbage, or working with him, he'd get inside the mind of the other person, be it the boss, customer or another worker. I was privileged to witness his life, wish I'd been able to celebrate his memory. He was both a small man and larger than life.*

*Yes he fought substance abuse- but most of the time I saw him- it wasn't so much of an issue. It's a little sad world that couldn't have given him a little more back for the joy he took in so many things. To celebrate the small & deflate the pompous. I never knew anyone like him.*

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**James Myers** - August 31, 2021 at 12:49 AM



“ Other than surviving family members, there are likely few individuals who have known Robert for longer than we have. We certainly got to experience the entire gambit of the multi-faceted and colorful personality of our dear friend for more than four decades. Bob’s surface demeanor belied his depth, complexity, artistry, creativity, and golden heart which we frequently saw during our long and enduring friendships. Rarely have we encountered a more generous and noble soul always willing to share whatever he had regardless of how limited his resources may have been in the moment. Furthermore, his honesty and integrity were irreproachable; in fact, so much so, that when a bookie left town for a weekend, during the height of football season, Bob was the only one who could be trusted with the charge of the book and all the monies. His compassion and “golden-heart” was not only obvious throughout our many years of affiliation, but was particularly focused relative to, and upon, the animal kingdom. He could not stand to see animals suffer, and in fact treated them with a reverence and kindness most people failed to understand. Whether it was 3am in the morning and he was cooking a pound of ground beef as he sat naked on the floor with Pete’s dog Floyd, both watching wistfully for the meat to brown, or feeding my cats, sardines and white tuna, or sharing his own sushi with his cats, he always shared with animals. For as long as we knew him he lived by the maxim: “Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me” (Matthew 25:40). Robert enjoyed life, but was never overly attached to it, in fact he was very focused on his spiritual nature and the invisible realms within. Although this focus made it sometimes very difficult for him to exist in this external world, there is no doubt that it now serves him well, and that he is quite comfortable in the inner realms which he has entered on his journey Homeward. Although we will miss his wry gnostic wit, the midnight phone calls, and his true friendship... we will never forget his Presence in our lives. "Of my friend, I can only say this. Of all the souls I have encountered in my travels, his was the most human." JT Kirk, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*  
Michael & Pete

M - September 14, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert K. Olenik.*



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August 25, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Bob (aka Chip Hamm) got his first taste of rock stardom when he dressed up as Gene Simmons for Halloween 1976* 💕



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**Jennifer (Sister)** - August 23, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *My condolences to the Olenik family. Bob was a kind soul with a big heart and was loved by many. RIP dear friend.*

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**Cary Sipos** - August 23, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Olenik Family. Rest in peace Bob.*

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**Nick R.** - August 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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“ *The world lost another Rock Star. Rest in peace my friend. Till we meet again, I'm facing East.*

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**Nick R.** - August 23, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ *Condolences to the Olenick family. RIP Chip.*



**B.J. Lisko** - August 22, 2020 at 11:48 AM