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## Robert Patrick Gamboney 1951-2023

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Each of my cousins has a special place in my heart. Some more than others. One of these special relationships is with my cousin Bob.

How do you put down in words, what you feel in your heart. I can't. Words fail me when I try to explain or describe how much a person means to me. Whether it is a parent, sibling, aunt, uncle, cousin or friend. My cousin Bob passed away suddenly on Friday, December 15, 2023. This loss is just one of many family losses in my life. It does not get easier. Yes, time passes and the grief subsides. But each person I lose in my life – adds up.

Bob was one of my Gamboney cousins. His mom (Irene) and my mom (Ann) were sisters. These sisters came from a large family. My maternal Grandparents (Patrick Fallon and Marie Groarke) started a family that is now more than 230 descendants (I am number 42!). The most recent descendant was born in November of this year. The first generation of babies started coming in 1915 and by 1933, 10 children were born. There might have been more because Marie experienced 2 miscarriages. Therefore 10 children grew to adulthood. And from these 10, 32 Grandchildren were born (I am part of these 32 first cousins). And then 80 Great Grandchildren and then over 100 great-great grandchildren. That's a lot of cousins. I am blessed.

I chose my cousin Bob to be my sponsor for the confirmation sacrament. 10 years prior, Bob had chosen my Dad as his confirmation sponsor. Then 5 years earlier, my brother chose Bob's Dad, Uncle Bill, to be his sponsor. A nice circle of love there. But those were not the reasons I chose Bob as sponsor. He was a beautiful person – even at his young age of 24 (I was 14). During those years, we saw each other often. Whether a family event or picnic – or simply a Friday or Saturday night visit between families. Many times I would stay a week at the Gamboneys while on school break or during the summer. My Godmother was Irene. And she doted on me. But all my Aunts doted on me. I always felt the love.

Anyway, you get the idea. I loved my cousin. Thank you Bob for being such a special person in my life. You will be missed.

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And here are some videos I created. The first link is for a compilation I created this weekend. The next two are videos I created for the Gamboney-Fallon Wedding Anniversary and a short story Maureen wrote when my Dad passed in 1982.

[2023 Bob Gambone Video Clips 1984-1988 \(7 minutes\)](#)

[1999 Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Irene Gamboney \(16 minutes\)](#)

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