



Robert Szeles

February 23, 1951 - August 17, 2016

Robert 'Bob' Szeles, 65 of South Amboy, New Jersey died on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy.

Born Friday, February 23, 1951 in Summit, New Jersey. He was the son of the late Frederick and Florence Szeles.

After graduating high school Bob went onto Kean University where he was a member of the Nu Delta Pi Fraternity. Upon graduation Bob began a career in Education. He was a high school teacher at the Elizabeth High School for 34 years, teaching Biology. Bob had a passion for the Revolutionary War and he loved taking part in reenactments. He was a member of the Colonel Ogden's 1st New Jersey Regiment, the German Regiment, and the Middlesex County Militia. On trips to Williamsburg Virginia he would volunteer at the various reenactments there. Bob also enjoyed camping and vacations in Hawaii and Disney World. During all these times he had the love of his life by his side, his wife of 31 years, Janice Benedetto. Bob will be missed by all who knew him.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Janice, his brother Frederick Szeles and wife Susan, his sister-in-laws Susan Benedetto, and Judith Fisher, and brother-in-law Stanley Scubelek, his cousin Gale McCoy, and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service located at 3377 US Highway 9 Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857. Interment will be in Old Tennent Cemetery, Manalapan, NJ.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

The family asks that donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Association or the National Kidney Foundation, in Bob's memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Old Tennent Cemetery

454 Tennant Road
Tennent, NJ 07763

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
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Service

AUG 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Szeles*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Bob was a high school classmate where he was liked and respected by all. Such a sweet soul.*

Nancy Spieczny - August 12, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ *I do believe I graduated with Bob from the 8th grade, and then from Middlesex High School in 1969. I remember that he played in the band and he might have even played on the football team at least one year. Very soft spoken and saw him at our 40th high school reunion and I did speak with him. He told me of his physical ailments. Will miss him and my condolences to his loved ones.-----
--Dean Peek*

Dean Peek - August 20, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Bob's family. I am very sorry for your loss. Jim Whelan, Nu Delta Pi*

Jim Whelan - August 20, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dear Rick & Sue, It's Vinnie Cappiello from Newark State, 1966. So sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathies! Please give my respects to Robert's family. Vinnie & Nora*

Vincent Cappiello - August 20, 2016 at 10:42 AM

TV

“ I will truly miss Bob. It was always great having him at our reenactments. One tough guy coming out to those despite his health issues. That always had my respect. To a brother teacher and a brother reenactor, you will be missed by all of us. Rest in peace my friend. We will not forget you.

Tom Vogeley

Tom Vogeley - August 20, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Szeles.



August 20, 2016 at 08:45 AM

JA

“ Deepest sympathy for the loss of such a wonderful teacher and colleague. I have fond memories of working with Bob at Elizabeth High School and will always remember his kind and gentle nature towards all. Rest in peace my friend.

Janet Papetti

Janet - August 19, 2016 at 07:43 PM

JS

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Joanne Van Sant - August 19, 2016 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ *No words can describe the earthly place that Bob held in our lives. I am sorry to miss the viewing and funeral, but I will be sure toast Bob with a Dark and Stormy or even a Hurricane from Bermuda. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Joanne Van Sant - August 19, 2016 at 03:47 PM

TT

“ *NU DELTA PI SALUTES OUR DEPARTED BROTHER...Bob Szeles was a good loyal trusted and resourceful Brother of the Fraternity Nu Delta Pi. Our sincere condolences to his Family and Friends. His loss will be felt by many.*

*Tim Taffe Founding Father
Nu Delta Pi Fraternity
Newark State Teachers College
Keene University
Brotherhood From This Day Forward*

TIM TAFFE - August 19, 2016 at 02:11 PM

CH

“ I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of my former colleague Bob. I worked with him in Elizabeth for many years. He was such a sweet, gentle soul , always pleasant and giving of himself, even in later years when his health was failing him.
He was a dedicated teacher and a good friend . He will surely be missed by all who knew him.
He endured a lot of pain and suffering, and now no longer in pain, he can rest in peace.

Charlie Heins

Charlie Heins - August 19, 2016 at 11:59 AM

MV

“ Janice,
My heartfelt condolences go out to you on the loss of Bob. Brother Z was an inspiration and guiding light for our Pi class when we were going through pledging. Afterwards, he was his typical warm and caring self, a true friend and brother that one will never forget. It has been way to many years since we have crossed paths but please know that he will always be in my thoughts and memories when I think back to all of the great times we had in the fraternity, college, and events.



You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this trying time.

*Michael "Hulk" Vigezzi
Pi Class*

Michael Vigezzi - August 19, 2016 at 07:28 AM

SU

“ *Dear Janice, Sincerest Sympathy in the loss of your loved one.
It was Bob who found the right path after Hurricane Doria in 1971 to
get us to the church on time.*

Susan - August 18, 2016 at 08:00 PM