



Robert P. "Bobby" Santana

June 8, 1961 - January 7, 2026

Robert P. "Bobby" Santana, the eldest born child of six to Gladys E. and Manuel A. Santana was received by Our Father God at the age of 64 surrounded by his loving family after a lengthy battle with colon cancer where he fought through immense pain and suffering. He finally succumbed to the disease on the morning of January 7th ,2026.

Bobby excelled in many sports as a youth and later as an adult playing on numerous men's softball teams throughout his lengthy successful career. He would later take his skills and prowess to the golf course where he cultivated many relationships and often took golf trips with family and friends. Bobby was a ranking member and League Champion of Tap In Tours golf and deeply involved with the organization for 29 years.

Bobby studied at LCCC and various other small business schools and enjoyed a 41-year career at Rigid Tool Company retiring in January of 2025. He began his career in 1984 as a Latin American Customer Service Representative and later promoted to International Customer Service Manager in 1992. In 2023, he assumed the role as Fulfillment Management and International Operations Specialist. Everyone who worked with Bobby enjoyed his company and would lean heavily on his work knowledge often referring to him as very personable, honest and easy to get along with.

Bobby is survived by his parents Gladys (nee Davila) and Manuel Santana, sister Elizabeth (Vince) Velazquez, brothers Victor (Brooke) Santana, Manny Santana, Richard Santana and Eric Santana and many nieces and nephews. His infectious smile and love for life will be extremely missed by his family and friends who he often referred to as his brothers and sisters. He was an inspiration to many and loved by everyone. He was the life of the party and loved to entertain his friends as a lifetime member of St. Lads where he enjoyed many Cleveland sports and Oakland Raiders games.

The family will receive friends Sunday January 11, 2026 from 3:00-7:00 pm at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain. Additional visitation will be held Monday January 12, 2026 from 11:00 am until the mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 pm at Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Ave, Lorain. The Rev Alexander C. Spenik, pastor, will preside. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Lorain.

Memorial contributions can be made to St Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH 44053
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

Visitation

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Chapel
4301 Pearl Ave
Lorain, OH 44055
<https://sacredheartchapel.org>

Funeral Mass

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Chapel
4301 Pearl Ave
Lorain, OH 44055
<https://sacredheartchapel.org>

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Gladys, Manuel and Family, you have my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved son.

Sue Kopco - January 14 at 11:21 AM

WC

“ My condolences Thanks for the memories Good times at St Lads Southview Saint forever ❤️❤️💙💜

Wanda Cruz - January 12 at 09:40 PM

JR

“ Bob was an exceptional man and the best manager I ever had. I only had the privilege of knowing him for a short time before he retired, yet our connection was meaningful. Even after his retirement, I continued to rely on him for guidance at work. He was incredibly patient and a remarkable teacher. I am deeply grateful for everything he did for me, especially during a time when I was struggling to build good working relationships.

I remember our conversations about his retirement plans, reminding him to take more selfies with his family and to enjoy life as much as he could. He reassured me that this was exactly what he intended to do. I hope his final days were not as difficult as they seem. Bob, I pray that you are now in a better place. I will always be thankful for your life, and you will forever be remembered.

P.S. I suppose it's time to delete all of our work-related email exchanges—the ones I still turn to whenever I forget things, right up to our last message when you left the company. I hope you're proud of your student. You truly did an outstanding job.

Juni Ramos - January 11 at 07:32 PM

LG

“ Lamar & Rochelle Grigsby. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.

Lamar & Rochelle Grigsby. - January 11 at 05:18 PM

LG

“ Lamar & Rochelle Grigsby. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



Lamar & Rochelle Grigsby. - January 11 at 05:18 PM

DL

“ Bob was our ex son-in-law who remained our good friend for the rest of his life. We often asked him to stay with our two dogs when we went on vacation and that was a good experience. He loved the dogs and the dogs loved him which says a lot about the kind of person he was. He will be missed. Heartfelt regrets on his passing and condolences to Bob's family.

Dale & Gayle Butler, Lucy & Lola - January 11 at 08:55 AM

CB

“ Christine and Bill purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



Christine and Bill - January 10 at 04:25 PM

CC

“ *Correa Family (Jaime son Erik Correa) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.*



Correa Family (Jaime son Erik Correa) - January 09 at 10:53 PM

MA

“ *Mary Adinolfi purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.*



Mary Adinolfi - January 09 at 10:14 PM

LR

“ *Manuel, Gladys and loved ones: We extend our deepest condolences. Your love, compassion, prayers and tears will never be forgotten. This was your Love for him. Bobby- you will be missed, but never forgotten - you live in our hearts, memories and our prayers. Will never forget your Yoda imitation. Cousins - Lydia and Daniel Rodriguez (Son)*

Lydia Rodriguez - January 09 at 08:35 PM

PB

“ Dearest Gladys and family. . .my thoughts are with you at this time —you were great neighbors—losing a son of a neighbor reminds us that we all go. . .that is our destiny. But sometimes things get confused and the younger go first—not fair—death is never fair—but it sounds as tho your son showed us how to get the most out of it life. I am in Utah living with Robin and her family—for 12 years now and she sends her regards tho I think she and Manny were closer in age. I wish I were there to remind you of the night the kitchen caught fire and the kids all piled over into our living room. Now they’re all adults and some have stepped over into grand father and mother hood. Wish I could be there to give you a hug in person.
Love you all—Pat Bajcer

Patricia Bajcer - January 09 at 04:18 PM

MF

“ Worked with Bobby at Ridge Tool , he was a wonderful person who will be missed by everyone who knew him. He always had a smile .Prayers for his family and friends and may all the great memories help you during this difficult time.



Margery Flint - January 09 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ Joe & Linda Chesnik purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



Joe & Linda Chesnik - January 09 at 03:19 PM

NM

“ Nick Matos purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



Nick Matos - January 09 at 09:10 AM

MK

“ Mark Keener purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



Mark Keener - January 09 at 06:28 AM

AR

“ Albert Rodriguez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



Albert Rodriguez - January 08 at 11:45 PM

AR

“ Albert Rodriguez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.

Albert Rodriguez - January 08 at 11:45 PM

MA

“ Bobby went through a tough period, but he always was so positive, funny and had lots of hope. I’m glad that I had the opportunity to help him at times when he would ask for soup or other things he felt like eating. I’ve know him for many years.. his last words to me was “ I’m doing good, and I’m going to make it”. “ I love you Mary Lou” he sure did make it! Straight into our Lords loving arms! 🙏🥹🌹❤️
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Mary Lou Andujar-Hough - January 08 at 10:26 PM

TT

“ The Tait's purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



The Tait's - January 08 at 09:02 PM

TT

“ The Tait's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.

The Tait's - January 08 at 09:02 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to the family



Mary Sanabria - January 08 at 07:58 PM

AB

“ *With Deepest Sympathy to the Santana Family. Fly High With The Angels Bobby*



Amy Jaynes Brown - January 08 at 06:41 PM

JC

“ *Prayers of comfort to the family.*

Bobby and I went to High School together...shared the same birthday. He accomplished much in a short period of time on earth.

May he be welcomed on heavens shores.

*Joe Conley
Class of "79"*

Joe Conley - January 08 at 03:08 PM

WC

Rest in peace 🕊️ my friend Southview Saint Forever 🙏😭❤️ Love Wanda ❤️ 😊💖

Wanda Cruz - January 08 at 03:28 PM

JF

“ *James Trifiletti Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.*



James Trifiletti Family - January 08 at 01:34 PM

BR

“ Brian and Jill Ross planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.

Brian and Jill Ross - January 08 at 01:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert P. "Bobby" Santana.



January 08 at 01:29 PM

FC

“ Going to miss you my drinking partner and all the laughter we had and all the great memories on the softball field until we meet again my brother.

Fernando Contreras - January 08 at 01:16 PM

JL

Gladys and family-I'm sorry to read of your son's passing. Know that I am keeping him and your family in my prayers.

Jim Lewis

Jim Lewis - January 10 at 08:32 AM