



Robert Pollack

September 16, 1957 - September 10, 2018

Robert was born September 16, 1957 in Philadelphia, PA, the third of 4 children in a musical and artistic family. After seven years in Massachusetts, Robert's family moved to Livingston NJ, where he graduated from Livingston High School. Robert had featured or lead roles in all theater and musical productions at LHS, as well as lead roles in productions staged by Groundling Theater, a non-equity theater company.

After graduation, Robert focused on his musical career, becoming a sought-after performer across the northeast. One online bio stated, "There's only ONE Robert Pollack... A veritable 'toolbox' when it comes to stage, studio, technology and general 'aural acumen'".

With his soulful, versatile keyboards and vocals, Robert collaborated on hundreds of sessions over 3 decades, including jingles, radio voiceovers and corporate projects. Rob's credits list includes Time Warner, AT&T, Viacom, Lucent, Nickelodeon, Showtime, WABC and MTV to name a few.

Rob was also a producer as well as partner in his own audio-production facility "Satellite Studios" in New York City. Rob performed, arranged, and produced for the SONY-affiliated DK Studios in Manhattan, providing vocals for widely heard Karaoke. At bars and parties everywhere, revelers were singing along with Robert.

As a solo or ensemble act, Rob was heard regularly at Trump Castle, Claridge Casino and Caesar's in A.C, and at Top Of The Sixes, The Doral Park Avenue Hotel, Elaine's and One If By Land, Two If By Sea in NYC.

In January 2006, Robert opened a new chapter, becoming part of the team opening the Apple Store at Garden State Plaza Mall in Paramus NJ. He brought his music industry MAC expertise to his role as a Creative, providing customer training on any Apple device. Robert took this to new levels with his knowledge, patience and guidance. His value was recognized with multiple performance awards. He earned the respect of his coworkers, and enjoyed many new friendships that endured after he was forced to leave Apple in

2013 due to illness.

Robert is survived by family, friends, fellow musicians, and by all those he touched with his singular intelligence, warmth and talent.

To understand more about the blood cancer that Robert suffered from, or to make a donation in his memory in lieu of flowers, please visit the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation website: <https://themmrf.org/>

Condolences at Michael and Denise Pollack's Residence

119 Ridge Drive

Montville, NJ 07045

Thursday, September 13

2:00 – 5:00 PM

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Friday, September 14

2:00 – 6:00 PM

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Hennessey Heights Funeral Home & Cremation Service
232 Kipp Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, US, 07604

Comments



“ I have been thinking about him since the passing of Lenny Bornstein. I truly wanted to reach out to him so I just googled his name hoping I could find him on Facebook. Little did I know his obituary would come up first. Robert and I played for Lenny Bornstein Orchestras in the late 70s and early 80s. We even formed a band called "Beggar's Menu" a really tight RnR band. He was truly a talent all by himself. But I was not expecting this. I was hoping to surprise him one day at his job at Apple. The message for me is pick up the phone and reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in along time. But this one hurts. You and my brother must be doing duos now with Lenny booking the gigs. Gotta go now...

Dennis Giaimo - February 21, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ Robert was a true friend and a person who you could count on. He never judged. He listened. He provided insight, wisdom, humor, and hope. His incredible talent was a true gift. If I ever needed a hug, a friend, or an ear, Robert was there. Thank you, Rob. Thank you for making a difference in my life. <3

Terese Tenseth Market - September 17, 2018 at 02:28 AM



“ Felicia Bendit Kramarz purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Robert Pollack.



Felicia Bendit Kramarz - September 15, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of this beautiful and talented human being. He was a person who I was lucky enough to perform with in several high school plays, including A Miracle Worker, Music Man and Annie Get Your Gun. I have wonderful memories of Robert off stage too. When we would get together at fellow thespians' homes Robert would play the piano effortlessly- usually Elton John tunes, and we would sing our hearts out. I can still picture him sitting in front of the piano playing those tunes and belting out his magnificent voice. I even have thoughts of him to this day when I see my own son sitting down at the piano, singing and playing chords. I can only dream that one day play he would play and sing as well as Robert did!! And Robert was lovable too, a great hugger with a terrific sense of humor. He

was a gem of a person and will be sorely missed. I send my deepest condolences to his family, including his brother, Michael and sister, Amy who I was also so lucky to know. May his memory be a blessing.

Lovingly, Felicia Bendit Kramarz, LHS class of 1974.



Felicia L Kramarz - September 15, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ Robert was a shining star who brought light and laughter wherever he went. I remember him from his wonderful performances at Livingston High School where I was lucky enough to share the stage with him in musicals and in The Miracle Worker where he played my father Captain Keller. He was always so kind and caring and made me feel welcome and valued. He was one of a kind whose legacy is love. I am so honored to have known him for at least a short time of his life.

Karen Goldfarb - September 15, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ Sending my sincere condolences to Rob's family. I loved Rob, like a brother. He was a good, generous and sweet pal and colleague for more than 20 years. For some reason, blurry in my memory now, he sweetly nicknamed me “Mahhhh-gret” in a dry, droll English accent. He LOVED to drive my sporty Mazda, so whenever we played together, I let him take the wheel, which he adored. (Ironically, he ended up living on the same street in Fort Lee, NJ where I grew up.) His great humor and silly sensibility got us through many performances together. He was an enormous talent. I considered myself fortunate to have his great accompaniment to my vocals. He was helpful and willing to go the extra mile with his performances, always impressing the crowds. His intelligence, talent and simple being will be sorely missed. I treasure my colorful memories of Rob, my brother from another mother. -Donna Harris ;-)
(I would be at his remembrance but I'm out of the country. I will be there in spirit.)

Donna Harris - September 14, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ Bob and I started our acting careers together WAY back in 3rd Grade at Riker Hill Elementary School. As I recall, I was a Mouse and had no lines, just nibbled some cheese. Bob was the Cat and had all the lines. Later, of course, we worked together on all the HS musicals and You Can't Take It With You. I still remember a cast party at my house where he spotted my parents' beautiful grand piano and got all excited.

He played Elton John all evening. Rest in peace, dear old friend.

Don Richardson - September 13, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ To Robert's family - I send you first my deepest sympathy in loosing your beloved brother. I have the fondest memories of sharing many years with Robert in Jr. High and LHS. All the plays we did together and the music we playing in the music room every day during lunch period. but most of all- being apart of a great singing group that he formed- "AMBER" - we were the go to opening for all the assembly programs and concerts and jams...Robert on piano, singers Wendy Stout, Mary Ellen Silk, and myself. I still have the tapes! You were one in a million and now you are truly among the "STARS". God Bless and Godspeed.

Cathie Squillaro McDaniel



Cathie Squillaro McDaniel - September 13, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of Robert's passing. Although i havent seen him since high school, he was an intricate part of my vocal performances and high school years. Along with me and Jason Alexander (Jay Greenspan), Robert joined us almost everyday in the auditorium of Livingston High School, playing beautiful music magnificently with total ease while Jay and I sang and goofed around! Robert was one of a kind! We were in Bye, Bye Birdie together, where Jay and I were Mr. and Mrs. McAfee, and Robert was the manager of the show's Elvis-like heartthrob! My memories of him and the time we spent together are most vivid to this day! I greatly admired his talent, as did all of our peers and classmates. My deep regrets and condolences to his family. Marianne (Scudese) Nicholson

Marianne Scudese Nicholson - September 13, 2018 at 12:32 AM