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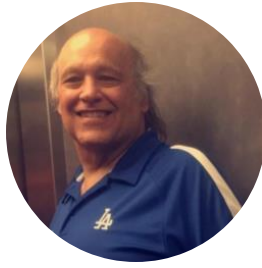


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Robert "Tis" LeRoy Tisdell, Sr., 72, of Syracuse, NY passed away peacefully at home on December 25, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Syracuse, son of the late LeRoy and Phyllis (Fava) Tisdell.

Robert, most known by people as Bob or Tis, born and raised in Syracuse, NY attended St. Daniel's School, graduated from Christian Brothers Academy (1967), Syracuse University (1971) and Syracuse University College of Law (1974). He practiced law for 45 years at his own firm, Tisdell, Moore & Walter, with his devoted legal secretary, Mary Ellen Williams, in his infamous Dodger Blue corner office on the 6th floor of the University Building. Not only was he known for being one of the best attorneys in the community, but it was his connection and compassion for his clients that set him apart.

He left behind this great legacy, but his greatest accomplishment that he was most proud of was his loving family. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Anna M. (DeVita) Tisdell; his four children: Alicia M. (Russell) Blair, Robert L. Tisdell, Jr., Michael J. Tisdell (Amber Weakley), and Caroline P. (Matthew) Tisdell-McCoy; four grandchildren: Nina, Maxwell, Milo and Vivian; his brother-in-law, Joseph (Sharon) DeVita; three nephews, several cousins and friends.

Bob will be remembered for his devotion to family, especially his wife Anna who he adored, and his children who he never missed a sporting or school event for, his infectious laugh and welcoming smile that was never brighter than when his grandchildren came to visit, his love for Dodger Blue and Syracuse Football tailgates, sporadic trips to the racetrack and his annual summer vacation, his generous heart, his devotion to never owning a cell phone or wearing jeans, and his overall zeal for living.

Bob's love of tradition held true until his last breath on Christmas night. His tenacious personality helped him fight throughout the day and into the evening to



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ensure his family could spend this Christmas together, in the house he loved (and refused to sell!) that his children grew up in and still call home. He will always be remembered for his selflessness.

A Funeral Mass in celebration of Bob's life will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at Holy Cross Church, 4112 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY. Private burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 3:00 – 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. Special thanks to his caregivers and home aides for their loving care over the last 3 years.



Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, December 29, 2021

 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

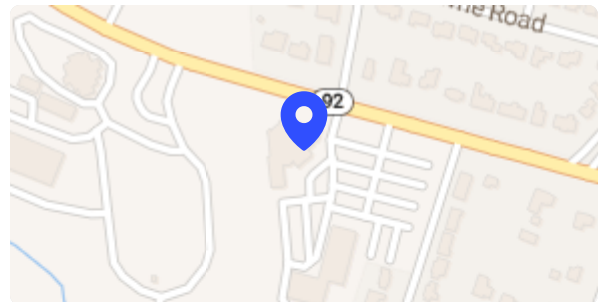


Mass of Christian Burial


 **Thursday**, December 30, 2021

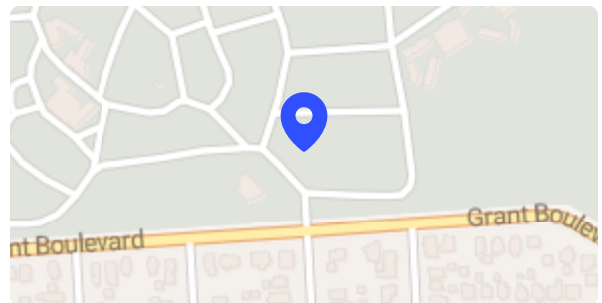
 10:00 AM ET

 **Holy Cross Church**
4112 E. Genesee St., Syracuse NY 13214



Cemetery Details

 **Woodlawn Cemetery**
800 Grant Blvd, Syracuse NY 13203





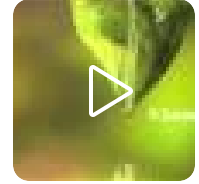
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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 29 at 6:23 AM



Tim Erwin posted:

I did not know Bob passed away until I saw his picture in the paper today (9/7/22) I was on the other side of his profession (I was a SPD Officer) and we shared a few cases together. He always treated me with respect and professionalism. When we would run into each other after a case we shared some laughs. He was a very good attorney and his clients were lucky to have him. Many people will never forget this good man. RIP. Condolences es to his family

September 7 at 11:55 AM



Mike Vavonese posted:

To Anna,Bobby,Michael, Alecia and Caroline, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Bob's passing. At Bob's 50th reunion dinner at CBA when I gave the introduction I said that many of the alumni in that class were heroes to me and I meant that sincerelyand specifically as to Bobby. This was my friend and mentor and I will deeply miss his wit and humor. I will never forget the infamous tailgate parties he directed, even if I was late for the noon games! I am deeply sorry I wasn't able to attend the services. Rest In Peace my Friend. Heaven is a better place because you are there. With sadness for your loss, Mike Vavonese

January 4 at 4:36 PM



Kathy And Billy King posted:

We are very sorry to hear about Bobs passing. He was a very kind and compassionate attorney and friend.

January 4 at 12:49 PM



Aaron Fagelman posted:

My path crossed with Robert's first as a neighbor in Scottholm and then when I worked for a short time on the 6th floor of the University Building. But it wasn't until the last couple of years in my duties as an RN that I was able to get a sense of what nice people he and Anna are. My sincere condolences.Aaron F.

January 2 at 6:16 PM



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EH

Emily Herbst posted:

Our hearts are broken. Bob was the big brother Mary and I didn't have.

December 29 at 3:43 PM

MW

Mary Ellen Williams posted:

To one of the most wonderful men I had ever known who was not only a great employer but someone who along with Anna and his children became some of my dearest friends. You will be greatly missed by all who knew you. To Anna and his children I'm so sorry for this great loss I know you are suffering.

December 29 at 1:35 PM

EJ

Ej lit a candle in honor of Robert "Tis".

Anna, My deepest sympathies to you and your entire family. It is way to early that you all should experience the loss of a loved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother-in-Law, and Friend. Tis was a great guy, and I know he is in a better place now. It is those left behind that feel the pain. With Sympathy, EJ



December 29 at 12:43 PM

PW

Patty Desocio Waddington posted:

Very sorry for your loss. We grew up with Bob as his dad Roy was my uncle Mike Angarano best friend. I remember uncle Roy and aunt Phyllis fondly and "Bobby" Patty Waddington and Roseanne Taffe.

December 29 at 10:23 AM

EE

Eva Essi posted:

Deepest condolences to the entire family. The Essi family will always remember him coming in for breakfast before game time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

December 29 at 10:11 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Tisdell, Sr. family.



December 29 at 10:04 AM



Brian Dejoseph posted:

I loved Tis like a brother. We were together almost daily during our wonderful college years. No one could ask for a better friend. My sincerest sympathy to beautiful Tisdell family. BrianDeJoseph

December 29 at 8:44 AM



Thomas And Rachel Fava sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Tisdell, Sr. family.



December 29 at 8:38 AM



Susan Tormey posted:

To the Tisdell Family, Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you. We have many fond memories of our CBA hockey games. My favorite judge thought the world of Bob and always commented on what a great lawyer he was.... with the utmost integrity and compassion for the law and all whom he helped. Susan Tormey and Family

December 29 at 8:19 AM



Jim Hopkins December 29 at 12:17 PM

Rosanne and I are so sorry for your loss. There aren't many people who are as well respected for their legal skills as they are genuinely loved for the happiness and good will they bring to their community. Bob was that guy. He was a great lawyer and a great friend to all, whose Christmas parties and tailgates are the stuff of legend. He will be dearly missed



Aaron Zimmerman December 29 at 11:18 AM

I knew Bob for more than 40 years. He was a stand-up guy. He never stopped defending his clients.



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LP

Lindsay Perry posted:

I met Bob earlier this year working as a Caregiver..A Sweeter Man there could not be..The kindness & consideration he gave everyone around him was something to admire. I looked so forward to every time he came in..Always smiling & eager to ask about how my week was going, my Daughter..I would share pictures, we would share stories, and laughs.How much this man Loved & ADORED his Family was BEAUTIFUL. His Children, Grandchildren & Wife. We would talk about Family get togethers and he always said having everyone together is all that matters. Bob told us about his years as a Lawyer and his much he missed putting on his suit everyday. He mentioned his longtime Secretary often..with great gratitude. We were there to take care of him. But he had a way of taking care of all of us. My Heart Goes Out To This Family. R.i.P. Sweet Friend.

December 29 at 8:02 AM

LC

Le Moyne College posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

December 29 at 7:42 AM

MI

Mimi posted:

I wanted to share one beautiful memory that I cannot stop thinking about that shows the adoration that both Tis and Anna shared for each other. I remember, as if it were yesterday, when Tis and Anna were dating, and they would return to her house near the end of that evening. The two of them would sit in his Corvette, what seemed for hours, talking and singing duets from some of the old movies. I guess they just didn't want the evening to end! One great memory I have of the two of them! XOXO, Mimi

December 29 at 7:03 AM

JJ

John Julian posted:

" Tis " , just a good guy. Honorable, sincere and compassionate family man. My deepest condolences to Anna and all the family.

December 29 at 6:18 AM



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MS

Mr. & Mrs. Duane Sauro sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Tisdell, Sr. family.



December 29 at 4:44 AM

LE

Lou Elliott posted:

As a young attorney who came up a generation later, Bob was one of the guys I looked up to. He was well respected, extremely bright, but down to earth and friendly at the same time. He was a great guy all around. May he rest in peace. Lou Elliott

December 28 at 4:57 PM

JE

Jon W. Brenizer, Esq. posted:

As a contemporary of mine, I've known Bob for a long time. He was an excellent attorney who always practiced with empathy for his clients and civility for his adversaries. A good, good man! Jon W. Brenizer

December 28 at 1:19 PM

MC

Mark Capozzi posted:

My sincere sympathy to Bob's family. We shared many years and many memories. Tis represented myself and my family, our businesses and our lives, both as a friend and our attorney. He was never too busy and never anything less than first class. He wasn't just one of the good guys, he was the BEST guy. He will be missed and is unable to be replaced and any capacity. On behalf of myself and the entire Capozzi Family, Rest is Peace "Tis" Mark Capozzi

December 28 at 1:09 PM

MP

Maureen A. Perrin posted:

I graduated law school with Bobby. Watched many a card game with Tim and others. Bobby was a really good guy and a great lawyer. Maureen Perrin

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MH

Marsha Hunt posted:

Bob was a great guy & great attorney! He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Marsha Hunt

December 28 at 10:27 AM

PD

Pat Delperuto posted:

So very for your loss. As a court employee for many years, I came to know and respect Bob in so many ways - especially his love and respect for family, friends and mankind in general. May he rest in peace and may you all find comfort and peace in your memories.

December 28 at 10:24 AM

FV

F. Paul Vellano, Jr. posted:

My sincere sympathy to Bob's family. I had the pleasure and the privilege of closing deals with Bob over these many years. He always brought needed levity to deals and his laugh was indeed infectious. I remember talking to him on the phone and trying to schedule a closing and he always said in his booming voice, "what else do you need" and whatever I called out, he yelled out to Mary Ellen in the next room. The bottom line is that he always got you what you needed and you looked forward to closing with him as it would be a very pleasurable and funny hour or so. I never remember a closing with him that didn't go as it should. He was devoted to his clients but always was mindful of the other side and was courteous to all parties and their counsel. I still remember his tailgates near the Forestry College on game days and the crowds and anyone who showed up was welcome and many times he saw me walking by and yelled to me to stop. It is an overblown term to use but he was a genuine the good guy in law and in life. God bless. F. Paul Vellano, Jr.

December 28 at 10:06 AM

PN

Patricia A Nappi sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert "Tis".



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PN

Patricia A Nappi sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert "Tis".

So very sorry for your great loss of your Husband and Dad , He was a well respected Attorney May god speed him to Heaven meet him many times last Time with my Mom Kate Nappi ,May God help you all find Peace in your loss from Patricia A Nappi /Dery 🙏🙏🙏



December 28 at 9:43 AM

MQ

Mark Quilter posted:

To the Tisdell family; I am so saddened to hear this news. Bob was a friend and client for many years. He will be missed, RIP Bob.

December 28 at 8:34 AM

JC

Julie Campanello posted:

Dear Anna and family, so sorry to hear about Bob's passing! Our paths had crossed for so many years between our parents and children, hold your memories close. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Julie (Speach) Campanello and family!

December 28 at 8:23 AM

LW

Lisa Weakley posted:

Anna, Alicia, Bob, Michael and Caroline our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bob was kind, gentle and opened his heart and family to Amber and Vivian making a lasting impression. May Bob rest in peace and the family find comfort in memories.

December 28 at 8:03 AM

TQ

Theresa Quilty posted:

Sharing your loss....with love and CBA hugs.

December 28 at 7:59 AM



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JF

James Finochio posted:

Tisdale Family, My sincere sorrow to read about your loss, Bob was a friend & client of mine for many years. He was a great guy with many ideas. My deepest sympathy, James Finochio May he RIP

December 28 at 7:36 AM

RD

Rick, Beth, Paul And Donna Damico sent a Tropical Tribute Spray to the Tisdell, Sr. family.



December 28 at 7:30 AM

TS

Tom Smithling posted:

Graduated with Tis from CBA in 1967 and last saw him at our 50th reunion. One of the really good guys in our class. Always fun to be around. My prayers for his family, may he rest in the peace of everlasting life. Tom Smithling

December 28 at 6:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Tisdell, Sr. family.



December 28 at 6:15 AM

JP

Justin Petosa lit a candle in honor of Robert "Tis".

Mike - My deepest condolences for the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in this time. I hope him being in a better place brings you peace and celebrate his life with the memories you'll forever have.



December 28 at 5:42 AM



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PB

Phil Boyle posted:

The passing to Tis brings sorrow to me. We were friends since kindergarten @ St. Daniel school. Although we lost touch with each other I always will remember his big laugh and how he constantly was rocking back and forth in his chair in school. To his family I can only say I am so sorry for your loss but stay strong and love each other to the max. Peace.

December 28 at 4:04 AM

PF

Pete Hooser & Family lit a candle in honor of Robert "Tis".

The passing of Bob brings great sadness along with great memories of what a wonderful man he was to his family and friends. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, Courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.



December 27 at 3:45 PM

BP

Beverly Parker January 19 at 11:41 AM

I will never forget the love and respect he showed to my dad at all of the tail gate parties. A wonderful family. My deepest sympathy to Anna and the family Beverly Parker

SB

Stephen Bersani December 31 at 8:02 AM

It is with deep sadness to find out that Tis has passed away. My sympathy to Anna and all of the family! This man was one of a kind a special human being with a heart of purple and gold. I was blessed to coach both of his daughters on the CBA tennis team back in the mid 90s. He was a busy lawyer who always made it to the tennis matches no matter where it took place! His laugh made everyone else laugh! What I remember the most about Bob was his famous tailgating at the forestry school parking lot before and after EVERY SU football game! He invited me to come once and it was always much better time than the football game! His generosity and love to all was special. It was a lot of work to host that tailgate 6 Saturdays every autumn and he loved every minute of it because of his love for people. My life time memory of him which will be with me forever was when I was at the tailgate and did not have a ticket to the sold out dome for the hated Miami Hurricane game in 1995. Tis said to me ' you don't have a ticket?' Give me a minute I'll find you one!' I have no idea how he did get one but it was a 35 yard line 12 rows from the turf! He got into the dome after the kickoff just to get me a ticket!! My buddy said ' Is this guy a magician?!' This is one story of many that show what a truly amazing man Tis was! RIP



Media

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Tom Myers December 30 at 1:53 AM

This was a very good lawyer and a great dad! My sympathies, Tom Myers



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert "Tis" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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