



## Carl E. Bastian

August 17, 1949 - March 19, 2025

March 19, 2025 of Buffalo, NY.

Beloved husband of 38 years to Que (nee Ta); loving father of Carl (Samantha) Bastian, Sandra (Mike) Fiolkowski, Oanh (David) Rice, Yen (Jon) Pirong, Aaron (late Nicole) Carney, and Jason (Alice) Carney; cherished grandfather of 11 Grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; dear brother of Gary and the late David (Rosalie) Bastian; also survived by nieces and nephews. Carl was a proud US Army Veteran, a member of the Free Masons and the Big Timers Club. He also enjoyed coaching baseball and fishing with the family. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Monday March 24th from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 6:45PM. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Carl's name to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Prayer Service

MAR **24.** 6:45 PM (est)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *When we think of Uncle Carl, we remember a man whose quiet strength and consistent presence taught us what matters in life. He made every conversation feel important, whether debating baseball, life's BS, or discussing other deeper questions. What made him extraordinary was his genuine altruism, unfailing dependability, and how he treated everyone with dignity - demonstrating that generosity of spirit and reliable presence outweigh impressive words or possessions.*

*Now that he's gone, we realize even more clearly what a gift his presence was in our lives. The lessons he taught us through simple actions - about generosity, altruism, dependability, and finding joy in ordinary moments - will continue to guide us as we try to be that same kind of presence for the next generation.*

*Thank you, Uncle Carl, for showing us what it means to be a good man not through lectures or lessons, but through a life well-lived. Your influence lives on in all of us who were fortunate enough to know you.*

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**Joseph Bastian** - March 25, 2025 at 12:26 AM

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“ *Growing up in Sloan Dave and Carl were well known spent many days at the park and the st Andrew lawn fete  
J f k high school our alma mater rest in peace Carl God has taken you home*

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**Linda Pregitzer ostempowski** - March 24, 2025 at 05:16 PM

PP

“ I was saddened to learn of Carl's passing. He and his brother Dave and I were friends since being in the same confirmation class at Trinity UCC many years ago. My thought and prayers are with Carl and the Bastian family. Paul Porter

Paul Porter - March 24, 2025 at 10:54 AM

WB

“ Darlene and I are sorry to hear of your family's loss. Praying for strength and comfort during this difficult time.  
Wayne & Darlene Burroughs

wayne Burroughs - March 24, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JS

“ My condolences & prayers to all of Carl's family.  
Judy (Bastian) Scoma  
Alvin Bastian's daughter  
Myra Bastian's niece



Judith Scoma - March 24, 2025 at 12:41 AM

CL

“ Sheila and I were very sad to hear about Carl Sr's passing, we were blessed to have known him. I was very thankful for the advice he gave me before entering the military: keep a low profile, excel at your job and good things will come your way. Whenever I came home on leave over the years, I enjoyed catching up with him and telling him of my experiences. He was always a joy for Sheila and I to talk too, he will be missed. Our sincerest condolences to the family, we will be thinking of all of you and praying for strength during this difficult time.

Chris and Sheila Logan - March 21, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ MY MEMORIES ARE ENDLESS, HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS THE REDSKINS COACH WHO LED US TO VICTORY IN THE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, HE TOOK A BUNCH OF RAG TAG LOVEJOY THUGS(LOL) AND IN 2 SEASONS TOOK US FROM A 1-13 RECORDED TO A 13-1, CHAMPIONS, BECAUSE HE BELIEVED IN US AND WE BELIVED IN HIM, RIP COACH AND FRIEND, YOU WILL BE MISSED, Angelo Castricone

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**ANGELO CASTRICONE SR.** - March 20, 2025 at 02:45 PM