

## M.J. Colucci & Son Niagara Funeral Chapel

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### Robert 'Bob' Heisner

( March 7, 2024 )

Reverend Robert 'Bob' Heisner, 77, of Niagara Falls, NY passed away unexpectedly at his residence in Wheatfield, NY surrounded by his beloved family on March 7, 2024. Born in Niagara Falls, NY. He was predeceased by his parents Franklin and Arlene (Slusser) Heisner and his brother Barry.



Bob was a graduate of Niagara Falls High School and earned his Bachelor's degree from Elim Bible Institute and College in Lima, NY. He served in the United States Army during and after the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge.

He was devoted to his faith and lifelong believer in his lord and savior, Jesus Christ. He served as a minister to the people throughout countless religious gatherings, funerals and weddings. Bob also formerly served as the Chaplain of the Niagara Falls Police Department. Most recently, he served as a Chaplain at Elderwood of Wheatfield, a place he was dearly loved by all. He was instrumental at the Niagara County Jail serving many different capacities such as the director of the outreach program, minister to the inmates and guards, and the director of community service for inmates upon their release.

Aside from his ministry, Bob, also known as Grand Master Robert Heisner was an accomplished 9th Degree Black Belt. He founded Project Future of WNY, a Martial arts school in Wheatfield, NY. There he originated Bushido Kai, which includes techniques and fighting forms from various Martial arts styles. Bob holds rank certification in numerous martial arts styles, including training under numerous experts such as Grand Master Park Jong Soo, former Korean National Champion, and Shihan H. Otsuka, founder of Wado Kai. Bob also operated Martial arts schools throughout Buffalo and Niagara Falls. He instructed at Niagara County Community College for over 30 years, and held many instructional seminars in self-defense for the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy, private security companies, the YMCA, and Boys and Girls Club of WNY, as well as several non-profit organizations.

Bob had an unforgettable zest for life. He loved his dogs and was a passionate fan of the Green Bay Packers. Above all, he cherished the time spent with his family, especially his princess, granddaughter Maddie Bogart.

Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years Marianne (Murdock), who he married on February 23, 1965; his daughter, Stacey (fiancé Shawn

Biermann); granddaughter Maddie (fiancé Brian Erick) Bogart, longtime friend of over 60 years, Dr. Martin Drake, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins and a plethora of great friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 14 from 2 – 7 PM at M.J. Colucci & Son Niagara Funeral Chapel, 2730 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY, where funeral services and Military honors will follow at 7:00 PM with Rev. Robert Dallmann officiating. Interment will be held private in Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial offerings may be made to the Project Future of WNY, 2720 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304.