



## Mr. Robert Anthony Rego

May 3, 1933 - November 21, 2020

Robert Anthony 'Coach' Rego, 87, of Hermitage, Tennessee, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at his home. Born May 3, 1933 in the Bronx, New York, he was the son of late Wilfred Graustein and Edna Mary Zadis Graustein.

Coach was a retired engineer who worked for what was Thoroughbred Auto Cars. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who will be missed dearly. Basketball was a very important part of his life. As a young man, while still in high school, offers to attend multiple colleges on a basketball scholarship started coming in. He accepted an offer to Rowlands College in Orlando, Florida. While there, he was asked to try out for the Philadelphia Warriors but was drafted into the Army, where continue to play basketball. After being injured and being honorably discharged, he continued his college academic and basketball career at what is now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. While attending school, he met his future wife, Barbara, a native of Louisiana. After college, he continued playing basketball recreationally and began coaching in area youth programs, getting his forever nickname, Coach. Coach and his wife were member of Grace Place Nashville Church on Central Pike.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Bruce Graustein.

He is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Barbara Rego; daughters Barbara J. (Doug) Reding, Ann C. Rego, Joy M. (Dale) Duncan, Robin R. (Bob) Campbell, and Angela S. (David) Aldridge; son Paul Anthony (Bethany) Rego; sister Gail (Phillip) Wadsworth; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

In keeping with Coach's wishes, his body will be cremated.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.

# Comments

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“ My cousin Pearl said it best, “Coach was the king of our family.” He is playing ball with the legends now. Love you Coach.



**John** - December 15, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ Im so sorry to learn of Mr. Rego’s passing. He touched so many lives and left me with so many wonderful memories as a youngster. I will always remember him shouting (coaching with love and passion)from the stands or sidelines as we (his daughters and I ) competed in sports.  
My thoughts and prayers for the family.

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Conni Carr Marshall

**conni marshall** - December 10, 2020 at 08:17 AM

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“ I will always remember coach for his Italian cooking but most of all his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He shared his faith with everyone he met. We worked together at Thoroughbred Motorcars. Every time he saw me he would tell me, Rick, I pray for you every day. I will always have fond memories of our times on the golf course. He so loved traveling with team Thoroughbred as we played other dealers in our region. We sorrow over the separation here on earth but rejoice in knowing that he finished the race and one day we will be reunited with him in Heaven. For He knows the way He taketh, and He does all things well.  
Love you coach

**Rick Van Kluyve** - December 01, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Sorry I never got to know him but reading all the kind words he obviously was a wonderful person. My prayers are with you.

**Vivian Crowson Fowler** - December 16, 2020 at 07:56 AM

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“ My dad and momma with their son and grandson. We will carry the REGO name proudly. You will never be forgotten. LOVE YOU DAD..



**Tony Rego** - December 01, 2020 at 08:31 PM

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“ This is my Coach with his youngest great granddaughter back in March of 2017. She loved him even though she only got to know him for a short while. It could've been because of all the candy or the way he absolutely doted on all of his grandchildren. Either way he will be remembered and loved by so many.



**Abby Webster** - November 27, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ This man's priority in life, was the Love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his family and his Country in that order!

**Barbara Rego** - November 27, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ I could never say all the words I would want to say about my daddy because he was that greatest daddy any son or daughter could ask for. He loved his Lord and savior, his family, and would help anyone he could. All through life he was my biggest fan. Mom and Dad came to every sport we did and you could hear them yell above everyone. He went to his grandchildren's too. I will miss him everyday of my life. I love you Daddy, you are my hero!

**Joy Duncan** - December 04, 2020 at 11:30 AM