



## Robert J Coogan

July 1, 1936 - February 25, 2022

Robert J. Coogan a.k.a. Coogie was born in Manhattan, New York on July 1, 1936. He was the eldest of eight children born to Dorothy and James Mc Cord. He is survived by his younger sister Gerri Neyhart and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. His brother Errol and sisters Charmaine, Anne, Barbara, Ethel, Geraldine, and Janet all shared a tight bond from childhood through their adult lives. This bond was so strong it extended through his siblings' children and their children. He was an amazing, free-spirited person, and a wonderful, caring, loving son, brother, uncle, godfather, and friend. We often referred to Uncle Bob as the "Don" of the family and he truly was the bond that kept everyone together.

Uncle Bob put family and friends first, lending a helping hand when ever needed. Throughout the years Uncle Bob welcomed many family members and friends into his home. He mentored many of us and his willingness to lend a comforting ear and advice was unwavering. He was always there for us. Uncle Bob would always say we were a family of survivors and when the song "We Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor played, he would be up in a flash snapping his fingers, singing, and dancing. His love of music drew him to work in the music industry at Joy Music. Uncle Bob was notorious for his music collection and loved to share his knowledge of music with everyone. He was a frequent shopper at Tower Records in Manhattan, he went there so frequently the staff knew him by name. He loved all genres of music, but his all-time favorite was of course 'Ol Blue Eyes Frank Sinatra with "New York New York."

He worked at the World Trade Center for years and he valued having strong work ethics. After working twenty plus years at the Asia Society, he retired and moved to Florida, to be closer to his mother. Even though Uncle Bob never drove he managed to navigate his way around Florida with ease and was always on the go, schlepping packages from here to there. I would often spot Uncle Bob bebopping around town wearing his backpack with packages in hand and I would take him to where he needed to go. Family and friends were the most important thing to Uncle Bob, and he would often say how blessed he was to have so many close lifetime friends who dearly loved him. He loved to entertain and

cook. His gatherings and garlic chicken were infamous. The smell of his garlic chicken would spread throughout the building at St. Mark's Place in Staten Island. Friends and neighbors loved his chicken so much they would barter with him to have a piece. He also had a passion for eating his favorite foods prepared by his sister Gerri and we all know those yummy noises he was famous for.

Uncle Bob had a mischievous playful side to him, and he loved to play little pranks and practical jokes. His energetic and youthful attitude were inspiring. He had a zest for life and would often say how truly blessed he was to have such amazing friends in his life and to be surrounded by such a loving family. He would tell us how important this is in life. Uncle Bob loved to share his stories and boy there were lots. Throughout the years, we shared many fun times and cherished memories that we will never forget. You will remain in our hearts forever. Until we see you again.

Rest in Peace. We love you Uncle Bob.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory  
110 Business Park Way  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

## Memorial Service

APR **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Palms West Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert J Coogan



Palms West Funeral Home - April 19 at 11:19 AM

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*I just saw this the other day, and didn't get a chance to leave a comment. The service for Uncle Bob was Warm, Funny, Sweet, and Kind with great memories of who he was. What a beautiful ceremony it was. Uncle Bob would have been proud. May He Rest In Peace. Errol Mccord's words made me realize how much Goy, and Uncle Bob have in common. Simmer down had me laughing, as well as feeling Uncle Bob's emotions. That story about the candy I heard so many times from Goy, but it was with Goy, Roberto Cruz, and Jennifer Twisdale according to Maldonado H. Xavier . When he tells me it in detail it is hilarious. I guess every one of the cousins/nephews/nieces were bandits to Uncle Bob's secret Stash Of Candy. Lmao Goy always likes a stash of candy too for his sweet tooth as well as when his Godson/nephews/family come over so he always has something to offer. The singing was great even though the mic was inconsistent in sound quality, and also the music was so loud online when family, and friends were expressing their love/ memories/prayers/ and singing it was hard to hear them. I love the ceremony, and wish My Family, Friends, and All who knew Uncle Bob... Many Blessings, and hope they hold on to their beautiful memories with him. God Bless.*

Gloria Rodriguez - April 25 at 05:48 PM

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Gloria Rodriguez - April 25 at 05:50 PM

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Gloria Rodriguez - April 18 at 04:06 PM

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“ I will remember the time you let me wear your t-shirt as a nighty, all your miller time fun time, your music which was one of your true loves in life, You and Titi Barbara always singing that song Gloria from the 60's or 50's to me. Lol In person was always way better than on the phone. I can still hear your voices from each time you guys had sang that song to me with a passion. I only wish I had recorded each of you singing that song to me each time you sang it. Plus talking on the phone in the old days as well as recently, and sharing family stories about things I never knew about the family. Even though our conversations diminished through the last years that you were not feeling well, they are always with me so I will remember you every time I think about them because they are our memories of time spent with you. You will never be forgotten my Uncle, and My God Father. May You Rest In Peace Uncle Bob. God Bless.



Gloria Rodriguez - April 18 at 04:03 PM

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“ Gloria Rodriguez sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert J Coogan



Gloria Rodriguez - April 18 at 04:02 PM

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Gloria Rodriguez - April 18 at 03:58 PM

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“ Thank you for introducing me to Billy Holiday when I was a little girl. One of the greatest blues singers. Rest in Glory with the family uncle BOB.

Roslyn - April 17 at 10:30 AM

BP

*Bobby*

*You are truly missed you were a great person a loving cousin and a true friend, not to mention the life of every party you lit up any room you were in I always looked up to you, and now your gone to rest*

*Rest now, and don't forget to light everyone up ❤️❤️❤️*

*Love always cousin Barbara*

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**Barbara Pagao** - April 17 at 12:25 PM



*After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with Uncle Bob, this is what keeps him alive in our hearts and in our minds, and he will continue to live on, through us. I admired Uncle Bobby for his strength of character. I will continue to be inspired by the actions he took and the things he said while he was alive. He will live in my memories forever. Miss you Uncle Bob.*

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**Veronica Navarro** - April 21 at 12:07 PM