

On the sunny morning of March 20, 2016, Kent "Sock" Rossman passed away peacefully at the Albany Medical Center surrounded by his family. He was 81 years old. Kent was born January 6, 1935 to the late Dewitt Rossman and Florence Hapeman Rossman in Hudson, New York and nephew of the late Claude Rossman. He was predeceased by sisters, Alice Johnson and Nyra Sartori.

Mr. Rossman graduated from Philmont High School in 1952. After which time, he signed a professional baseball contract with the Philadelphia Phillies as a pitcher, and played for their farm system. After tenure with the Phillies, he signed with the New York Giants, playing in their farm system.

After baseball he entered the U.S. Army and served in Germany from 1957 thru 1959 in the 11th. Airborne and 24th. Infantry divisions. After service, he became a N.Y. State Trooper and served 22 years, until retiring in 1982. During retirement, Kent owned an excavation business around the Copake Lake area.

On July 27, 1963, in Churchtown, N.Y., he married Dorothy (Miller) Rossman, who predeceased him on December 23, 2012.

He is survived by his daughters Lisa (Mark) Nielsen, Leah (Sala Chnioui) Rossman, Laci Rossman, his son Kent (Tonya Sauca) Rossman Jr., Step-daughter Theresa Hover, Grand-children Meghan Nielsen-Grimaldi, Ethan Nielsen, Chazz Rossman-Chnioui, Step-grandchildren Ryan Hover, and Ashley DeJesus.

He continued to play baseball and softball for many years, playing on teams ranging from Albany to Hudson, VA. and into New England. At 15 years old he became the youngest player to pitch a no-hitter in the Columbia County men's twilight baseball league, and in later years becoming the only player in the history of the Columbia County Twilight baseball league to win the batting title and pitch a no-hitter in the same season.

He belonged to the N.Y. State Retired Troopers Association, and the fraternal order of the Elks, loved baseball history and was a devoted NY Yankee fan.

Special heartfelt thank you to all the doctors and nurses from Albany Medical ICU, especially Kent's nurse Kelly who joined in the family's farewell.

Calling hours will be held Thursday March 24th between 5 and 8pm at the French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home, 25 Railroad Avenue, Chatham, N.Y. Funeral services will be held privately at the Union Cemetery of Mellenville. Memorials may be made to the Copake Lake Conservation Society, PO Box 37 Craryville, NY 12521 or online [www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org). Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com Funeral services are under the direction of the

M. Grimaldi Funeral Home

**Online Condolences**

We have fond memories of Kent, his dedication to Copake Lake and his wry sense of humor. We send our heart felt condolences to his family. Barbara and Fred Bunger

**Sent by:** Barbara Bunger, CLCS, past President

**From:** Medfield, MA

Please accept our deepest condolences. Kent was a great guy and will be missed by many. We will never forget how he stopped by to check in on our dad while he was ill. Unfortunately we are out of town but wanted you all to know that you are in our prayers. May Kent rest in peace!

**Sent by:** Mr & Mrs Scott Decker, Friend

**From:** Craryville

Sorry for your loss .losing a Dad is especially hard on us daughters as our Dads are our first loves. He was a strong personality and greatly influenced your lives. Love and prayers for you all . Love Donna

**Sent by:** Donna Reutenauer , Sister-in-law Lisa

**From:**

It was always a pleasure when Kent stopped by for a chat and beverage. Always upbeat and informative. Always helpful when we needed his skills. He will be missed by us. Our best wishes to his family.

**Sent by:** Patricia and Alex Gryner, Friend

**From:** Craryville

Kent was one of the first Troopers I worked with when I became a Trooper he helped me learn what it meant to be a NYS Trooper. My condolences to his family

**Sent by:** Gary Mazzacano Sr, former NYS Troopers

**From:** Hudson

So sorry for your loss. Tom has fond memories of him playing softball and stopping by the house in uniform when he was a kid. God bless you all!

**Sent by:** Tom and Donna Kane, Friend

**From:** Virginia Beaxh

Terri, I am so sorry for your loss. Please extend my condolences to your children as well. God Bless, Cuz!

**Sent by:** Joanne Dwy, None

**From:** Ancram

Leah, I am very sorry for your loss. Sincerest sympathy to you and your family.

**Sent by:** Hope DeRocha, Friend

**From:** Albany