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The heavens shine brighter tonight as Alberto R. Orsini, a proud native of The Bronx, NY, died peacefully in his sleep on October 10, 2016.

Alberto was preceded in death by his parents, Rafael and Antoinette Orsini, and brother-in-law Joseph Cartelli.

Alberto arrived in Sarasota from The City By the Bay, San Francisco, in 2000 with his surviving and devoted partner, John M Lucas. Alberto is also survived by his siblings and their spouses Annie (Gabriel) Fioravanti, Frank (Adele) Orsini, Mary Cartelli and Phyllis (Alphonse) Moccia. Cherished friend and uncle to many nieces, nephews, great and grand nieces and nephews, uncle "Albie" will be missed beyond description.

A veteran of the US Army, Alberto proudly graduated from The Cooper Union School of Architecture in New York, NY. He spent the majority of his professional career magnificently restoring Brownstone and Victorian homes in Brooklyn Heights, Sausalito and San Francisco. Alberto's Star Wash Laundromat in San Francisco became a destination shop where the most

routine of chores became an "event". From the mundane to the inspired, Alberto's heartfelt and poetic design for the new World Trade Center was featured on the front page of The New York Times in 2002.

Alberto was a friend to all and a stranger to none. He was one-of-a-kind; embracing everything with infectious abandon and joyous energy. The very definition of the Renaissance man, Alberto's unending generosity spilled forth on the dance floor of life and in the luminous and color saturated water colors he shared with family and friends. To honor Alberto, raise a Dewar's with a twist. He will ensure it is 5:00 o'clock and await your "Cin, Cin". Sempre diretto, caro mio.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Visitation, Paramus, NJ on October 29, 2016, 11:00 AM.

Memorial Service will be held at 10:00am, November 12, 2016 at St. Boniface Episcopal Church, 5615 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota, FL 34242.

Donations in Alberto's name may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center 12902 Magnolia Drive, MBC-FOUND, Tampa, FL 33612; online at www.moffitt.org/giving. Or Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, Florida 34238. Please include "In memory of Alberto R. Orsini" with any donation made.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *My dearest Alberto, I will remember you always with a smile on my face and laughter in my heart. My condolences to you John for I know you will miss our Peter Pan. So sorry I could not be there for your memorial service. I would have liked that. I am dancing with you my friend.*

Catherine Laura culp - November 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. In the bible we find hope and comfort. Ps. 34:18 "God is close to those broken at heart. He saves those crushed in spirit."*

Lilly Spaeth - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *What a beautiful photo of Alberto! He always made us laugh, smile and encouraged those around him. We always looked forward to his handmade Christmas cards...we have quite a collection! We love him for cheering on our kids as they got their training wheels off, supporting them in sports, school projects and piano. He again is dancing! Rejoice!*

Cheryl and Brian Track - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

*Alberto, you were a grand treasure to all who met you.
So warm, loving, and extraordinarily creative in every facet of your life.
We lost touch years ago and I just discovered you departed heavenly
some years ago in 2016.*

*Flash back memories of the beautiful old victorian you were restoring
up on Kasnow in the Sausalito hills and you graciously offered me the
palacial main bedroom as a rental for several years in the late 1970"s
while I was exploring the North coast of Sonoma county for my own
home.*

*Ahhh the parties Alberto,
Alive with joy and entertainment. Musicians philosophers poets Doctors
Lawyers carpenters belly dancers neighbors grifters writers actors La
Tee-Da Margo St James and other women of the budding COYOTE
movement all gathered around the pool as Alberto and his lover Nelson
who would fly in at regular intervals from out of the country served up
lavish foods endless cocktails with hearts full of love on late into the
nite.*

God bless you Alberto

*No doubt your kindness warmth generosity and love of life remains in
the hearts of all those whose lives you have touched.*

Alain Bloom

Alain Bloom - August 15, 2021 at 03:24 AM

MR

“ *A unique and amazing spirit Alberto was, and he will continue to be
in the afterlife I imagine! He will be immensely missed by many.
Thinking of you John and all of your family.*

Mitzi Roca - October 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Although I never met Alberto I was always
entertained and amused by all of the wonderful stories concerning
him. A colorful character indeed. My understanding is that "he did it
his way".*

Joe Elder - October 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Beautifully written! With tears streaming down my face, I share with you all the loss of a man who made others better and made them laugh. May he shine bright on the other side and I send to the family and friends, my condolences. Love, Lisa

Lisa Shaffer - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM