



## Timothy (Tim) Best

June 17, 1954 - November 7, 2022

On November 7, 2022, Timothy (Tim) Best of Caroga Lake died peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 68 years old.

Tim was a loved and loving son, husband, father, stepdaddy, and friend. Patricia and Donald Best welcomed the birth of Tim on June 17, 1954. He graduated from Deerfield Beach High School.

On September 14, 1985, Tim married Carmella D'Errico at the bar his parents owned, Vrooman's Hotel. Together they created a beautiful daughter, Tricia and he became stepfather to Kristine and Peter Orr.

Tim started his career in Florida and for the last 50 years worked and then owned Vrooman's Hotel with his mother, Pat Best, sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Jim Brockhum and wife Carmella. They retired from the bar business in October. Tim also gave to his Caroga Lake community by being on the town board for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Carmella Best, daughter and son-in-law, Tricia and Matt Hillock, stepdaughter and son-in-law Kristine Orr and Scott Jacques, stepson and daughter-in-law, Pete and Megan Orr, mother, Patricia Best, sister and brother-in-law Pamela and Jim Brockhum, brother and sister-in-law Gary and Stephanie Best, brother and niece, Jeffery Best and Shari Lynn

Ybarra, his grandchildren, Makenna Orr and Colton Hillock, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is predeceased by his father, Donald Best, and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carmella and Vito (Peter) D'Errico.

Friends are welcome to attend a Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 19, 2022, beginning at 2:00 pm at Vrooman's Hotel (of course), Caroga Lake, NY. We will have a special toast in his honor and celebrate Tim's life at 3:00 PM. For those of you that cannot make the celebration, the family encourages you to take a drive around Caroga and Canada Lake on any day and think of him. He took that ride often! Arrangements are under the direction of the Amico Funeral Home in Gloversville, NY. For online condolences to the family, please go to [www.amicofuneralhome.com](http://www.amicofuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Tim's memory to the Caroga Lake Fire Department.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Vrooman's Hotel  
2040 State Highway 10 Ste 1  
Caroga Lake, NY 12032

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Best family. May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories. Your in our thoughts. Love and hugs to you.

*Bob & Sandy Hurlbert*

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**sandy hurlbert** - November 14, 2022 at 04:18 PM

RG

“ Rene J Gagnier lit a candle in memory of Timothy (Tim) Best



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**rene j gagnier** - November 13, 2022 at 09:52 PM

RG

“ My sincerest condolences to Tim's family. He'll always be remembered.

*Rene Gagnier*

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**rene j gagnier** - November 13, 2022 at 09:51 PM

AS

*My sincere condolences to Pat, Carm, Tricia & family. Tim will always be in everyone's thoughts!*

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**Audrey Smith** - November 14, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy (Tim) Best.*



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November 13, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Heartbroken to see this. Tim was such a great guy. I was so very fortunate to be able to call him my friend. Many nice memories. I will miss him very much. Love and prayers to the entire family.*

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**Karl Gustafson** - November 13, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *Joyce Nellis lit a candle in memory of Timothy (Tim) Best*



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**Joyce nellis** - November 13, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Dan and I are very sorry to hear about Tim's passing, please accept our Sincere condolences. Thoughts and prayers with all of you through these difficult times.  
May God Bless.  
Dan & Joyce Nellis*

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**Joyce nellis** - November 13, 2022 at 12:41 PM

SF

“ Prayers and hugs to you all. I will always remember the look (like what the f###k is wrong with you) and smile on his face every time I gave him a hug and kiss on the cheek. The time I called him Mr Best. He said “most ppl call me asshole”. Always handed me an extra \$20 , with a smile, for helping in the kitchen. He will be missed. RIP Tim. 🙏💕🤔❤️

Sherr Frenyea - November 13, 2022 at 08:18 AM

JC

“ My sincere condolences to Tim’s family from Jimmy Conway (Florida)

Jimmy Conway - November 13, 2022 at 07:46 AM

KB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Tim. We will cherish our memories. Prayers to the whole family.

Kathy & Beaver Bradt - November 13, 2022 at 07:10 AM

JR

“ The Best family, thank you for your hospitality,.. our deepest condolences to family and friends,...

john Rawson - November 12, 2022 at 09:31 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. Prayers are with all the family at this time. I always enjoyed working with him years ago when I used to bar tend. He will be missed by many. Sue Loux

Susan Loux - November 12, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Timothy (Tim) Best.*



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November 12, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *I will never forget Tim coming to our house and begging dad, Tom Ambridge, to come eat in the wing contest just one more time. " You are the only one who can compete with Wally, Tom it's been a tradition for 10 years." Carm was my kindergarten teacher. Needless to say the Best family was a huge part of mine and so many others lives. I am so glad I was able to see him and hug him during my visit in June. Tim, please hug dad for me!!! Prayers for peace for the family!!!!*

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**Missy Ambridge Goodwin** - November 12, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Tim I'm so sorry to see you go! May you rest in peace. We had many great conversations good and bad trying to straighten out Caroga Lake! My deepest sympathy to you Carm and the whole family.*

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**FritzAnn Surace** - November 12, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad and difficult time. Condolences to the family.*

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**Ellen & Rick Lair** - November 12, 2022 at 06:19 PM

SH

“ You'll forever be remembered!! You were always so good and accommodating to our family. Our condolences to your entire family!

Stacy Holliday - November 12, 2022 at 05:56 PM

AM

“ Oh Tim, the times we've shared, the dinners we've served with you busing tables for me, the many shifts bartending running out of beer and you grabbing cases for me, seeing you driving all over town just to make sure it was all ok, it's all been bittersweet, but I guess you had to go and I get it, but you will forever be deeply missed.....Love, Angie

Angie Meredith - November 12, 2022 at 05:51 PM

DK

So sorry for your loss!

Donna Knapp - November 12, 2022 at 06:09 PM



Pat, Carm ,Pam, Trisha, so sorry for your loss .May Tim rest in peace, Hugs.

Bonnie Lane- Marino - November 12, 2022 at 07:09 PM

BP

Know that I am keeping you and yours in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies as you remembered Tim

Bonnie Panek - November 12, 2022 at 07:36 PM

JR

Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Condolences to your family.

JANNIFER R ROUGEAU - November 13, 2022 at 05:39 AM

MW

*I was so sorry to hear this. Sending sympathy and prayers for comfort.*  
*Margy Wemple*

**Margaret Wemple** - November 13, 2022 at 08:36 AM

LP

*Words can't describe how sorry I am for the loss of Tim. He will always be remembered by myself and everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.*

**Libbie Palcovic** - November 13, 2022 at 08:39 AM



*Sorry for your loss.*

**Mary Ambrosino** - November 13, 2022 at 08:40 AM

HC

*My sympathies to the Best family. Tim was always a nice guy and will be missed by so many friends and family. Rest In Peace Tim.*

**Hazel Chesterton** - November 13, 2022 at 09:20 AM

KS

*Randy and I are so sorry for your loss. So many great memories at Vroomans. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Kim Hart and Randy Snyder** - November 13, 2022 at 09:47 AM

JS

*We bought our camp at Caroga Lake in 2003 and spent many years enjoying meals at Vrooman's. My late husband, Eric, became friendly with Tim, and truly enjoyed his company. He would make it a point to stop by for a couple beers, touching base with Tim, every time we spent time at our camp. He was part of the fabric Caroga Lake is made of and will be missed..*

**Jane Sparks** - November 13, 2022 at 08:41 PM

NS

*Caroga has lost one of its legends , thoughts and prayers , many memories , rest in peace , Tim.*

**nicholas g simon** - November 14, 2022 at 01:06 PM



*I played in the Vrooman's Golf League for many years (mostly in the woods). Tim and his family treated us well and I'm sorry to learn of his passing.*

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**Tom White** - November 18, 2022 at 07:43 PM