



Ross Edward Topping

May 7, 1968 - October 10, 2015

Ross Edward Topping passed away on October 10, 2015 in Orlando, Florida after a short, arduous battle with cancer. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland in May 1968.

He attended schools in Missouri and graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1990. Soon after graduating, he relocated to Florida and began his career in the financial services industry. Ross worked in the mortgage industry for 20 years; leading entrepreneurial companies, creating innovative mortgage software, and hosting the Mortgage Doctors Radio Network. During that time, he met and married the love of his life, Julie, who treasured and encouraged him. In 2013, he founded TopX Consulting to help executives build and lead successful organizations.

From holidays to everyday, Ross was a brilliant cook who blessed many with his intricately prepared, creative dishes. He enjoyed nature, especially shore birds, and pursued his interest through care of cranes, herons and anhingas. Ross was heavily involved in his local community, and was president of the Eden Isle HOA. He was a gracious man with a quick wit and beautiful heart. Ross is survived by his wife Julie Topping, mother Sandra Topping, father Frank Topping, Jr., brother Robert Topping, sister Leslie (Topping) Robertson and many loving nieces and nephews scattered across the U.S.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday October 15, 2015 from 6-9pm at Tim's Wine Market in Orlando, Florida (www.timswine.com). In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society (www.can

cer.org/donate) or the James Beard Foundation
(www.jamesbeard.org/donate).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **15**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Tim's Wine Market
1223 N. Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32804

Tribute Wall

AD

“ I didn't realize Ross was gone until a few months ago, and the news was crushing. I tried to call him because I realized I hadn't heard from my friend. I didn't even realize how long it had been. Life has a way of getting busy and overwhelming, but Ross always made time to call. Rarely would more than 6 months go by before I heard from him. When I think of Ross, I can clearly remember the laughter in his voice. He was a mischief maker with a big heart. If Julie or any of Ross' family sees this, please know that I loved my friend and will never forget him. He was a truly special person.

Arian Dasmalchi - August 25, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ I am deeply saddened at the loss of my dear friend Ross. We met over 20 years ago in the Real Estate field. We bonded immediately as we shared much in common. We both had deep roots in the restaurant industry as well. We went to many functions together as well as many fun times. We shared many a cigar and glasses wine together as well as great food and endless conversations. It was always a special time with Ross. I was also instrumental in bringing him together with his lovely wife Julie. They were a great couple who I always adored. There will now be a major void on my trips to Florida. I will find my self reaching for my phone to call my great friend Ross and I cannot. I will continually keep Julie and the family in my prayers as I always have. The earth has truly lost someone special and so have I. I miss you Ross and forever will!

God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may not never understand His wisdom but simply have to trust His will. Psalm 37:5

Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised. Job1:21 NIV

Mark Christian Nazigian

Mark Nazigian - October 21, 2015 at 03:40 PM

DN

“ Denise Nacorda lit a candle in memory of Ross Edward Topping



Denise Nacorda - October 16, 2015 at 09:35 AM

DN

Please accept this candle as our condolences from Waterside and the "use to be" Standard Pacific team, we are very sorry for your loss.

Denise Nacorda - October 16, 2015 at 09:42 AM

MK

“ *As I write this, many of Ross' family and friends have gathered to remember him and celebrate his life. If some of you can't resist the call of the smart phone, and take a peek at this wall, I have something to consider: Smart, articulate, interesting, amazing people were drawn to Ross--always have been. So, tonight, if you happen to be at Tim's Wine Market in Orlando, then you are surrounded by some of the best people you can ever hope to meet. Amazing legacy. Salud!*

Mike Keohane - October 15, 2015 at 07:39 PM

CH

Hi Mike. I was saddened and shocked when I read this obituary in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. I remember Ross well. I remember when the two of you visited me at the University of Dayton. Ross was a special guy and I have fond memories of our days at Six Flags. Carin Bini Harper

Carin Harper - October 18, 2015 at 04:31 PM

DJ

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DJ - October 15, 2015 at 11:05 AM

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DJ - October 15, 2015 at 11:00 AM

BA

“ *I met Ross through a friend that introduced us while Ross was seeking someone to build his 1938 Plymouth. We met and talked it over and Ross placed his trust in me to build the car of his dreams. Ross was my very first customer when I opened my shop in winter Park and helped me to establish my name in the Orlando area. The build took over a year to complete and during that time we became very good friends. He was a man of few words but always had a vision as to what he wanted and wasn't afraid to express his opinions. I never heard him say a negative word against anyone and was always willing to help anywhere he was needed. We have truly lost one of the good ones but because of our many conversations concerning his relationship with Jesus Christ, there is no doubt in my mind that I will see him again in the future.*

I love you Ross & Julie, Bob Alford

Bob Alford - October 15, 2015 at 10:11 AM

SC

“ *Ross was such a great man! He was my mentor for many years, and he will truly be missed. My thoughts are with the Topping family.*

Stephanie Colosi - October 15, 2015 at 07:57 AM

DM

“ Ross sent this to me earlier this year a few hours after my father passed away.

DJ

*Never enough
Never undone
Never the right
Time to go on
Immortal however
In each story told
In frequent reminders
These we all hold
The fireworks flying
Our eyes filled with light
Our memories undying
Our laughter filled nights
We see his face
A smile so wry
We embrace
Together we cry
Our heavy hearts
Drowned in pain
Are lifted high
By all we gained*

We raise a glass in his honor and in thanks of all he shared in our lives as well as the gift he continues to share through his children and grandchildren.

Our thoughts and our love to you.

DJ Meyer - October 14, 2015 at 10:37 PM

JR

“ I met Ross when he was 16 years old (I was 19) and we both worked at Six Flags in St. Louis in the games department. I moved to Orlando in 1990 and Ross came down shortly afterwards. I have dozens of memories of Ross, and here are just a few:

One summer while working at Six Flags, we went on an annual "weekend float trip" (really a canoe trip, but we never paddled). I remember one year driving down with him in his truck and when we got to the campsite, for some reason I'll never understand, Ross decided to drive his truck directly into the woods and the scrub brush (it was a truck after all and was supposed to be able to handle it). That truck was a trooper though, getting stuck a few times but always powering thru!

Another time - at college at the University of Missouri - he was driving around with a fire-extinguisher in his car and calling people over so he could spray them. He called me over with intent to spray me (I was on my way to marching band practice with my trumpet). Ross could have sprayed me....but didn't. He was a great practical joker but he was always a true friend.

I remember at Mizzou - Ross lived in a mixed high-rise dorm (both men and women, every other floor). Ross somehow figured out how to re-wire the elevator so that it always stopped at his floor!

Years later, in Orlando - there was a time I had nowhere to live and was really stuck. Ross took me in and let me live with him for many months until I could get back on my feet. He was always ready to help out a friend.

Ross used to host these great client/party/get-togethers at his house. I remember he always had this awesome salmon-dip! At one party, I even met a girl I dated for a while, so there's more thanks out to him for helping me out.

Ross and I would do lunch on and off again over the years - and I

always thought he was the smartest, most tenacious, most together guy I ever met. I have known Ross for over 30 years.

My most heartfelt and deepest condolences to his wife and family. I'm so very sorry to hear the news, and I wish all the blessings and warm thoughts your way in this very difficult time. -- Jeff Royle

Jeff Royle - October 14, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RO

“ *I lost track of Ross years ago. I remember when me and Ross were working in 1993 at a mortgage company together. We were both very competitive and pushed each other to see who could be top producer. At the same time we pulled together to help each other get a better job by going as a team. During this time my mom had passed and Ross was a good friend during a tough time. Thanks Ross!*

Ronny - October 14, 2015 at 02:15 PM

BD

“ *Julie, Jane & family--I am so sorry about Ross, know that you are all in my thoughts & and Prayers and may God Continue to Give you Strength & Divine Guidance thru this Difficult time. God's Blessings!!*
Betty Deneys

Betty Deneys - October 14, 2015 at 12:28 PM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Ross was a great friend and I will always cherish the time we spent together in business and in life especially the practical jokes.*
Stuart



Stuart Peisner - October 14, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ross Edward Topping.*



October 14, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ *Devastating. Julie, Sandy, everyone, sorry is such a small, small word, and Ross was so very big. I haven't seen Ross for years, rarely had any contact lately, but I still feel like I've lost a mountain. Small or not, I am very sorry for your loss. And for mine.*

Michael Keohane - October 14, 2015 at 10:28 AM



Small word, not small loss. Nothing breeds foot in mouth like shock.

Michael Keohane - October 14, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ *Favorite memories with Ross were pretty much all of them. I never had a conversation with him that didn't end in all out laughter or excruciating embarrassment. That is the highest compliment that I can pay...he made me feel something every time we spoke. One of the smartest people I have ever had the pleasure to engage...I will miss finding Eddie Grant's Electric Avenue on my voice mail at the most opportune moments (I really think you bought the CD). Unfortunately, life got in the way (mine) of our friendship and the times we shared became too infrequent. You were my friend and I will miss you.*

Julie, you are an angel and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rocco M. Pisani

Rocco M. Pisani - October 14, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ross Edward Topping.*



October 14, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ *My dear friend Sandy,
Although I never met Ross and Julie, I always felt like I knew them through the stories and pictures you shared.
May our loving God continue to comfort and sustain you.
Please extend my heartfelt condolences to Julie, Rob, Leslie and the rest of the family.
With love and a big hug...
Peggy*

Peggy Martin - October 14, 2015 at 08:59 AM



“ *Ross was an amazing man! He will be truly missed. Julie my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Matt Collier - October 14, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ *Julie - my deepest heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. I'm so sorry for your loss and my thoughts & prayers are with you.
Tracee Murphy*

Tracee Murphy - October 14, 2015 at 08:43 AM

GN

“ My deepest sympathy goes to Sandy and family and Julie and family on the loss of their son and husband, Ross. Prayers and hugs at this difficult time. Gayle Newbury (Australia)

Gayle Newbury - October 14, 2015 at 07:25 AM

AN

“ I will be forever grateful for having Uncle Ross as a part of my life. He was in many ways like the big brother I never had. I could always count on him to give it to me straight and give the type of life advice and wisdom you could not get anywhere else. My favorite memories of Ross are many, but usually involve playing darts in the basement or pointless card games like horsecollar during the holidays. They seem like such small events, but I found myself looking forward to them every year. I will also never forget the spring breaks that I spent in Orlando with Ross and Julie during college, so many good memories between the golf, jet skiing, cigars and obviously good eats courtesy of Chef Topping. Ross was, hands down, one of the smartest individuals I have ever met. We didn't always agree, and I could count on at least one heated but educational debate with him that always ended with a hug. You will be missed my friend.

-Aaron



Aaron Navratil - October 13, 2015 at 10:29 PM

DR

“ Ross was a man of many talents. We will miss his wit and humor. Thinking of you Julie. David Andrea Brittany Lindsay.



David roach - October 13, 2015 at 09:04 PM

JN

“ Julie - my deepest sympathy in your loss. I am thinking of you at this very difficult time. Hugs - Jackie Nuthals, Green Bay

Jackie Nuthals - October 13, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ross Edward Topping.



October 13, 2015 at 03:29 PM

LE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



leslie - October 12, 2015 at 12:06 PM