

## Russell Kosofsky

November 18, 2024

Russell Basil Kosofsky, affectionately known as Poppi Osky, peacefully passed away on November 18, 2024, at Pennsylvania Hospital with his family at his side, and the love of his life - Connie - holding his hand. Born March 31, 1930, to the late Wasyl and Katarzyna, he was a life-long resident of South Philadelphia, proud United States Army Military Police veteran, proud member and former gang boss of ILA Local 1291, and former president of the first-place Satin Slipper NYB. He was a jack of all trades and the ultimate handyman; known for building his own boat and fixing computers he found on the street, he could later in life be found directing family on how to do things the way he would have done them. He loved being at the shore - spending his time fishing, gardening, and napping on his swing in the yard. Of all the things he loved to do, though, there was nothing that brought him more joy than being with his family. He spent many summers with them by the pool, eating crabs, and driving his grandchildren wherever they needed to go. Beloved husband for the last 72 years of Connie (nee Fisher), and brother to the late Annie, the late Pauline, the late Harry, the late Peter, and the late John. Loving father to Karen (Jim), the late Connie (Joe), Russell, and Alexis (Rick). Father-in-law to Tom Smith. Loving Pop to his grandchildren: the late Christopher, Michael (Leah), the late Russell, Deanna (James), Jimi, Brandon (Jackie), Joey, Andrew (Kate), Samantha (Ryan), Sage (Chalie), Chelsea (Dustin), and Katie; his great grandchildren: Brenna (Ryan), Jude, Allison, Annalisa, Hayden, Christopher, Chalie, Leighton, Cole, James, Ryan, Joey,

Adrianna, and Brodie; and his great-great granddaughter Sophia. Also survived by his many nieces and nephews. Relatives, friends, Members of ILA Local 1291 and Satin Slipper NYB are invited to his Viewing, Wednesday, November 20, 2024 after 7 PM until 9 PM and again Thursday, November 21, 2024 after 8 AM from the Rogers Funeral Home, Inc., 1426-30 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 followed by his Religious Services at 10:30. Military Honors will be rendered following his service. Interment will be private. Share Online Condolences at [www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com](http://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com)

\*In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Russ's name to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 ([www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org)) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).\*

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **20**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home  
1426-30 South 3rd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
(215) 468-4632  
<https://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com/>

*Flowers are to be delivered by 3 PM on 11/20*

## Religious Services

NOV **21**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ - Gino Caporale Jr & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Kosofsky.

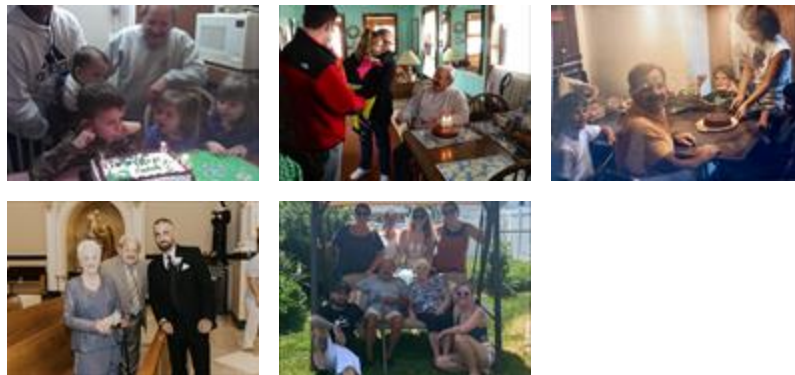


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- Gino Caporale Jr & Family - November 21, 2024 at 07:35 AM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall

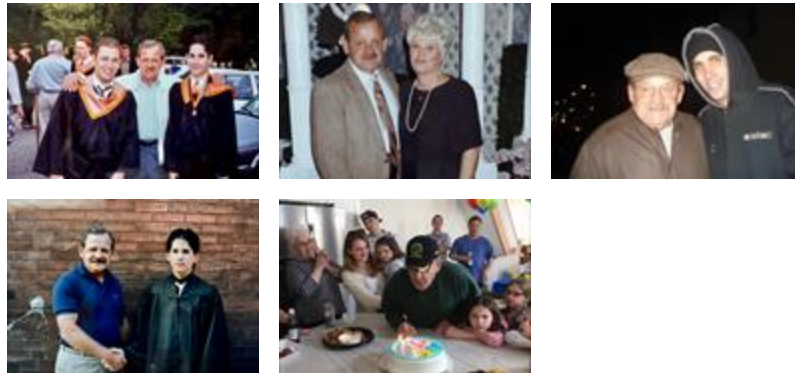


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Jimi Grosso - November 19, 2024 at 08:30 AM

SA

“ 50 files added to the album Poppy Osby



Sage Alexis - November 18, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ Great Man. Loved him. He will be forever missed. Thoughts, prayers and sympathy to his family.....❤️🙏🙏

David Bielicki - November 18, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BM

*Dear Connie, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you always*

*Bette MacDonald*

Bette MacDonald - November 18, 2024 at 11:03 PM

JD

*Sorry for your loss. Big Russ was a gentleman and had a huge heart. He always went out of his way to talk to me when I started on the waterfront. Fly high Russ .  
Joe Duczowski*

Joe Duczowski - January 17, 2025 at 08:58 PM