



Robert S. Wrobel

November 16, 1943 - June 22, 2016

I held this amazing man in my arms for the last time on Wednesday, June 22. Dawn was approaching and the background music on Pandora was whispering "Stairway to Heaven". As he took his last breaths, the clouds parted, as if on command, creating a glowing path that traveled upward. He was being welcomed Home to his Savior. Robert Stanley Wrobel was born in Detroit, MI on November 16, 1943, to Stanley and Helen (Banas) Wrobel. Still a child, his parents moved the family to Maybee, MI, where the business Banas & Wrobel Lumber Company originated. Bob attended St. Joseph Catholic School there and Catholic Central High School in Monroe, MI where he graduated in 1961. His summers were spent at the family lake home at Wampler's Lake where he was known for his barefoot skiing and boat racing skills. Shortly thereafter he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed primarily at Ipswich Air Force Base in England. After four years of honorable service, he returned home to Monroe where he met the love of his life Bonnie Kiebler. They were married on August 30, 1968 and lived an incredible life together. God blessed them with two beautiful children Kelly Lynn and Jeffrey Scott. Bob continued his education at the University of Toledo, earning double degrees in both Business and Engineering. Upon graduation he began his life long career with General Motors Powertrain Division here in Toledo, where he excelled as a Mechanical and Production Engineer. His creative and timeless efforts helped to make this plant one of the most productive and profitable in the entire Corporation. He retired in June 2007 from Powertrain Division Headquarters in Ypsilanti, MI, celebrating a 39 year career with GM. His adorable grandchildren Nikolai, Helena, John and Jaxson affectionately called him Boboo, the name now prominently used by many friends and family members. Others close to him will always remember him as Bobby. Preceding him in death were his parents Stanley and Helen and infant son Michael. To cherish his beautiful memory is loving wife Bonnie, children Kelly (Andrei) Kotchetov, Jeffrey (Jill) Wrobel, grandchildren Nikolai and Helena Kotchetov and John and Jaxson Wrobel, brother Frank (Joyce) Wrobel, sister Elaine (Richard) Jones and "Mom" Ruth Kiebler. The family wishes to acknowledge the ICU and Fourth Floor "C" doctors and nursing staff, especially Keisha, at UTMC for the compassionate care given to Bob during his brief stay there. Words cannot express the quality care he received. We thank you so much.

Honoring Bob's wishes, there will be no visitation. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date. Anyone wishing to make a donation in his name, please consider the Juvenile Diabetes Association, Cutie's Fund, the Devoted Barn in Newport, MI, or a charity of your choice.

Comments



“ I always enjoyed talking to Bob. He was a very smart man who knew a lot about a lot of different subjects. He was a gentleman and he made me feel very welcome in your lovely home. It was apparent that he loved his children and grandchildren so very much. May your wonderful memories of him comfort you in the next few months. Blessings to all of you.

Jane Hochmuth - June 28, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ Bonnie, Kelly & Jeff: So very sorry for your loss. He was way to young to have to meet his maker. Hang in there for this too shall pass & life will go on. Peace!

Dave & Judy Sohnly - June 27, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ Bonnie,
We are so sad to hear of Bobby's passing. It makes us realize that we need to appreciate and be aware of how precious life is. Also, please give our condolences to Elaine & Rich and Frankie & Joyce.
Love and prayers,
Bob & Carol

Bob & Carol Targosz - June 27, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ Bonnie, Kelly, Jeff and the rest of the Wrobel family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Ryan Mann and Mary Kelly - June 27, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ Bonnie:
I was so sadden to hear of Bob's passing. I hope your memories of all the good times with Bob will serve you well. You have my deepest condolences. Kay

Kay Jacob - June 27, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ Dearest Bonnie,

All of love and sympathy go out to you and your family at Bob's loss. Now he is no longer ill and is at peace with Our Lord.
Please know that we are with you in thought and prayer always.

Frank & Carolyn (Cousino) Guczwa - June 27, 2016 at 10:24 AM



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June 26, 2016 at 08:41 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Bonnie...best wishes Chris

Chris Knox - June 26, 2016 at 04:24 PM



“ Our deep condolences to you Bonnie and your family for the passing of Bob.

Herb & Pat (Verhille) Liedel - June 26, 2016 at 10:08 AM