



Robert J. Hribar Jr

December 17, 1941 - December 2, 2020

Beloved husband of Mary Ann. Loving father of Mary Beth (Steve Deitz) Hribar, Michelle (John Holm) Hribar, Kathy (Tom Pate) Hribar, Carrie (Paul Bissa) Hribar. Proud grandfather of Elizabeth, Lucy, Charlie, Anna Mary, and Benjamin. Dear brother of the late David (Dawn) Hribar. Funeral services will remain private but will be livestreamed at the funeral home website starting at 10 AM Monday.

Bob was born in Highland Park and raised in East Detroit, Michigan. He was a graduate of East Detroit High School, attended college at the University of Detroit, and received his Juris Doctorate from University of Detroit Law School in 1966. Bob was a member of the State Bar of Michigan for over 50 years, served as City Attorney for the City of Eastpointe for 36 years, and maintained a private practice first in Eastpointe and later in Clinton Township. He was active in the Macomb County Bar Association and served a term as President in 1981. He was a well-respected attorney, often regarded for his ethics and legal knowledge.

Bob was an avid sports fan and his favorite pastime was attending sporting events. He held University of Michigan Football season tickets for over 40 years, and for many seasons attended all home and away games. He also loved the Detroit Tigers and Premiere League Soccer. Bob was an active member at St. Veronica Parish in Eastpointe and later at St. Paul of Tarsus in Clinton Township. His Catholic faith shaped his views of the law and social justice and his commitment to improving the community and leading by

example.

Bob's biggest joy and pride in life was his family. He considered himself blessed to have married his wife Mary Ann in 1968 and to be the father of his four daughters. He also adored his sons-in-law and grandchildren. The family enjoyed traveling together and those experiences created lifelong memories. He loved to share with others his pride of his family and their accomplishments.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Bob with a donation to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 286-9020

Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert J. Hribar Jr*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - December 07, 2020 at 09:17 AM

CL

Thank you for having this video option. Jodi and I will be keeping all of you in our prayers. - Christa LeGray

Christa LeGray - December 07, 2020 at 11:01 AM

RI

Maryann and the girls.

*Thank you for sharing
Bob with our family, the people of East Detroit, and the St. Veronica's
parish.*

He was and is a good man.

Plus a masterful story teller.

*And the amount of wise, sage advice he gave me in my young
twenties, kept me on course.*

*Anytime I called the law offices to speak to him he would tell his
secretaries that I was his son., which was code to put my call straight
through.*

*When we would go to the University of Michigan football games, Bob
was the complete date.*

Making us both a bagged lunch and providing seat cushions.

Until we meet again.

#LetsGoBlue

*Love
Ronald (son)*

Hebrews 11 :6

Jude 1:25

Ronald L. Campbell II - December 07, 2020 at 11:17 AM

NC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Mary Ann And family. Bob was a
wonderful person and well respected. He was always so kind and
caring to my mother. RIP in Bob.
Gary and Nancy Corte*

nancy corte - December 11, 2020 at 10:07 AM

SP

“ I've had the honor of knowing Bob from St. Veronica's where he was just a year behind me and later at East Detroit High when he wrote a sports column for the school newspaper, *The Shamrock*, while I was Editor in Chief. I chose him as my attorney when I was going through a divorce because I knew he would be fair, supportive, protective and honest. Later I served on the Eastpointe City Council as City Councilwoman and later Mayor, and again we joined along the path of life serving the residents of Eastpointe. There I always found Bob to live as he always did--ethical, honest, and hard working. It was a joy to be with him recalling the names of the nuns at SVS, his Toepfer buddies, stories of my five and his five kids, and of course the U of M football and basketball teams. My best to Mary Ann and family. Suzanne Pixley

Suzanne Pixley - December 09, 2020 at 05:49 PM

LF

“ So very sorry for your loss - sending warmest thoughts and prayers to the entire Hribar family.

Laura Farrelly - December 08, 2020 at 07:56 AM

AL

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Rest In Peace dear Bob. I worked in his office right out of high school for eight years when he and my attorneys worked together in East Detroit. It was a pleasure to know Bob. Always such a good man. God bless all of you. Anna Labellarte.

Anna Labellarte - December 07, 2020 at 08:39 PM

BF

“ I am saddened to hear of Mr. Hribar's passing. My work station/office was across the hall from his office in Clinton Township, and I always enjoyed talking with him. He was a consummate professional with integrity, calming in conversation, and an absolute pleasure to discuss sports with! Keeping his family close in prayers as they grieve his loss but knowing he is now with our Lord and Savior.

Bonnie Feldbush - December 07, 2020 at 02:13 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Hribar's passing. My parents, Henry and Ethel Gadula were clients of his. I had the pleasure of meeting him after my dad's death. He was a very kind gentleman.

Lawrence Gadula

Lawrence Gadula - December 07, 2020 at 12:41 PM

AG

I am so sorry for your loss..Mr. Hribar was a wonderful lawyer for my brother for many years and such a nice person. When our mother passed away he came to the funeral home and gave us a memorial service plaque in her honor.. Our church was also St.Veronicas...

Arlene Brockett Green - December 10, 2020 at 04:28 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers, I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Robert. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Robert's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Hribar family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Robert.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - December 07, 2020 at 10:50 AM

TM

“ I will miss you Bob. Thank you for the many times you helped me. Thank you for kindness in childhood, as a mentor, for a sympathetic listener, for your patience, generosity. We spoke more than once of a special wish....the pinochle table and Upper Straits Lake with the entire clan. Some day we will all meet again.

thomas majerowicz - December 07, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ I was 4 months old when we moved to East Detroit in '49. My much older brother Matt and Bob became life long friends and my other older brother. I will always remember Bob's kindness and wisdom that he instilled throughout my life.

Sincerely yours,
Cathy and Joe Maniace



Joseph Maniace - December 06, 2020 at 12:47 PM

CT

“ I met Bob when he decided to become a lector at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church in Clinton Township. When I heard him to a reading, I knew immediately that our Parish was in for a reader who stated the Word with conviction and was very easy to follow. Our congregation has lost a true good man!

On a person note, we shared the lectern many times. He was always great to talk with except for one thing. My two sons graduated from that great educational institution in East Lansing, Michigan State. Bob, on there other hand, was a tremendous University of Michigan fan. He had mentioned that he had "traveled" with the team on a few road games. Now **THAT'S A TRUE BELIEVER!!!**

My wife and I will have Bob in our prayers. I was blest to know him.

Sincerely,
Craig Thomson

Craig Thomson - December 06, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JM

“ Mary Ann so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. It has been years since we started teaching at St. Raymond's School, but some days it seems like yesterday. Prayers for you and your family.
Janis McCauley (Giles/Bilicki)

Janis McCauley - December 06, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. Hribar Jr.*



December 05, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *In 1955, I began a new life at Shrine of the Little Flower School - 5th grade. Mary Ann was there to welcome me.... through the years we became great friends - she married this interesting gentleman, Bob and she has walked through life with this gentle man. through these 53 years of marriage with twins born, Michelle and Mary Beth, then Kathy and Carrie - Bob loved well, graciously, as a spouse, as a father... and through his stellar career of integrity and absolute professionalism as an attorney, he gifted his family and his world with his love, his faith and his constancy of treasuring others and giving of himself. We shall remember him for his inner dignity and love of all of us.... with gratitude for his presence in my world and his gentle love of his family... we shall continue your gift of loving Mary Ann, Michelle, Mary Beth, Kathy and Carrie. Ellen Beauchamp*

Ellen Beauchamp - December 05, 2020 at 04:23 PM

CC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Bob Hribar. I've known Bob since his involvement with the Macomb County Young Lawyers many years ago and later when he became President of the Bar I was fortunate enough to have followed in his footsteps as president of the Bar where he continued in making it a true professional organization. Bob was a good lawyer and a consummate professional

It was always a pleasure to talk to him about the his family, the bar, or the practice. He will truly be missed.

Carl Chioini - December 05, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert J. Hribar Jr.



December 05, 2020 at 08:08 AM

JG

“ I have known the Hribar family since the early 50's. Bob,s brother Dave and I went to St. Veronicas and soon afterward I became friends with the Hribar family. In the mid 60's, partly through Bob,s urging I enrolled in U of D Law School where Bob was one year ahead of me.We became lifelong friends, practicing together in Clinton Township and going to some Mich. football games with him. (I went to Mich. State) Bob loved Mich. football and was a longtime season ticket holder.

Bob exhibited the highest standard of ethics and morals in the practice of law. He was an excellent lawyer, respected by his colleagues and the members of the bench.

I will always cherish memories of Bob and be thankful for knowing him.My sincerest condolences to out to Bob,s family.

John Gaber - December 04, 2020 at 03:05 PM

JF

“ Very saddened to learn of Bob's death. I Served with Bob on the Macomb County Bar Association Board of Directors and we were friends since the 70s.He was a great credit to the legal profession and a wonderful person. My sincere condolences to the all the family.

Jim Francis

James Francis - December 03, 2020 at 11:13 PM

GE

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of my friend Bob. Together we worked on financial matters at St. Paul of Tarsus Church. Bob was always friendly, insightful and full of faith. He will be sorely missed. May God grant him eternal life.

George Eichorn - December 03, 2020 at 04:07 PM

ML

“ *Bob was a great man. I have known him my entire professional life. I loved the times spent at U of M Football games that he graciously took me to. Our conversations there and at St. Paul of Tarsus I remember fondly. There is no doubt that Heaven has gained a great Angel. Prayers to his entire family.*

Mike Laretti - December 03, 2020 at 02:37 PM

GE

Thank You Mike!

George Eichorn - December 03, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MM

“ To the Hribar family, the family, of my dearest life long friend and confidant who I will miss dearly. Bob was as much a brother to me as he was a friend. I would like to share some memories of him with you.

I met Bob in August of 1949 when I moved to East Detroit, and this is when and where I started to learn about baseball and this is when he showed his organizational and leadership qualities.

Bob gathered up the boys on Toepher and started a baseball team called the "Toepher Firecrackers". We then stenciled the name in black on our white tee shirts.

Now that he had a team he arranged competition with boys on other streets such as Veronica and Lincoln and with that he made it possible to play games on a field on the corner of Oakwood and Toepher. He made the rules such as any ball hit to right field was an automatic out. We played on this field till it was developed with 3 new homes.

He then found a home owner that allowed us to play in a field in the back of his home on the corner of Beechwood and Toepher.

We attended East Detroit high school together and I will never forget his sports articles titled "Locker Room Lingo" in the school newspaper, "The Shamrock".

Bob was the best man at my wedding along with being one of the best men in my life.

I moved my family out of Michigan in 1971 and we remained in contact on a very regular basis sharing our thoughts, life experiences and all of the changes in our growing families.

I had my first grandchild, Matthew, in 1991 and as Matthew grew into a young boy he developed a relationship with Bob one in which him and Bob formed some sort of foreign language that only Bob and Matthew understood, which of course had to do with baseball and the statistics therein.

Around the the year 2000 I started an annual gathering with my wife, a couple from New Jersey and 2 couples from Michigan which included Bob and Mary Ann, and we became known as the crazy

8's. The object was to expose my Jersey friends with my Michigan friends and to the life and travel in Michigan.

This gave me a reason to see Bob and friends on a fairly regular basis which I am so happy we did this, it leaves me with many happy memories.

If I was to describe Bob in one word, which is really not possible, since he embodied many sides the one word would be "Ethical". Mary Ann, Mary Beth, Michele, Cathy and Carrie and to all of the family please know that Bob will be forever in my mind, as I will miss him so much.

With much love and respect

Matthew Maniace

and

Mary Ann Maniace

Matthew Maniace - December 03, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Memories Album



Carrie Hribar - December 03, 2020 at 01:46 PM

JO

Thank you for posting these wonderful photos! We will certainly miss your dad! He was a loving cousin and friend!

Joelle - December 05, 2020 at 06:22 PM

PJ

“ I had the honor to have worked for Bob Hribar for over 30 years. He made work enjoyable. He was not only my employer but also a great friend and advisor. I will miss him terribly. Thoughts and prayers to his family. ❤️🙏

Pamela Johnstal - December 03, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JP

“ Loving husband and father and grampa, trusted brother-law, brilliant lawyer, solid counselor and adviser and truly a great friend-Bob was all these things and he did it with grace and wit. You knew you would get good help and the right answer with Bob every time..we would often begin a conversation with “I need some legal advice”. We practiced law together for over 50 years. I will miss him terribly. Our deepest sympathies to Mary Ann and the whole family. Joe and Kathy Puzzuoli

joe Puzzuoli - December 03, 2020 at 10:34 AM