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Algonac, MI

Robert Dennis Richardson, known to most as “Bob” and to some as “Ridge Runner,” passed away on July 6, 2024, at the age of 73. Bob was a beloved son, husband, father, and grandfather. Born on February 2, 1951 in Detroit, Bob was known for his down-to-earth demeanor, dedication to family, inability to sit still, and deep love of his Cadillac EV. Bob graduated from Warren Woods High School in 1969 and went on to study business at Eastern Michigan University. He enjoyed a successful career at General Motors. In 1980, Bob met Cathy. They were set up by friends and had their first date at the local Continental Lanes. Bob was right up Cathy’s alley! They married in ‘82 and went on to have two daughters, Sarah and Patty. The family enjoyed an endless number of shared adventures— camping, lake days, fossil-hunting, ghost stories, bike rides and campfire pizzas. Bob retired from GM in ‘06 and quickly became a master of the retiree lifestyle. You’d never catch him without a well-worn bucket hat; his deeply-tanned skin told of his love for long summer days spent playing baseball with his grandsons, golfing, boating, and fishing. In the winter, he enjoyed palling around with buddies at the gym, ice fishing and playing guitar. If you happened into the house at the right moment, you might be asked to identify a song based on a few chords he had recently

learned. Only the luckiest had the privilege of hearing him belt out Beatles songs from the shower—the man could hold a tune.

To know Bob, is to know that he was an incredible person—dependable to a fault and always the first to volunteer his assistance. He championed equity and perpetually advocated for the underdog. People were drawn to his genuinely happy and easy-going manner. He was the bedrock of his family; he will always be deeply loved and is already greatly missed.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Cathy (nee Subastian) Richardson; mother Marie Richardson; children Sarah K., Vova K., and Patty Richardson; grandsons Henry and Philip K.; niece Deanne Sevin; cousin Terry Richardson; granddogs Blue Ivy and Rumi; and many extended family members who he had great affection for. Bob was preceded in death by his father, Osby Brown Richardson, and his sister, Diane Sevin.

Services to celebrate Bob's life will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at Wasik Funeral Home in New Baltimore, MI. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. At 2:00 PM, guests will be invited to share their favorite memories.

Interment is to be attended by close family members the following day at Oaklawn Cemetery in Clay, MI.

In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully requests donations made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Bob's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Sharing of Memories

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert D. Richardson.*



July 14, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ *Some men are born with character, some are not. Some men are born with compassion, some are not. Some men seek understanding, some men understand. Some men search their whole lives hoping to find love, some men are loved by all.*

These attributes were what made Bob a great man. Love of family and love of friends. The willingness to hear and be compassionate, taking the time to listen to others trials and tribulations and offer a helping hand. Loving not only his wife, daughters and grandchildren but all the people who were fortunate enough in their lives to meet this truly great gentleman.

I was one of the lucky ones to have met Bob. He may not be physically present with us, but as we all go forward in our lives memories of him will be with us forever.

Bob you now have tee times with the angels and saints, I know you have saved your best rounds for them.

Ron Barczyk, Golf Buddy

Ron Barczyk - July 13, 2024 at 02:48 PM

AB

“ Remember me and Rob taking my Mom's Pontoon back across Hubbard Lake in 6ft Waves to rented Dock to tie down.....It was kinda fun me and Rob looked at each other when got there kinda laughing sayin we made it.....lol

Alan Bomers - July 11, 2024 at 02:26 PM

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Robyn - July 11, 2024 at 10:06 PM

GS

We, like everyone else, are still processing this tragic loss of Bob, one of the best people we've ever met. We met Bob, Cathy, and Sarah 38 years ago when we moved in next door. A couple years later, Patty was born and rounded out this awesome family. We are so blessed and grateful to have known Bob..he went from neighbor to friend in no time. We'll miss your presence everyday. Rest in Peace friend. Much Love, Gary and Beth

Gary & Beth Smith - July 14, 2024 at 11:08 AM