



Robert G. Swalec

October 22, 1939 - March 18, 2023

Robert G. Swalec, of St. Clair Shores, passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at the age of 83. He was born October 22, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan to John and Jean (nee Bialkowski) Swalec.

As a young man, Bob joined the SkiWi Ski Club and soon met his wife, Denise. Many lifelong friendships were developed through the years. As the group grew up and started having families the ski trips turned into camping trips and family vacations. Bob loved camping. He enjoyed being in the outdoors and embracing the nature around him.

Bob worked for Freuhaf Corporation for almost 25 years and held many different positions and job titles throughout the years. For a man who loved large vehicles, he definitely found the right career path. The bigger the vehicle or truck, the better. This carried on through his entire adult life. He would always volunteer to be the carpool dad and transport his kids and their friends to all their different events. Whether it was driving his personal van or driving the church bus, Bob was ready to get them to where ever they needed to be.

Bob was a tinkerer. Hanging out in the garage for hours on end, he thoroughly enjoyed to just tinker. His giant collection of tools definitely made him the man to fix anything and everything. If something was broke, especially on the trailer, Bob had the tool and knowledge to fix it. He was always the "go to guy"

on camping trips if anything broke or didn't work on anyones camper. Bob enjoyed time away camping with his family and the camping groups. He became well know as the "Campfire Master" and inventing "Indian Wood".

Bob loved to tell stories. He was truly blessed to be given the gift to be an amazing story teller. He was able to turn a two minute story for most people, into an elaborate explanation and detailed story that caught everyone's attention within ears distance. He was sure to have you laughing shortly after he started talking.

Bob is survived by his wife, Denise for over 56 years. Devoted father of Rolf and Monique (Chuck) Thiel. Loving grandfather of Kyle (Ellen) Thiel and very proud great grandfather of his twin girls, Cora and Valerie. Dear brother of Phillip (Lita), Steve (Theresa) and the late John (Doris), Larry (Joanie) and Jerry (Bea). He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation Wednesday 2-8 p.m. with a Scripture Service 7 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren. Instate Thursday 9 :30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake St. (corner of Greater Mack Ave.) St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be addressed to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt Elliott St, Detroit, MI 48207 - or Society of St. Vincent De Paul - St. Joan of Arc Conference, 22412 Overlake St., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Bob's Funeral Mass will be live-streamed on St. Joan of Arc's LIVE webpage at: <https://www.sjascsc.org/st-joan-live> and also on their Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/sjascscatholic>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Scripture Service

MAR **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate in church

MAR **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
22412 Overlake Drive
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ To the family of Bob Swalec, I send my deepest sympathy . Bob was family. We hadn't been in touch for many many years but I still remember Bob as a very loving individual. May you all find comfort that he is now in peace. Love and prayers Sandi Schwartz

Sandra Schwartz - March 24, 2023 at 06:20 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert G. Swalec.



March 22, 2023 at 12:48 AM

ES

“ I will always remember Bob as the sweetest most sharing person we have ever met and will never forget the time we all spent a week at the beach in South Carolina. Each night had a theme and costumes to go with it and there was Bob with his T Shirt lifted up over his belly with a sign saying "Kiss the Bubba" . And Al still talks about the bird kite that Bob send him after one of the hilton head camping times He flew that flag proudly for every year he could get out of it. and thanked Bob over and over! Al wanted that flag and I wanted him to buy it if he really wanted it and he didn'. but what a surprise when he got home and received it from Bob Swalec What a guy!!!

Elizabeth C Sponholz - March 20, 2023 at 03:35 PM

JM

“ Bob was one of my oldest and best friends! I first met him over 60yrs ago at one of the Skiwi Ski Club activities .He was a big man with a big heart. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it . My family and his spent days and years camping and travelling all over Michigan, Myrtle Beach SC and many other places. One of his and mine favorite camping places was Ludington State Park where we enjoyed hiking the many trails, the Lighthouse and the beautiful Lake Michigan and Hamlin lake beaches. I last spoke to Bob in January when we were making plans for our annual camping trip to the Muskegon Pioneer County Park with our Skiwi families in August. Bob will be missed but his memory will not and I'm sure we will have many stories to tell about the great and fun times we had with Bob at the campfires . I'm going to miss him a lot but I know he has gone to a better place where he will have heavenly peace and eternal life . John Megdan

John J Megdan - March 20, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SM

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I was fortunate to meet the Swalecs' when they joined Chapter 66 Holiday Ramblers. We enjoyed their company at many campouts. He will be missed. Hugs, love and prayers to Denise and family.

Suzanne Moldenhauer - March 21, 2023 at 02:08 PM

CW

“ Denise and family. We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. May all those precious memories bring you comfort at this time. He will be missed.

Carol and Glen Walters - March 19, 2023 at 03:05 PM