



Rodney F. Bork

September 12, 1932 - September 8, 2017

Rodney F. Bork, of Center Line, passed away Friday, September 8, 2017, at the age of 84. He was born September 12, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to Bernard and Agnes Bork. Beloved husband of Sydney. Dearest father of Anthony (Cynthia) St. Michael, Judith Mandel, Constance Bork, and Cynthia Tenuto. Loving grandfather of Nick and Taylor Mandel, Samantha Richards, and Marc and Jenna Tenuto. Also survived by many loving family members and friends. Visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Instate Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families - St. Dorothy Site, 12253 Frazho Road (East of Hoover) Warren.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
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Rosary

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Instate at Church

SEP 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Church (St. Dorothy Site)
12255 Frahzo Road
Warren, MI 48089

Funeral Mass

SEP **12**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Rodney Bork was my 5th grade teacher at Patton Elementary. He was very smart at a lot of things and he always had the right answers. I came to him one time, probably back in '78, letting him know I think I'm turning into a homosexual. He encouraged me to explore it and see if that's the right thing for me. As of this writing I am probably as much experienced in the gay community as he was at the drums.

Darrell Rodney Sorlien - June 18, 2023 at 07:54 PM

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“ Life is Short - Eternity Isn't. RIP dad. Pray you were wearing your Scapular... I found out you were dead 2 months later... You deserved better - much better. Love, Son

Anthony St. Michael - November 15, 2017 at 02:06 AM

MM

“ I just opened my email today and learned of Rod's passing. My condolences, Sydney and all the family. Rod was my mother's (Rita Stephanic Murphy) first cousin, the youngest child of the Bork family, who lived just a few doors down Horton Street from my grandparents, the Stephanics. His mother, my Great-Aunt Agnes, was my grandfather's (Frank Stephanic) older sister. I'm not sure whether that made Rod and me second cousins or first cousins once removed - I've never been clear about the difference between the two. Anyway, we were connected through that warm and supportive Polish community that blossomed in Detroit's SE side during the last century.

When I was a teenager, I occasionally babysat for Rod's kids. There were four of them, babies and toddlers as I recall, including a set of twins. Rod and Sydney were kind enough to put them to bed first before going out and left me good snacks, too (I reciprocated by finishing up any dishes I found in the sink). I can't believe that those children must now be in their fifties or so!

I was touched that, despite all the work and energy this lively brood required of them, Rod and Sydney found time to be together and have some fun. This must have been one of the secrets to their long and successful marriage.

I'm so glad that Rod and I were in touch in the last several years due to the internet and his writing. From my mother, I heard about and ordered his book about growing up in Detroit, and that was the start of our digital reconnection. He sent me jokes and I sent him e-cards. He also sent messages of support and kindness, particularly when I told him about my husband's passing a couple of years ago.

Rod is in my thoughts. I don't know if my mom knows yet, but I will be speaking to her later today. I'm sure she will extend her thought and prayers, as well.

Mary Ann Murphy

*Port Alice, BC
Canada*

Mary Murphy - September 10, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Rod's passing. We shared many happy times together in several bands: the Ramblers, the Rhythmics, and the Jam Band with Warren Parks and Recreation; and in many senior shows at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts and in the senior musical productions for Heart of the Hills. Rod played drums and was the joke teller and sometime singer in these groups. We have missed him these past few years during his illness and pray that he is now at peace with his Heavenly Father. Our condolences to his wife Sydney and all their family.*

Sara Scrivano - September 10, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Rod Played Many Years with the Ramblers, Jam Band, Senior Shows at Macomb Center for the Performing*



Sara Scrivano - September 10, 2017 at 10:11 AM