



Robert "Bob" Ross LaPorte Sr.

September 21, 1934 - November 23, 2018

Robert Ross LaPorte Sr. (Bob)

Age 84, lost his battle with cancer on Friday, November 23, 2018 near his home in Largo, FL. Bob was born in Chicago, IL on September 21, 1934 to Victor and Mary (Cutrera) LaPorte. He worked at, and later owned, the family business, LaPorte's Liquors, located in Chicago on the north end of Western Ave. He later sold that and bought a Class A musky fishing resort on Butternut Lake in the North Woods outside of Park Falls, WI called Bob's Northern Pines. Bob was a loyal Packer fan & enjoyed snowmobiling and other outdoor adventures, bowling, softball, cribbage, bocce and numerous card games and puzzles. He retired 20 years ago and later moved to Largo, FL. Until recently, he was a volunteer Care Van driver for Morton Plant Hospital. Bob shared the last several years of his life with, and is survived by, his very special best friend, Gail Yetter, formerly of the Park Falls, WI area. Bob is also survived by:

His children & step-children: Mary (Ted) Elliott, Robert, Jr (Mary Beth) LaPorte, Dennis (Carol-D) Uecker, James (Stephen) LaPorte. Kelly (Joseph) Medd & Jennifer (Patrick) Bornhoeft.

His grandchildren and step-grandchildren: Amanda (Pier) Asproni, Christine (Jeremy) Lundh, Lindsay (Nick) Sharpenter, Lauren Laporte, Robert, III (Katie) LaPorte, Matthew Elliott, Adam (Zack) LaPorte and Ashley Uecker. Hannah & Caleb Medd.

His great-children: James Snevely (9), Luca (9) and Lorenzo (3) Asproni, Lillian (8) and Owen (4) Sharpenter & Robert, IV LaPorte (1).

His former wives: Patricia (William) Waterman and Becky Pepper. His brothers: Victor (Judy) LaPorte and Tom (Nancy) LaPorte. Also, cousins, many LaPorte and Hale nieces and nephews & uncountable friends from everywhere he ever lived.

Bob was preceded in death by:

His parents, daughter Carol (Dennis) Uecker, brother John LaPorte, sister-in-laws Eileen (Victor) & Marie (John) LaPorte & boyhood best friend Bob Eichelman.

A Celebration of Life luncheon will be held at the Aloha Clubhouse at Teakwood Village in Largo, FL on Sunday, December 2 at 1 pm. Another Celebration of Life will be held in May of 2019 in Butternut, WI.

The Novitzke Funeral Home in Park Falls, WI is assisting the family.

www.novitzkefuneralhome.com

There's a peace
I've come to know
Though my heart and
flesh may fail
There's an anchor
for my soul
I can say "It is well"

There's a day
that's drawing near
When this darkness
breaks to light And
the shadows disappear
And my faith
shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome
And the grave
is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

And I will rise
when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings
Before my God
fall on my knees
And rise - I will rise

Comments



“ Mary, your Dad was always kind to me . I loved how he just knew as soon as he met me I could handle his unique humor . He was a Hoot! Your family is really blessed to have so many Robert Ross's .

janice millican - December 01, 2018 at 11:59 PM



“ Dear Jim and Stephen ..so sorry for your loss.... may he Rest In Peace..
.....Arthur and Louis

arthur boyce - November 30, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ Dear Mary, Bob and Jim. Dick and I are heartbroken about your dad's passing. Where do we begin in recalling all the happy memories we have. Dick and Bob have been friends since 2nd grade, so they grew up together. Our memories include weddings, births of our children, deaths, vacations and too many fun times to list but we will not forget. We remember the early days of Bob's Northern Pines and all the planning and work that he did to be successful and it paid off, because he was. We choose to remember him as he looks in the picture, happy and full of life.

Dick and Joann Mersch

Richard Mersch - November 29, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ I am truly saddened to hear of Bob's passing. My husband and I spent many, many years at the resort while visiting my parents in Butternut. He was a great man, a exceptional business man, and a good friend. Prayers, and condolences go out to his family and friends. Rest easy Bob, you are in His hands.

Cherilyn S. - November 28, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ He was always “Uncle Bob” to me. A great man who I enjoyed spending time with and talking to.

Jimmy Lee - November 28, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ Our hearts are broken for our Uncle Bob. We loved him so! My dad is quite sad for the loss of his brother. He was a good brother and we will never forget.

Karen LaPorte Fox - November 28, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ Our sympathies to everyone! Such a nice guy! I enjoyed his big hugs every time I would get to see him!

Faith & Ben Kuehneman
Sandy Uecker

Faith Kuehneman - November 28, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ Our sympathies to all of Bob's family and friends. Have great memories of Bob. Ben and Lydia Piazza.

Benjamin Piazza, Jr. - November 28, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Our family's interacted quite a bit 'back in the day' and my memories of Bob are great ones! He was such nice man. We will keep him and the family in our prayers.

Lou & Kathy Piazza

Louie - November 28, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ I have great memories of Uncle Bob growing up. Growing up in Skokie where he lived just around the block from us. Great times in Park Falls Wisconsin. I will miss our talks on the phone. Your with my Dad now. My memories are priceless.

Sue Lee - November 28, 2018 at 10:58 PM



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Mary Elliot - November 28, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of his passing. He added to the magic of my childhood at the island and I grew up on stories of him and his generosity to my family. He became an honorary member over the years, even came to a wedding for my cousin in Florida. He will be missed.



“ Spent quite a few summers waitressing & making pizzas for Bob at Bob's Northern Pines. He was a tough boss with a good heart and sense of humor. He was always good to me, very encouraging and supportive, always watched over all of us under his management, and I have many good memories from those days. Forever grateful for him for employing me and being the good man he was. My deepest sympathies to the family.

Dawn Fuchs Andrews - November 27, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Bob's family and many friends. Had a lot of great times at the resort. Rest in Peace Bob.



Jeff & Marie Schauer - November 27, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of a great man. Bob was a good business man and many have great memories from the resort! When Bob left, he took his soul with! God speed Bob!
Ed and Linda Palecek

Linda Palecek - November 27, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all who knew Bob personally. I worked for Bob as waiter, janitor, grounds keeper and friend! We spent many hours together at Northern Pines working hard to keep it together and in the best shape we could. He was an amazing man and friend, that instilled a great work ethics in me in my many, many hours working for him! He will be missed!!!

Michael Bukachek - November 27, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ Bob was such a hard worker, I enjoyed the years that I was a waitress at Bob's Northern Pines! Have some great memories of Bob! We extend our deepest sympathy to his family!
Rocky and Kris Pritzl

Kris Pritzl - November 27, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ I waitressed for Bob for three summers at Northern Pines. I learned a lot and he was tough on me, but that turned me into a great waitress. I am very grateful for him giving me my first real job.

Lori (Draxler) Ciokiewicz - November 27, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. We were so blessed to of known Bob, he was a wonderful man. Will always have fond memories of meeting family and friends at the resort. Bob always had a joke or two. He always remembered our boys and asked about them. He was so gracious and allowed us to rent his house for 9 years, he loved that house, such a sweet giving man. Mike and Judy Feit

Michael Feit - November 27, 2018 at 03:14 PM