



Robert Paige Swim

December 4, 1938 - August 27, 2020

Robert Paige Swim, 81, of Grand Detour died August 27, 2020. Bob was born 12/04/38 in Dixon, the son of Charles and Margaret (Norris) Swim. He graduated from Dixon High School in 1957. He attended Northern Illinois University and Chicago Institute of Technology. Bob married Linda Burke on 12/19/62 in Karlsruhe Germany, while serving in the United States Army. They made many happy memories during their time in Germany and traveling Europe. Upon their return to Dixon, Bob worked as a tool and die maker at Borg Warner for 35 years until his retirement in June, 2002.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Bob enjoyed spending time with his family, woodworking, old classic cars, and the music of Frank Sinatra. He was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers.

Survivors include his wife; daughter Kristine (Henry) Eubanks of Plainfield IL; son Mark (April) Swim of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren Dean Eubanks, Alison Eubanks, Ethan Swim, and Grant Swim.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Anne Johnson and Kaye Moon.

Bob's family would like to thank the staff of CGH Medical Center Oncology Department and Serenity Hospice for their compassion and care. Special thanks to the many friends and family for their concern and support during Bob's illness.

Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Saturday September 5, 2020 St Patrick Catholic Church Dixon, IL Fr. Keith Romke officiating. Visitation Friday Sept 4

at the Jones Funeral Home from 4:00- 7:00 pm with scripture service 7:00 pm. Burial of cremains will be held at a later date at Grand Detour Cemetery. Face coverings are required at visitation and service.

Memorials have been established to Granny Rose Animal Shelter, Serenity Hospice and St. Patrick Catholic Church Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Grand Detour Cemetery

Grand Detour, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Paige Swim*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Robert Paige Swim*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *RIP, Uncle Bob!!!*



Michele Moon-Morehouse - November 03, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Paige Swim.*



September 04, 2020 at 11:28 AM

JN

“ We were so sorry to hear about the loss of Bobby. He was a fine man and will be missed by everyone his life touched. Condolences to Linda, Kristine, Mark and all of his grandchildren.



John and Penny Norris - September 03, 2020 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ Bob is a fine person. He lived a good life. I never had a better friend or met a better person. Bob is my oldest friend. We did many things together when we were growing up. I always enjoyed coming back to Dixon and visiting with Bob and Linda. His loss is so sad. Rest in peace, Bob.

Wife Bick and son Greg send their condolences.

*Jim Carlson
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada*

Jim Carlson - September 01, 2020 at 10:56 PM

LB

“ Condolences Linda to you and your family. Have many happy memories of the times we spent with the Swims ' Stephens and Frederichs.

Larry and Cherie Buffington

Larry Buffington - September 01, 2020 at 01:14 PM

BG

“ This is about the Bob Swim I knew and the memories shared between Bob's family and mine. He was a good and loyal husband to Linda. He was a good father to Krissy and Mark. He was a good worker who was always down to earth, and always had a new story or joke from work that he shared with me when we got together. He loved the songs by Frank Sinatra, which I would tease him about endlessly. I think he even tried to drown my daughter and me when he took us out kayaking on Lake Michigan. (Just kidding about the drowning reference.) What you saw in him is what you got--he was good friend to me and my family. We have lots of other memories that our families shared

Memories of when Linda and Bob would come to visit with us in Port Washington for "Fish Days." (Yes, the community honors its past by celebrating its fishing industry of long ago--supposedly, the biggest such celebration USA.) One Fish Day evening we went to a restaurant in neighboring Mequon, WI because we were all tired of eating fish that day. Bob and I checked out a little liquor tasting area in the restaurant while our wives talked. Bob accidentally knocked his cordial glass into the collection of liquor bottles. I was not feeling any pain due to a couple of "old fashions" and attempted to talk "French" to our hostess. So when the glass was knocked down, I looked at Bob and said in my best French that it was "le accident." Bob, without skipping a beat, looked at me and said, "le boo-boo". So the rest of dinner Bob and I continued to speak French as we new it and it must have driven our wives and our waitress nuts.

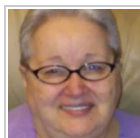
On another visit, Bob helped me do all the interior finish work on a 12x14 dining room addition to our Port home. Everything went well until I asked the the wives to hold the ceiling drywall in place while Bob and I screwed the drywall to the ceiling rafters Little did I know that our wives would wimp out on us by holding the 4x12 pieces of drywall in place...they said the drywall was "too heavy." We all had a good laugh as the wives berated me for over-estimating their strength. Anyway, Bob and I got it done with the additional aid of a few of my teacher friends. I have lots more memories, but I'll stop

for brevity

Talking to Linda the other night on the phone, she commented to me about what a good marriage she and Bob had. I couldn't agree more. To me, he was always a good friend which I will cherish until I pass. He was good role model as a husband, father, and a friend to all who knew him. Rest in peace--job well done! Thanks Bob!

Barrett Genson

Barrett Genson - August 31, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ *Josie Hazelwood Kemp lit a candle in memory of Robert Paige Swim*



Josie Hazelwood Kemp - August 31, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Paige Swim.*



August 30, 2020 at 05:08 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sally Tiffany - August 29, 2020 at 10:22 AM

ST

“ I have personally known Bob since before we entered kindergarten and the memories are many. That friendship continued and became even closer when he began dating and eventually married Linda. The man was one of a kind and will be missed by everyone lucky enough to know him. You fought the battle well. Rest in peace, Bob. All our love, Guy & Sally

Sally Tiffany - August 29, 2020 at 10:04 AM