



Robert Willard

July 24, 1935 - October 29, 2011

Robert E. Willard, age 76 of Dixon, died Saturday Oct. 29, 2011 in his home. He was born July 24, 1935 in Dixon, the son of Roy and Gertrude (Fritts) Willard. He had been employed by Carpenters Local 790 prior to his retirement. He was a Veteran of the Army. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Dorothy Ackman. He is survived by 2 daughters Dominique Willard of St Paul, MN and Gretchen (Joe) Wilson of Frankfort; and a brother Harold (Willadean) Willard of Moline. Cremation rites have been accorded and there will be no services. In lieu of flowers donations may be made the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Willard*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Robert Willard*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Dad was a kind and caring man. He always stayed active and was interested in the events of the world. He was always a bit of a rebel and that didn't change with age. While in the Twin Cities recently he spent some time at the Occupy Minneapolis protest. I recently had a chance to talk to some people who knew him in Dixon and the word that came up the most was "character". He had a lot of friends and very kind relatives in Dixon. We appreciate all of the kindness that was shown to him. We have a lot of wonderful memories that will be cherished. He will be missed. We love you Dad. Gretchen and Dominique*

Gretchen Wilson - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



Bob was a wonderful person and father. He always encouraged me in everything I did. I always knew I could talk to Dad about anything. He is still greatly missed. Dominique

Dominique Willard - November 01, 2023 at 06:56 PM

DA

“ Uncle Bob was a kind, caring person and a wonderful uncle to me and my brother Jon. He was a fine father to two wonderful daughters, worked hard as a carpenter, and served his country in the Army.

My fond memories of Uncle Bob include family football games at Thanksgiving, fishing on the Rock River, and playing baseball, about which he taught me so much. He was extremely loyal and protective of his family. One of the most touching memories was his comforting presence at our mom's, Dorothy (Willard) Ackman's, ceremony at the Rock River. He helped guide me and my family through a difficult time that must have been tremendously sad for him. My daughter Katie was very impressed with his kindness, caring, and sincerity. His strength was an inspiration to us all.

He was a man who enjoyed life and sharing it with others. Like his sister (my mom), they simply do not make people like that anymore.

Rest in peace, Uncle Bob. You are very much missed, but we were fortunate to have known you and are better for the experience.

Vaya con dios.

*With Love and Remembrance,
Dr. James Ackman, Janet Ackman,
and Katie Ackman*

Dr. James Ackman - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Gretchen and Joe,*

We are thinking of you during this sad time with the death of your dad, Gretchen.

We hope happy memories of your father bring you much comfort.

Guy & Kathy

Guy & Kathy Wernet - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I was sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He was a very lively and rambunctious character since I knew from school days and always liked. He was well read and always eager to give his opinion about politicians and the course of America. He came into City Hall last week and asked if I would help him get an antique tool box to his apartment which he had carried for a couple of blocks. He was very appreciative of my help. He will be missed.*

Mayor Jim Burke

Jim Burke - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM