



Robert Blonshine

January 9, 1938 - December 3, 2019

Robert 'Bob' Blonshine, 81, of Maple City, left us all on December 3, 2019 to dance with his wife once again.

Bob was born January 9, 1938 to the late Russell and Frances (Harrigan) Blonshine in Traverse City. He was one of 13 children.

On March 24, 1967, Bob married his soulmate and life-long camping companion, the late Charlotte Blonshine (Grubb).

Bob proudly served his country with the United States Army. After serving, Bob dedicated his career in the manufacturing industry mostly in automotive and iron works (think about Bob the next time you see a fire hydrant and manhole cover while you walk around Traverse City).

He had many passions in life; hunting, fishing, watching wrestling, woodworking, camping with his family, swinging his bride around the dance floor, polishing his Model A's and being the ever present, husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor. He was the true definition of a family man and was loved deeply not only by his family but by his friends and neighbors.

Bob is survived and missed dearly by his daughter Donna (Tom) King and his son Robert (Cherry) Blonshine Jr, his grandsons; Thomas (Katie), Michael and Aaron (Bethanie) King, as well as great granddaughter Everly. He is also survived by two siblings Michael and Denny. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his infant daughter Laura Lee and his siblings; Shirley, Richard, James, Thomas, Mary Lou, Harold, Howard, Fred and Daniel.

A Funeral Mass will take place Friday December 6, 2019 at 11:00am at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home with visitation one-hour prior. Deacon Rene Hoenscheid will officiate. Bob's final resting place will be at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

Please visit <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com> to share your memories with the family on Bob's tribute page.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ I only knew Bob briefly. I was a member of the Maple City Health Club for a short time before it closed and it was there that I met Bob. He worked part-time and he was frequently at the desk when I came in for my workout. Often, before I left for home, we would have a short conversation; about everything and anything....deer hunting, the weather, Maple City gossip, etc. As someone new to the area, I appreciated Bob's insight into all things Leelanau County and life in general. I liked Bob and have no doubt that he was a great son, husband, father and grandfather. My sympathies and prayers to Bob's family.

Mike Manty - December 14, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ Grandpa,

This is one of your grandsons and you will be greatly be missed and loved through life and eternity. Never a day will go by with me missing you or wanting to take you to the secret fishing hole or getting you outdoors and doing the things that you love to do. You were definitely a great role model to anyone who has ever met you and whoever was around you always had a smile on your face and knew those kind words to say when they needed to be said. You had a very open heart and open mind to anything. I hope that you are dancing around on the floor with grandma now to polka music or line dancing. No matter what it was you were always there for everything even if it wasn't one of your grandsons playing sports you were there to support the local school and always cheered for everyone even if they didn't know you. I will miss everything about you. Your craftsman to your cooking skills everything you did with a warm and kind heart that filled many with butterflies. Everything that you did for the community and the camping group, dancing group, family, friends and everyone that never knew who you were was very much appreciated and will be missed by many and when I say many I mean many. You knew everyone and knew how to bring kindness to them and always found a face to make anyone smile! I love you Grandpa to the moon and back and much farther than that.

-Michael King



Michael King - December 04, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ Michael,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family,I did not know your Grandpa, but reading your tribute to him says so much about the way he lived life. I can tell how special he was to you and those he came in contact with. May our loving Lord wrap His arms of comfort and strength around all of you during this difficult time. May all those wonderful memories of Grandpa help you in the days ahead.

Darlene Miller

Darlene A. Miller - December 05, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ My favorite memory of Bob was when he had a motorcycle for sale. It was a 1970 Triumph 250. Of course my dad told me no that I couldn't buy it. Nevertheless I had already purchased it. Bob was a kind, soft spoken man who I always admired. RIP Bob!

Roger Erickson - December 04, 2019 at 08:18 PM