



Robert Francis Morrell Jr.

July 7, 1944 - June 27, 2020

Robert Francis Morrell, Jr., 75, of Traverse City passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Munson Hospice House. Robert was born on July, 7, 1944 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Robert F. and Lucretia (Quartarolo) Morrell, Sr. He married the love of his life Marellene Wedig on June 3, 1967 in Cincinnati.

Robert truly loved his family and was always eager to teach them about the world. He was a generous and jolly host who enjoyed welcoming people into his home. He always made everyone laugh.

Robert had been employed as a mechanical design engineer and worked in the toy industry. He helped develop many of the toys that kids still play with today. He was a “Mr. Fix It”, he could repair anything. He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church as well as the Knights of Columbus.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Marellene; a son Robert F. (Michele) Morrell, III and their children; Elise and Jacob, a daughter, Rachael (Tom) Johnson and their children; Julia and Eddie and a son, Zachary A. (Brandy) Morrell. Also surviving are a brother, John (Lois) Morrell and a sister, Carole Morrell, a brother-in-law, Daniel (Paula) Wedig, a sister-in-law, Beth (Gary) Mueller as well as many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with Robert’s wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to The Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings St, Traverse City, MI 49686 or the charity of your choice.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Robert’s family at his tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *In Loving Memory: My father passed away this weekend and, to him, I offer this brief tribute.*

First and foremost: Thanks Dad! Thanks for having me. Thanks for coaching me on the “Purple Falcons” baseball team as grade-schooler. Thanks for coaching me in basketball... and soccer... and tennis. Thanks for supporting me in sports.... In school... with the ladies... and in my growth into a young man. Thanks for helping me learn to clean my room and write the letters of the alphabet. Thanks for helping me with my German homework and calculus and physics. Thanks for supporting my marriage to Michele and thanks for hosting us in our many visits to Traverse City.

I will miss watching you attempt to do a “Bob Morrell backflip” and splash half the water from the pool. Thanks for teaching me the meaning of ‘doing a job correctly’ and taking pride in hard work. Thanks for visiting us in Minnesota and New Hampshire. I will never forget our trips up Mount Killington and up Stowe Mountain.... And when you drove up Mount Washington – white knuckles and all.

Thanks dad for reminding me often that family comes first and that we should always put loved-ones above ourselves. Thank you so much for the many incredible Christmas mornings we shared (being the son of a toy-maker has had its’ perks!).

Thanks for taking me to Church and teaching me about history... and religion... and faith. Thanks oodles for teaching me how to ‘think’ things through with patience and logic. Thanks for teaching me to ‘look it up’ (I’m an ‘information junkie’ to this day – and very good at ‘Trivial Pursuit’).

Thanks dad for picking up the phone when I would call. We had some really nice talks over the past few years and you were there when life was sending me more stress than I could handle. I will REALLY miss our phone calls. I love you dad. I miss you. Love, your son, Robert Morrell III

Michele Lintner Morrell - July 05, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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“ *Our sincere sympathies to Marellene and family. He was an interesting conversationalist. We missed visiting with both of you after mass. Our prayers are with you at this time.*

Ted and Marise Mattis

Rhea Mattis - July 02, 2020 at 09:02 AM

CB

“ So very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. God bless his family at this sad time and know that you are all in our prayers. Bob was a fun person and I still remember when we met at Christ the King and learned that we were both Cincinnati born and that I even went to HS with his lovely sister Carole. May you rest in Heavenly Peace, Bob. Our sincere sympathy to the Morrell Family.

Steve and Carolyn Balog

carolyn BALOG - July 01, 2020 at 07:50 AM

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“ Robert was a unique man in that it took a keen observation to learn how he communicated. When my daughter Michele married his son Rob, I was intrigued by his love of conversation after he introduced himself at their wedding reception. Robert's method of questioning was very “to the point” and continuous. Over time I realized he had a genuine interest in my opinions and probed to always make sure I could validate my answers.

When someone looks at you deeply with strong eye contact as you speak, you realize that this person really cares about you and is concentrating on every word. I could count on Robert to always make me feel that he was giving 100 percent attention to what I had to say.

I grew to appreciate how intelligent Robert was over the years. His broad field of knowledge was impressive.

Robert, I know you are with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am missing you already and: “May the Lord bless and keep you, may His face shine upon you and be gracious and give you peace “.

David G. Lintner

David G. Lintner - June 30, 2020 at 09:59 PM