



Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer

August 22, 1950 - July 31, 2019

Robert J. Pfeuffer III, 68, of Traverse City, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. He died peacefully after spending three weeks celebrating the life of his mother with his family. Robert was born in Royal Oak on August 22, 1950 and was raised by his loving parents, Robert and Ellen Pfeuffer.

In 1967 his family moved to Kalkaska, MI where he attended high school. Robert participated in multiple high school sports but his true passion was in Track and Field. He loved everything about the sport and earned a scholarship to Central Michigan University as a sprinter on the track team.

In 1969 during his summer home from college he enlisted in the Air Force to serve his country during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV. While in the Air Force Robert discovered his passion for medicine where he learned to work in the operating room as a surgical tech. After he was honorably discharged in 1975 he was excited to return to Northern Michigan where he continued his operating room career at Munson Medical Center.

Robert had a passion for learning and returned to college to obtain his associate degree in nursing at Northwestern Michigan College. He was proud to have worked in the operating room environment for 44 years. Robert was fortunate enough to love his career and was truly passionate about nursing care in the operating room with a special love for orthopedics.

Robert "Bob" wore his heart on his sleeve and this was very evident in his love for his three children. He was an amazing father who would do absolutely anything for his kids. It was the small gestures like cleaning their cars, projects around their home, and creating ways to share time with them. He loved his daily talks with his kids on their way home

from work where he was always available to offer his love and support. Bob was so proud of his kids, which he continuously expressed to them and those around him.

The love for his family was created from the foundation instilled by his late parents, Robert and Ellen Pfeuffer. They were very important to him and had a huge role in the man he became. He was the primary care giver to his mother the last several years of her life. He dedicated much of his time to his mother and making sure she felt happy and loved. She always expressed how much he did for her and how wonderful of a son he was.

Bob cherished his time with friends and family. During his retirement he loved playing golf, working in his yard, and any outdoor activities.

He enjoyed being around people and had an obvious love for life. This was apparent by his constant and contagious smile. Bob was able to find humor in anything and loved to make others laugh. He had a joke for everything.

Bob is survived by his son, Kyle R. (Ashley) Pfeuffer, of Kalamazoo; two daughters, Kelli A. (Matthew) Phelps, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and Allison L. Pfeuffer, of Traverse City; his sisters, Sheryl L. Pfeuffer and Bonnie S. "Cork" (Jerry) Dzuber, all of Las Vegas, Nevada; and four grandchildren, Ella, Claire, and Matthew Phelps Jr. and Scotlyn Pfeuffer.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial gathering to celebrate Bob's love for life at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Monday, August 12th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. There will be an additional visitation on Tuesday, August 13th at 10:00am with the funeral immediately following at 11:00am.

Memorial contributions in Bob's name may be directed to the Traverse City West Senior High School Track and Field Program in honor of him. C/O Athletics Department: 5376 N. Long Lake Road, Traverse City, MI 49685.

Please visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your memories and condolences with the family.

Bob and his family are being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

AUG **Visitation for Family and Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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AUG **Visitation for Family and Friends** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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AUG **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 12 at 08:24 AM



“ I am at a loss for words. It was difficult and we are still mourning the loss of our dear Aunt Ellen, but she was 90 years of age and lived a tremendously happy and blessed life. Bobby also lived a happy and blessed life, mainly due to the wonderful family that surrounded him and the great attitude that he carried with him each day. It was just cut too short for those of us left behind! Our sincerest condolences to Cheryl and Bonnie and all of Bob's family! Grace and Peace!

Tom & Lisa Pfeuffer

Tom Pfeuffer - August 14 at 03:46 PM



“ Patrick Stimson & Kristen Schaefer purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer.



Patrick Stimson & Kristen Schaefer - August 12 at 03:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer.



August 12 at 08:09 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer.



August 11 at 04:21 PM



“ Totally surprised and saddened to learn of Bob's passing. He will be missed.

Craig Crummel - August 11 at 10:56 AM



“ I met Bob in the early seventies while he was stationed at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas. We became instant friends and eventually I met his entire family - his sister Sheryl became my roommate, and his daughter Kelli is my god daughter. Bob's parents were so kind, treating me like one of the family. Such cherished memories - and though Bob left Las Vegas in 1975 and I left in 1981, through Sheryl we always kept in touch. The last time I saw Bob was at Kelli's wedding, and I thought for sure we would see each other again one day. It is hard to imagine a world without Bob in it, he was one of the good guys and will be missed by so many. Our heartfelt condolences to his family.

Angie and Vince Santillo, Florida - August 10 at 06:19 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer.



August 09 at 01:56 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Robert last fall and his mother. I went times with Robert and his mom, church, Meijers. He was a kind and gentle man making sure his mom had all she needed.

His mom was a very nice person. In the time we were together I knew from the start what a loving man and father he was. His children meant EVERYTHING to him. He

was so very excited that he was going to be a grandpa, telling me he was going to start counting the days, we laughed him saying that is a lot of days.
That smile oh that smile he lit up the room with it didn't he?
Robert you will be missed!! For his children you will always have your memories. Cherish each one.
Sending prayers to everyone.
Heaven just got another Angel soar high Robert!

Pam Warner - August 08 at 02:51 PM



“ Angie and Vince Santillo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer.



Angie and Vince Santillo - August 08 at 02:42 PM



“ Bob was a true gentleman and a good person. He was our neighbor and coworker. His death is a loss to all of us. Bob Griffin

Bob Griffin - August 08 at 11:44 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer.



August 08 at 09:17 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob in the operating room, Always cheerful and positive. He truly loved his profession. Fly free on the wings of angels Bob.

Bridget Williams - August 06 at 09:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert 'Bob' Pfeuffer.



August 06 at 12:39 PM



“ Marcia and I are heartbroken to hear of Bobby's untimely passing. What a shame that someone who had taken such good care of himself should be struck down suddenly like this. I have had little contact with Bob but from all that I have heard and seen he was such a wonderful son, brother and father! I wish I could have been closer to him. Marcia and I know he will be greatly missed and we pray for the family and friends he leaves behind. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Ken and Marcia Hutchins

Ken Hutchins - August 04 at 08:37 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. We became Bob's neighbor just 18 short months ago but immediately enjoyed sharing stories and having him right beyond our back yard. An amazing kinda and warm man who I wish was still with us.

Gregg Bird - August 04 at 01:33 PM



“ Bob was Jim's best friend. He called Jim on the phone regularly, even as the phone calls became increasingly difficult, and the calls always ended with 'I love you' to each other. He stayed in contact with me, we mourned Jim together. He was a beautiful human being. The world is darker today.

Kelley VanWagner - August 03 at 03:48 PM