



Robert D Williams

November 26, 1947 - September 3, 2017

Robert D. Williams was born November 26, 1947 to Audrey J. (Kroft) and Donald D. Williams in Laporte, IN. Short years later, his only sibling was born, Larry D. Williams. Robert was best known as "Bob" to his family and friends. Bob attended high school and graduated in his home town, North Judson, IN. Throughout high school, he was known for having the best HOT-RODS and winning drag races. Shortly after high school, Bob proudly joined the United States Army National Guard in April 1966 and later went on to join the United States Army Individual Ready Reserve, where he graduated from Officers School in Virginia. Bob retired out of the Army with honors as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Engineer Branch in 1982. He met his wife, Debra (Bradley), and they were married December 29, 1979 in North Judson, IN where they lived happily together for 38 years. They were blessed with four daughters. Cherity (Bernachi), Christel (Golubski), Casey (Tinnel) and Courtney J. Williams. Who later blessed them with 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Bob spent his life working as a mechanic and retired from Smith Ready Mix in 2014. In his leisure time, he raced at Shady Hill Speedway for 8 years and later worked at the Speedway in the tech line on Saturday nights. After retiring as a race driver in 1991, he then enjoyed being a crew chief and car owner for his daughter Courtney (C.J.) for 12 years. Bob always had a passion for waterfowl hunting. He spent many years helping manage and cook at the Kankakee Marsh Hunt Club. He often took his grandchildren duck hunting and to the Ducks Unlimited Banquets and National Turkey Federation Banquets.

He was an active member for many years. Bob was always happy to lend a helping hand to many organizations. Such as, the American Legion Post 92, where he was active member as well. Bob was always working hard but time outside of work and leisure activities, he spent with his loving family. From going on holiday vacations to staying home spending quality time with his family, who were always at the top of his list. His friends were much like family to him. He was always making time for others, he never met a stranger. Bob started a coffee clutch at Brantwood Restaurant, where he and his friends would gather every evening at 5p.m. for coffee, telling jokes and stories, which was one of his many great qualities. Everyone who knew Bob called him a "brother", "a buddy" and a great friend. He tried to make a positive difference to those he met, in a anyway he could. Bob was able to enjoy the Speedway one last time, Friday, September 1. On the early morning of Sunday, September 3, 2017, Bob was called home to rest. He passed away in his home in North Judson, IN with his loving wife, Deb, at his side. He was welcomed in death by his brother, Larry, Uncle Fred, Dad, Grand-dad and friends. Bob left an everlasting impression on all those he left behind. The work he done here on earth speaks for him and the love he shared with so many will keep him alive in our hearts forever. He will be deeply and truly missed.

Please join us in Celebrating Bob's Life

September 24, 2017 at The North Judson American Legion Post 92 from
2p.m.-8p.m. CST

Family Eulogy at 4:00p.m. - 21 Gun Salute at 5:00p.m.

Donations may be made directly to the family or at [gofundme.com/nfeh5-bob-williams](https://www.gofundme.com/nfeh5-bob-williams)

Tribute Wall

GD

“ Rip it was great to know youGodspeed.....greg dobson

GREG DOBSON - April 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM

CW

“ I got this daddy. Rest now in Peace. I'll see ya.

Courtney Jean Williams - April 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM



C.J. I'm so sorry for your loss. I had know idea he had passed. For some reason I decided to look him up on fb today. And that when I found out. He was a great guy a guy anyone would instantly become friends with as I did. We had a lot of fun helping you and your dad at the track on in his shop. Definitely missed by many. Please if your on fb send me a request would love to talk to you. JB rc burge

Jeff Burge - August 04, 2023 at 10:55 PM

RA

“ Thoughts and prayers.Rick Armstrong and Lisa Barger

Rick Armstrong - April 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob will truly be missed. God Bless.

Alice Bau - April 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM

LR

“ Bob was a great guy with a funny and warm personality that drew people to him. He was a patriot who loved his family, friends, Fords and hunting. He will be missed. Sincere sympathy to Deb, his daughters, and his Mother. Rest in Peace Bob. Loraine Richie, Colorado Springs, CO

Loraine Richie - April 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM

AB

“ You were one of my first friends-you walked me to school in 3rd grade, your mom took us to my first basketball game and we just had fun hanging out. You will be greatly missed by so many people. Our thoughts & prayers are with your family. Alice Bau & Stanley Nowakowski.

Alice Bau - April 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM

JT

“ Casey and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. Love you bunches.

Julie Tinnel - April 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM