Robert A. Straka

August 21, 1944 - May 3, 2022

Robert A. Straka was born on August 21, 1944 in Detroit to Andrew and Irma Straka. He passed away at his home in Sterling Heights on May 3, 2022 at the age of 77. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam war and being honorably discharged in in 1967 earning the rank of Spec 5 and earning the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the Marksmanship Medal on the M14 as well as the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in connection with military operation against a hostile force. When Bob's service to his country was complete he took a position with General Motors where he had a position as a special clerk and was active with the UAM until his retirement. Bob met his wife Trudy at his position at General Motors and they built their lives together settling in Sterling Heights. In his off time Bob loved spending time at their place up north and was an avid hunter spending many outings across Michigan and the North American continent as well as hunting larger game in the plains of Africa. Bob also had a passion for horses owning several throughout the years and racing them regularly at the local (and some not so local) horse tracks. Bob and Trudy were avid travelers spending many vacations on the high seas on-board whatever cruise liner that was traveling to their destination. Above all else Bob was a likable guy who could strike up a conversation with anyone and would often do this anywhere...he never met a stranger. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years Trudy. He is further survived by his son Robert (Beata) Straka. His sister Linda (the late Fred

Marsh and the late Tom Bushre) Bushre, his nephews Scott (Juliana) Marsh and th elate Brian Marsh and his cousin Jackie Straka. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Funeral service Monday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment with military honors immediately following the funeral services at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions, in Bob's memory, may be directed to the Humane Society of Macomb 11350 22 Mile Road, Shelby Township, MI 48317.

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East

38425 Garfield
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 286-7500
http://cadillacmemorialgardenseast.com/

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **8**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

MAY **9**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LM

05.04.22. Many great memories with you..Bob..Especially in the same office at GM..Our supervisors could not figure out how to handle you and I together doing our jobs for the GM Family..we laughed and laughed..The only time I ever went to a U of M Football Game..was with you..And our camping trips up at the Straka Cabin..Great times and memories..forever..See you when I get up there...R.I.P..Dear Friend.

Larry Maykowski - May 04, 2022 at 05:52 PM

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Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Robert A. Straka.

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Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert A. Straka.

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Cousin Bobby,
As I write this my heart and mind are flooding with stories and beautiful memories which could fill volumes of books…… I remember telling you that your a great hero . And your response was ;no not me it was the brave men who lost their life's in war that are the heroes. I thought to myself only the humblest and noble soul could say such a thing ! Fair enough cousin. The truth is you are a hero and you were my hero! Bobby bravely fought, saved many life's, surviving hell and still created a lifetime of virtue and moral integrity that only the greatest of men who have walked this earth have been able to do. Not only was Bobby handsome he was a perfect gentleman. Bobby was a brilliant light to everyone and animals adored him. He was a gift and light in my life .
WHEN A GREAT MAN DIES , FOR YEARS THE LIGHT HE LEAVES BEHIND HIM , LIES ON THE PATHS OF MEN.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
I will feel your light and love forever…….
Kelly

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Met Bob in 1969 at GM Tech Center. I called him “COWBOY BOB” because of his horse racing and his Horseshoe Ring. We enjoyed good n bad times and laughed a lot at everything. Bob spent more time on the phone with his stock broker than work.😂😂😂 He was a true friend and honorable veteran. He suffered a lot near the end but had the STRONGEST WIFE I ever saw. Trudy is a ANGEL and I don’t know how she stayed so strong for Bob and herself. Take car of Mom now Bob. SEMPER FI. Steve Sandoe

Steve Sandoe - May 04, 2022 at 02:05 PM