



Robert L. Eichelberger

May 26, 1955 - March 17, 2020

Robert “Bob” “Ike” “Iceman” Eichelberger left this earth to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. He was 64 years old. Born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on May 26, 1955 to Norval “Ike” and Peggy Ann Eichelberger, he was the youngest of three rambunctious boys.

The family later migrated to Baltimore, Maryland and finally settled in Odenton, Maryland. He graduated from Arundel Senior High School in 1973 and later went on to attend Frostburg State College graduating in 1986 with a Bachelor's Degree.

In 1986 he married Ruth Ann Heenan, a graphic artist, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As soulmates and best friends, it was a match made in heaven. They welcomed a beautiful daughter Amanda later in 1986 and a precious son Dylan in 1991.

Bob was a very talented and meticulous carpenter and enjoyed working with his hands. He had a sharp mathematical mind and loved thinking through and analyzing concepts and problems. He also enjoyed playing and watching sports. He played baseball, football and tennis while in school and had an impressive tennis serve that clocked in at 140 mph. In his later years he enjoyed going to the driving range to challenge himself at long drives. As a couple, Bob and Ruth enjoyed antiquing and collecting jadeite glassware and old thermometers among other things. Some of their best memories are travelling together over the road when Bob worked as a long haul trucker. Over the past four years of semi retirement Bob enjoyed working for Bonita Bee Airport Express as a limo driver.

Bob was a sensitive, thoughtful and caring man. He always put others before himself and their needs ahead of his own. His family meant the world to him and being a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather were his greatest accomplishments.

He leaves behind his wife, Ruth Heenan Eichelberger of Bonita Springs, his daughter Amanda (Joseph) Mettle of Baltimore, his son Dylan Eichelberger of St. Louis, Missouri and his precious granddaughter Amelia Mettle of Baltimore. He is also survived by his

father, Norval Eichelberger, Bonita Springs, his brother James Eichelberger of Golden Gate and his brother Douglas (Linda) Eichelberger of Baltimore. He was predeceased by his mother Peggy Ann Eichelberger of Bonita Springs.

Bob will be greatly missed by so many. Childhood friends, coworkers, neighbors and most of all family. We sadly say "goodbye" to a big, loveable bear of a man who made us smile and laugh. Our memories will have to sustain us until he greets us when we cross into eternity.

Lord Jesus, you died for him and you rose again for him. He accepted you into his heart and called you Saviour. Now you have welcomed him home, whole and healthy. Thank you for blessing us with knowing him.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Comments



“ Samuel Crouch lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Eichelberger



Samuel Crouch - May 26, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ Bob was a very kind and caring person all his life. He will be missed by all.

Valerie Ahmuty - March 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Bob Eichelberger was a treasure. He was selfless, kind, thoughtful. Not just to his family but to his friends and just about anyone he came in contact with. It's difficult dealing with his passing but we are cherishing the memories of the everyday things made more special by this sweet man. He's with us always.

We have not planned a service for Bob as of yet. But i will update that info as we plan. Thank you to the sweet people who think so kindly of him. He would be blown away.by it all!

Ruth, Amanda and Dylan

Ruth Heenan Eichelberger - March 20, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Uncle Bobby was a great man who loved and cherished life and the people in it. I as a child and as a young woman found a calm peace spending time with him. He was a wonderful husband, father, friend, son, brother and uncle. We should all rejoice in the love the world forever received from Bobby. I aspire to live in the joy he offered to any that might receive it. Bobby walked boldly in the love of the Lord, with a eagerness to share Gods love. His kindness and light will most certainly be missed.

Kristena Wright

"Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

John 16:12

Kristena Wright - March 28, 2020 at 01:58 AM



“ I worked with Ike at Bonita Bee, and was happy to know him. We always had fun chatting about work and life. It seemed for a long stretch, that Ike and I were the only drivers! At least we always ran into each other, daily, at the cell phone lot at the airport. Every day, I would pull into the lot, and there was Ike sitting and waiting for his client's plane to land. On other days, Ike would pull in and there I would be waiting. Ike was the first driver I met when I started with The Bee four years ago, and my favorite driver. I will miss him greatly.

Steve "Tuna" Valentini

Stephen Valentini - March 20, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ Thanks for the kind words, Tuna. I know he thought a lot of you, too!

Ruth Heenan Eichelberger - March 20, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ What can you say when the world loses an individual like Ike? I met Ike when I found myself suddenly in charge of the Bonita Bee Airport Express. For the last 5 years Ike has been a solid employee. The office has gotten numerous calls from clients gushing about Ike and they job he did getting them where they needed to go. I read so many reviews clients left specifically naming Ike and telling us what we already knew. That we were lucky to have him on our team. To us though, not so much on our team as in our family. A few years ago when Hurricane Irma destroyed their home we tried our best to raise money for Ike and Ruth. We didn't come up with much but were happy to give them what we had to help. At the same time another of our drivers fell ill and was out of work for a few months. Ike and Ruth brought back the money we gave them and asked us to anonymously give it to his co-worker to help him make ends meet till he could get back to work. (I'm sorry Ruth, I know I promised not to tell anyone). This is the kind of folks Ike and his family are. How can the world not be a lesser place without people like Ike in it? I will miss his smile and our chats. Our clients will miss his dedication and commitment to making sure they had the best possible time they could have for the short moments they spent with him. The world will miss Bob Eichelberger because he was a light in the darkness. May you find peace sir, you were not just an employee. You were my friend and a part of our family.



Tim Maher - March 20, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Tim, Bob was so happy working for you and Nicole and Bonita Bee. He was always a hard worker and a decent man but he never felt appreciated until he started working for you. You all made hime very happy and it makes me so very happy that was appreciated and felt valued. Thank you and Nicole for taking such good care of us.

Ruth Heenan Eichelberger - March 20, 2020 at 06:03 PM