



James "Bob" Robert Chitwood

December 23, 1929 - May 19, 2021

James "Bob" Robert Chitwood, age 91, passed away at Joanne's Hospice House in Bonita Springs, Florida, surrounded by his family.

Bob was born December 23, 1929 in Bloomington, Indiana. He was the eldest son of the late Harry and Leafa Chitwood. Bob married the love of his life, Nancy Jones, on August 4, 1950.

Bob joined the Army in 1951 and served in the Korean War as a paratrooper. Upon his return to Bloomington, Indiana, Bob honed his skills as a local mason and general contractor. After constructing many homes in Bloomington and buildings on the Indiana University campus, Bob and his family moved to Fort Myers Beach, Florida in 1971.

Bob & Nancy fell in love with the, at the time, quiet town of Fort Myers Beach. While in Florida, Bob's entrepreneurial spirit continued through his work as a general contractor and property developer.

In 1977, Bob and Nancy headed west on a road trip. They passed through the small town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado and circled it on a map. In the years to come, they purchased property there and built a cabin in the mountains. For many decades to come, this cabin and one to follow served as home away from home for Bob, Nancy and their entire family. So many fond memories were had of Bob skiing, riding his snow mobile or taking his CJ-7 Jeep through mountain trails.

Above all else, Bob loved his family. He and Nancy had a bond that the following generations aspire to. After 70 years of marriage, Bob leaves behind

his devoted wife, Nancy. He also leaves behind his children Matt (Lori) Chitwood, Sarah Nichols and Rachel Chitwood; grandchildren, Wesley Nichols, Lee Polakoff, Ryann (Tim) Roberts, Ross (Amy) Chitwood, Grant (Channing) Nichols and Jane Polakoff; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Leafa Chitwood, his brother Donald Chitwood and his son-in-law Thomas Nichols.

A private family gathering will be held to honor Bob's life in Fort Myers, Florida.

To sign Bob's guest register or leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Bob" Robert Chitwood*

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James "Bob" Robert Chitwood.*



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“ *Bob Chitwood was the best. He was one of the kindest most respected people I have ever known. I worked for and with Bob for many years. He taught me so much not only about work but about life. He was a shining example of how people should live life. I will miss Bob and remember him fondly.*

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