



Robert W. Kerr

November 16, 1941 - October 10, 2022

Robert W. Kerr (80) peacefully passed away on October 10, 2022. Born November 16, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended St. Daniel the Prophet Elementary School and graduated from Kelly High School in 1959. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University. Bob worked for GTE (now Verizon) for over 27 years, eventually managing a software development group. In 1987 Bob opted to take early retirement at the age of 46 and followed a passion for working with low-voltage electronics. He founded Smart Tek Systems, working throughout Naperville and other western suburbs in Illinois, retiring in 2006. For many years Bob and his wife, Elaine, resided in the Naperville/Aurora, Illinois area and Southwest Florida. He enjoyed hosting his family at his Estero, Florida, home during the winter months, allowing them the opportunity to escape the Illinois winters. Bob was a true family man, and his love for them was apparent to all who knew him.

Bob met Elaine in high school and they were married in 1962. They enjoyed years of travel both internationally and domestically and he was always looking forward to his next vacation. He was a perfectionist and did everything in life with 100% dedication. He had a love of cars and owned many different makes and models throughout the years.

Preceded in death by his father, Walter Kerchowski. Survived by his mother, Anne Kerchowski; his loving wife of 60 years, Elaine (Kozlowski) Kerr;

daughters, Karyn Elsbury (Edward) and Michele Fill (Douglas); grandchildren, Michael Fill, Madeline Fill, Brittany Elsbury, and Amelia Elsbury; and many in-laws who were like brothers and sisters to him. Robert W. Kerr, you will be missed and in our hearts forever.

A memorial visitation will take place at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at St. John XXIII Catholic Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers, FL, with a funeral mass immediately following at 11:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida (<https://parkinsonassociationswfl.org/donate.html>) or Hope Parkinson (<https://hopeparkinson.org/>).

To sign Bob's guest register or to 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.

Cemetery Details

St. John XXIII Memorial Garden

13060 Palomino Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

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Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert W. Kerr*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear family, I am so sorry to hear this news! Even though we didn't know Bob very long, we came to know him as a bright spot at American House and we loved his wonderful smile! Elaine, you are in our thoughts and prayers!*

Sue & Dick Wallin - October 14, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ *Elaine- Our deepest sympathies for your loss...Bob was a great person...He will be missed...our thoughts are with you tonight. Dan and Lisa Krynski*

daniel krynski - October 12, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Elaine, Joe and I are neighbors of yours in Grandezza. We moved in last January. We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Sixty years is such a wonderful time to have together, unfortunately it doesn't make saying goodbye by any easier. We hope to meet you at some time. We will pray for your whole family. Lee & Joe Nicosia*

lee nicosia - October 12, 2022 at 11:28 AM



Elaine I feel so sorry for you. Remember going out with you. When every thing dies down will come and visit.

Hope Footer - October 13, 2022 at 08:58 AM

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Dear Elaine, We were very saddened to hear the news of Bob's passing. May you find comfort in your family and friends. We were glad to have shared happier times with you in the PD exercise classes. Our prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. 🙏

Carole and Guy Mainella - December 05, 2022 at 09:10 AM