



## Robert James Kouba

February 29, 1944 - October 21, 2019

### Robert James Kouba

It is with deep sorrow the family announces that Robert J. Kouba, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, passed away at home on October 21, 2019, in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Bob was born on February 29, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, to Walter and Helen Kouba. His career followed many paths. He was a specialist in the United States Army, a printer for R.R. Donnelley and Sons in Chicago, a dedicated Naperville Police officer, co-owner of Will-Du Concrete, and owner/proprietor of the “world famous” Bumper’s Hot Dogs in Aurora, Illinois.

Bob loved making people laugh, captaining his boat out in the Gulf of Mexico to fish for anything that would bite, being “Commissioner” of his Thursday afternoon poker group, visiting the casino to just “play a bit,” going apple and peach picking in Michigan, making amazing pizza and pies for friends and family, creating cedar bird houses for whomever would take one, visiting the produce market in Immokalee then selling produce on his driveway to neighbors just to beat the prices at the local food stores, and gently nurturing his prized banana, avacado, and mango trees.

He also willingly helped his friends do projects around their houses; volunteered enthusiastically at the Florida Cancer Center in Bonita Springs, was a proud member of the American Legion, and enjoyed attending the First

Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Helen, and sister Helene Kouba. He will be sorely missed by his loving wife Kathleen (nee Wolak), his beautiful children Peter Kouba (Venicea) and Deborah Kouba (Nigel Akom), his amazing grandchildren Kalli Kouba and Lachlan Akom, and many family members and friends.

Private services will be held in Fort Myers Beach and Naperville, Illinois  
Bob would be honored to have memorials sent to [www.CancerCommons.org](http://www.CancerCommons.org)  
[www.FloridaCancerSpecialists](http://www.FloridaCancerSpecialists), or American Brain Tumor Association at [www.abta.org/](http://www.abta.org/)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert James Kouba*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert James Kouba.*



October 26, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ *Keeping you in our continued thoughts during this difficult time. Rest In Peace.*

**Kristen Hickey** - October 25, 2019 at 12:49 AM



“ *I loved our get togethers that usually ended with playing cards. We raised our kids together. Bob's Italian beef was the best! He loved to talk investments with Jim. He loved life and his family. I will miss him!*

**Pam Whittles** - October 24, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *Bob was a good man & a great police officer. He handle teenager's with respect and integrity. We met when I was a teenager and stayed in touch until he closed Bumpers. Rip sir*

**Nick Garapolo** - October 23, 2019 at 09:07 PM

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“ Bob was an awesome guy! 😍 He endeared himself quickly - (well, we may have won a bet or two) Godspeed, Bob, we're certain that playing cards is allowed in heaven! ♠️♥️♣️  
♦️ Our thoughts & prayers are with Kathy & family. ❤️



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**Cheryl Nelson Schultz** - October 23, 2019 at 08:06 PM

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*Thinking of you and your family Kathy, Love the picture you posted of Bob's catch of the day. He loved to fish, well into the evenings. We would wait for that boat to come down the canal, dark as it was he perfectly got it on the lift.  
Many Great Memories  
Bill & Doreen*

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**Doreen S** - November 12, 2019 at 12:34 PM