



Robert J. Lacroix

April 9, 1938 - August 6, 2019

Robert Lacroix passed away peacefully on August 6th at the age of 81 in Bonita Springs, Florida. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Micheline (Beaupre), son Dan and daughter-in-law Penny of Westford, Massachusetts, son Sylvain and his wife Gloria of Blooming Grove, New York, grandchildren Cate, Andre, Lauren, and Michael, and sisters Hermine and Cecile of Quebec, Canada.

Robert was born on a rural farm in Sainte-Cecile-de-Whitton, Quebec, Canada on April 9th, 1938. He was the second youngest of 13 siblings, born to Marie-Reine Pelletier and Romuald Lacroix. He was fond of telling stories of his early years growing up on a dairy farm and making maple syrup, and then working as a lumberjack in the woods of Ontario, the Adirondacks of upstate New York, and northern Maine. He then learned the masonry trade and moved to the United States in 1963 with his wife, Micheline, and their young son. In those early years they gradually moved north within New York state, from the Bronx, Mt Vernon, Pearl River, and finally to Monroe, where they lived from 1969 to 1998. They later lived in Saint-Paul-d'Abbotsford, Quebec, for several years, before settling in Naples, Florida. He established Modern Masonry with a partner, a business they ran for many years until his retirement. He enjoyed summers boating on the Hudson River, fishing in New York, Canada and Vermont with friends and family, and walking the Naples beaches. He was a talented stone mason, was very mechanically adept, and

took great pride in maintaining his homes. He and Micheline were proud to become US citizens in 2010.

Robert greatly enjoyed visiting his large extended family in Quebec. Throughout his life he was devoted to his wife and family and always supported their choices in life. Despite various physical setbacks during his adult years, Robert always bounced back and tirelessly supported Micheline with her own health issues.

A memorial celebrating Robert's life will be held at a later date. The family respectfully requests no flowers. If you are so inclined, please plant a sugar maple tree in his memory and send a photo to his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Lacroix*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *We first met Bob and Michelle in 2001 while out for a walk. They were selling their house and moving out of the neighborhood. We entered into negotiations for several weeks, never coming to an agreement. We soon became close friends and spent time with them daily. Bob enjoyed telling lumberjack stories and how he learned to speak English from fellow construction workers in The Bronx. We are thankful that he never sold his home to us and instead became our close friend. Funny how things work in life. We will miss you. Love, Diane & Ted Renauld*

Diane & Ted Renauld - August 09, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *The first couple we met when we moved to Naples . Robert could fix anything and always willing to help. He had really serious medical issues but he was a fighter. Loved his wife, Michelle and his sons. Loved living in Naples and his grass was his pride and joy. He was a good and loyal friend and Harold and I will miss him.*

patricia jaffee - August 08, 2019 at 07:06 PM



Bob was an wonderful man who loved his wife, family and home. He loved to smile. I'll miss him in the neighborhood.

Margaret Semrad - August 12, 2019 at 11:04 AM

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Bob was a good neighbor and a devoted husband to Michelle. Everyone in the neighborhood will miss him. My condolence to his sons and Michelle.

Mary Ellen Carter - September 21, 2019 at 10:14 PM