



Robert Thomas Scanlon

August 12, 2014

Robert Thomas Scanlon, of Macatawa, MI and Estero, FL was given the Gift of life, and now he has had to give it back to his Heavenly Father, who created him. He took his mortal leave of this wondrous, miraculous world- this sun, that moon, good friends, a walk on the beach, a stroll through an ancient city, the memory of a loved one's hand in his- on August 12, 2014. He passed away from a lingering illness with his loving wife, Mary Lee, by his side. He was 72.

In addition to his Wife, Bob is survived by his Children-daughter Sue (Dave) Kayner, son John (Kristen) Scanlon, daughter Lisa Scanlon; his grandchildren- Breanna Ratering, Katie Scanlon and Jack Scanlon. He is also survived by his Father-in-law, Brother-in-law, 2 Sisters-in-law, several nieces and nephews and all the people who gave him joy throughout his life.

He spent his life's work in the insurance industry for 40 years, the last 30 of which he owned the Scanlon Insurance Agency. He earned many industry honors for his work. He retired at age 57, and he and Mary moved to Southwest Florida for winters and continued to enjoy Macatawa in the summers.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He was an avid investor, and CNBC was the background music that played every day in our home. He was a passionate reader, absorbing 3 newspapers cover-to-cover every day, and loved books, especially about antiquity, World War II or mysteries. Hardly anyone could beat him at poker, and his friends would get to the table early to take his seat and hope his luck would rub off on them. And he adored and was knowledgeable about cars- every make, model and year. Mary and Bob loved to travel and were fortunate to visit many destinations in many countries before he became ill.

He was loved well and truly, and will be missed forever.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on September 19, 2014 promptly at 4PM in the lower level of the Piper Restaurant, 2225 S Shore Dr, Macatawa, MI 49434.

The family is grateful to Hope Hospice for their assistance, and eternally grateful to his loving Caregivers: Joe, Marie, Nadia and Santos.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choosing.

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

“Goodnight, Sweet Prince, and Flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest.”

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Piper Restaurant
2225 S Shore Drive
Macatawa, MI 49434

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Thomas Scanlon*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Deb B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Robert Thomas Scanlon.*



Deb B. - August 20, 2014 at 01:19 PM



“ *Hi Mary,
I just noticed that Mark Kehoe passed away in March and was looking you up as I saw your name in the obituary. I'm so sorry to hear about Bob and I know you two had great times together. I'll always remember you yelling Hey, Bubbles in downtown GR and remember all the fun times we had in college. I'm praying for your family and that God will give you strength. God Bless You! Barb (Bobeldyk) Aalderink*

Barbara Aalderink - August 20, 2014 at 12:26 PM

LM

“ I 1st had the privilege of getting to know Bob when I moved to GR in 1968, and we both lived in the townhouses on Maybelle, N.E. Later, I was able to assist, a little, at least, with a legal matter. And, when he was with Atlantic Mutual, I knew him as a professional, a relationship which continued when he transitioned to the agency side of the business. A consummate gentleman in every respect. May God be with him, as I am certain is the case.

Larry Mulligan - August 19, 2014 at 08:06 PM

BN

“ So very sorry about your loss. John & I go back almost 50 years in our memories of Bob. He was in our wedding and was a big part of our lives for many years. H will be missed by all who knew & loved him. Mary, take comfort in the fact that you filled his life with love and caring. Take care of yourself.

Betty Neary - August 17, 2014 at 08:07 AM

MK

“ Mark and I go way back with Bob and Mary, first college chums with Mary, then neighbors for years. Bob was our good friend and our Insurance guy, we watched John and Lisa grow up, and Mark had worked for Bob as his attorney. I'm so grateful we saw them 2 years ago in Fla, moving into their beautiful new home. My Mark passed in March, and I know he and his good buddy are sharing some time together now. God Bless you Mary for such good caretaking and Love for your sweet man. I miss him already! Love and Blessings, Molly Kehoe

Molly Kehoe - August 15, 2014 at 08:17 AM

JW

“ We are so happy you shared your lovely home on Lake Michigan with us. We made your recipe for baby back ribs and it was yummy. Mary, know that we are sending our love for your healing and peace. We will not be able to be at the Piper, but will be there in spirit. What a beautiful setting to celebrate Bobs' life.
Blessings and Love,
Joanne and Richard

joanne weston - August 14, 2014 at 10:12 PM