



Robert T. Wolford

December 10, 1937 - August 23, 2019

Robert T. Wolford passed away Friday, August 23, 2019 at the age of 81, at his residence in Naples, FL after a brief illness. Bob was born December 10, 1937 in Chicago, IL the son of the late Gilbert and Virginia (née Sandow) Wolford. A longtime resident of Chicago, he moved to Naples in 1996. Bob was a special person, with a wonderful outlook on life, willing to help anyone if they needed help, the bluest eyes admired by many and the quirkiest humor.

Bob was a graduate of Schurz High School in Chicago and attended the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL. Bob was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force having served from 1959 thru 1965. He was a member of the American Legion Post 135 in Naples. He was proud to wear the American flag on his collar.

Prior to moving to Naples, Bob was a civil engineer, for Commonwealth Edison, Chicago for 18 years. While there he supervised field engineers and was responsible for contract administration and field inspections for various mechanical and electrical construction projects in the Chicagoland area. He retired from Commonwealth Edison in 1992.

Bob loved cars, including collectible cars. His most recent pride and joy was a 1971 Ford Maverick. He loved to make that car “purr” and he is probably still making it “purr”. Bob was a member of the West Coast Muscle Car Club of

Naples.

Bob was an avid boater and fly fisherman. He and his wife, Charlotte, spent many summers in Montana, fly fishing the beautiful rivers for trout and enjoying the outdoors. Yellowstone National Park was his favorite. He felt it was a place to go and witness unobstructed nature, a place to escape and reconnect with the simple things in life. Bob also enjoyed fishing the local backwaters of SWFL.

Survivors include his loving wife, Charlotte J. Wolford of Naples, FL; one son, Michael Wolford of Austin, TX; his sister, Jean Bernahl Clarke and her husband, Jack of Mt. Prospect, IL; 3 grandchildren, Blake Wolford, Jack Wolford and Aidan Wolford. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Bob is also survived by Abby and Champ, his precious and special cats.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his one son, Mark R. Wolford who passed on June 30, 2017.

A celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at The Cove Yacht Club, the Cove Inn 900 Broad Ave. So., Naples, FL 34102 where Bob was a member.

Bob was actively involved with The Cove Yacht Club's charity, Christmas for Children. He enjoyed collecting, wrapping and delivering items for underprivileged children in Naples. The family suggests that memorial donations in memory of Bob be made to Christmas for Children. Please make donations out to Second Chance Foundation (in the memo please write Christmas for Children) addressed to The Cove Yacht Club, 900 Broad Ave. So., Naples, FL 34102.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Cove Yacht Club
900 Broad Ave. So.
Naples, FL 34102

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert T. Wolford*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I remember Bob as a kind hearted loving man who adored his wife, my high school friend Charlotte. I was a bridesmaid at their wedding. He was always so generous with his time. I had no idea he had passed away. Just found this. We had fun times sailing on Lake Michigan. To dear Charlotte, it's been years, hugs, love and peace. I'm in Waukesha, Wisconsin now. I'd love to hear from you.*
Linda Larson Valiga

Linda Valiga - November 03, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ *Just found out about this. I hung out with him as a young man sharing our love for cars and life, and later worked with him on a project at ComEd for which he was the project manager. Very sad news for me.*

Paul Christenson - October 25, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Charlotte and the family !! Bob had such a kind and gentle spirit... No longer suffering and in God's care.. Mike and Barb*

Barbara Hurley - September 21, 2019 at 10:28 AM

DR

“ Bob, Grandpa Bob to my son Blake has always had a special place in my heart. Everything we had the chance to do with him was always fun and cherished. He will be missed dearly.. Blessings to all who had the great opportunity to know him. Darleen



Darleen Rankin - September 03, 2019 at 06:10 PM

RT

“ Bob was my Hot Rod buddy. We were going to meet up in Montana, so he could show me some his favorite places. RIP buddy.

Ron Torp - September 02, 2019 at 09:01 AM

TC

“ Bob was truly a nice man. I got to know him from his membership in The West Coast Muscle Car Club here in Naples Florida. My wife Shirley and I are very sad to hear of his passing. Gods's blessing to him and his family.
Ted & Shirley Cuda
Estero Florida

Ted Cuda - September 01, 2019 at 11:58 AM

TK

“ I always remember how Bob assisted us on the annual “Lambs Farm” cruise from Burnham Park Yacht Club, Chicago. He was always eager to help the less privileged children with a boat ride & barbecue dance, which made there day, as well as ours. He was a very good person, who will be greatly missed. Tom & Elaine Kurland.

Tom & Elaine Kurland - August 31, 2019 at 10:15 AM

JM

Every memory of Wolfy brings a smile to my face. A very caring and generous friend. He will be missed! Jackie Madigan

Jackie Madigan - August 31, 2019 at 04:36 PM

PJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. We look forward to celebrating his life on December 10th. We always enjoyed our visits with you both.*

Pam and Bob Jurgens - August 30, 2019 at 08:30 AM

CB

“ *Courtney Banner lit a candle in memory of Robert T. Wolford*



Courtney Banner - August 29, 2019 at 07:30 PM

CB

“ *How well I remember the house he grew up in Des Plaines. Being from Chicago living in a 2 flat that house on Walnut was a mansion to me. It was my favorite family visits I had there.*

Courtney Banner - August 29, 2019 at 07:30 PM