



Robert "Bob" Tunis Van Horn

July 25, 1945 - June 8, 2020

Robert Van Horn was born on July 25, 1945 in Lafayette, Indiana. He was the oldest son of Elmer "Van" Van Horn and Ella "Jane" Crawn Van Horn.

Bob attended Vinton Elementary in Lafayette, IN. Bob's family moved from Lafayette, Indiana to Sarasota, Florida in 1958. He attended Sarasota Jr. High and Sarasota High School, where he was the catcher for the Sailor's Baseball Team. Bob graduated in 1963. Upon graduation Bob attended Manatee Jr. College (State College of Florida).

Bob joined the United States Marine Corp in 1966 earning the rank of Sergeant. Upon his discharge, he moved back to Bradenton, Florida where he was employed with GTE (Verizon) for 45 years. He retired from Verizon in 2010.

Bob was lifelong sports enthusiast. He played softball for most of his adult life. He was active in coaching youth sports where he coached in local youth softball, soccer and football leagues and he was the coach of the Bayshore High School Girls Softball team for four years. He enjoyed being a mentor to many of his players. He liked to think he made a difference in their lives and we are sure he did.

Bob enjoyed watching his NASCAR races, football, baseball and sports of any kind. Bob had lots of hobbies over the years. He enjoyed gardening, camping with his family, and traveling. He was a talented photographer. He enjoyed wood working and stained glass. He just enjoyed LIFE.

Bob is survived by his son Robert F. (Jennie) Van Horn of Elkhart, IN; his daughter, Holly (Howard) Overstreet of Columbia, TN; Grandsons – Kristopher, Nickolas and Alex Van Horn of Bradenton, FL; Granddaughter, Noelle Van Horn of Columbia, TN; his former spouse Sandra Marie Van Horn of Kernersville, NC; his brother Ronald E. Van Horn of Florissant, MO; and his companion Barbara Kauffman of Sarasota, FL; his nephews, Brian Van Horn, John Gasaway, and Jared Gasaway; nieces, Kimberly Van Horn Bosworth, and Jamie Gasaway Kilar.

No service is planned.

Comments



“ So many fond memories of playing ball against Bob for many years. He was one of the fastest runners in the league. We developed friendships beyond the competitive game we played against each other that have lasted all these years. Praying for comfort for the family and hold tight to Bobs memories you have and each other.

Bob Daymon - June 25, 2020 at 06:26 AM



“ I'm a classmate of Bob's. SHS 1963. We were chums in high school and he was a great guy to pal around with. We avoided getting into any serious trouble, but barely. He came to reunions and we shared lots of laughs. He served his country with distinction as a Marine. I regret our paths did not cross frequently in later years. I know he loved his family and you will miss him. But his memory will live on with his fellow Sailors and teammates. A good man. A good life.

Lee E. Haworth
Sarasota

Lee Haworth - June 17, 2020 at 11:47 PM