



Robert M. Moffitt

February 14, 1947 - February 11, 2026

Some people live life quietly.

Bob lived it out loud — in melody, in laughter, and in love.

Born in Parma, Ohio, Bob discovered early that music was not just something he played — it was who he was. For more than 60 years, his saxophone was his voice, his joy, and his gift to the world. From Cleveland to Florida, from concert stages to neighborhood gatherings, Bob's music brought people together.

During his service in Vietnam, Bob was chosen as a Combat Entertainer and lead saxophonist for the Command Military Touring shows. As part of the six-man band The Shades of Jade, he traveled to remote outposts, bringing comfort, energy, and a reminder of home to American troops. Even in the most difficult places, Bob shared the healing power of music.

Teaching was another expression of his generous heart. Bob worked with students of all ages — from preschool children to senior citizens — believing that music belonged to everyone. He founded Beginning Steps to Music, his own preschool music program, inspiring young hearts to find rhythm and confidence.

In 1996, Bob and his family moved to the newly formed community of

Lakewood Ranch, Florida, as part of its first 100 residents. Over the next 30 years, he and his family became a familiar and beloved presence. Most recently, you could find him on Thursday evenings at Remy's, playing his electronic sax alongside fellow musicians and friends — still doing what he loved most.

But beyond the music, Bob's greatest pride was his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Debra; his son Shannon (Julie); his daughter Jessica (Bryan); grandsons Dillon and Brady; granddaughter Addison (Nick); and great-granddaughter Logan. His love for them was constant and unwavering.

Bob's legacy is not only in the notes he played, but in the lives he touched — the students he encouraged, the friends he entertained, the soldiers he uplifted, and the family he cherished.

The music may pause, but the melody lives on.

Services

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 — 11:00 AM

Sarasota National Cemetery

A Celebration of Life luncheon will immediately follow at the Disabled American Veterans Hall (DAV), 7177 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vietnam Brotherhood or another Veterans organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

A Celebration of Life

MAR 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

DAV
7177 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL 34241

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Bob was a gift we were given so proud to be his friend! ! We would look forward to Thirs nights to see Bob and be awed by his wonderful talent. Bob spoke often of the trips with Debbie and his family.we will remember and forever miss Bob! JoJo and Jerry Bouche

Joanne and Jerry Bouche - February 18 at 08:33 AM

BN

“ Bob,
You will be missed. We will miss the sounds of your saxophone echoing out of the garage, your gentle, quiet voice, and walks in the neighborhood. We pray for God’s peace, love and comfort surround your wife and family. Although our time and memories with you are short, we are grateful to call you our friend.
- Donna, Brad Nanna

Brad Nanna - February 18 at 08:24 AM

AG

As a true friend and brother, Bob and I shared a bond that only combat veterans can experience. We served in Vietnam long ago and forged a friendship I will cherish forever. He urged me to play music with him, a journey he encouraged and shared. I loved this man and miss him every day. Rest in peace my brother 🙏!

Al Garcia - February 18 at 10:13 AM

MA

Bob and my husband Bill God rest their souls were wonderful friends. Bob taught Bill how to play the sacks well the way Bob put it. Bill paid him once a week for the hour and all they did was talk.. We have many fond memories of our family dinners together
Bob, I miss you and I do hope that you and Bill are behaving in heaven.

marie - February 18 at 02:59 PM



Bob was one of a kind. We spent every weekend playing music together for over 3 years. He always had my laughing. He was a fabulous musician and friend. RIP brother.

Paul Rost - February 18 at 03:09 PM



Bob was a great player and a fun band mate. I fully enjoyed being on stage with him for many years while playing in the "Revelation " band, Cleveland, Ohio. Larry Kopniske

Larry Kopniske - February 19 at 10:36 AM



Bob was a true gift to music. We connected when he joined the Band Revelation. I was already playing in the band for a few years. Thank you Bob for the music comradery. You will be dearly missed...

Ralph Kuta - February 21 at 06:00 PM