



Robert James Batho Sr.

October 24, 1947 - April 23, 2026

Robert James Batho Sr., age 78, of Pickford, Michigan, died at his home surrounded by family on Thursday, April 23, 2026. He was born on October 24, 1947, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Kenneth and Frances (Lapish) Batho.

Bob was raised in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School with the Class of 1965. He proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Enterprise from January 1967 to January 1971. On March 7, 1970, he married Delores "Dodie" Klosterman, and together they began their family. Following his service, he worked as a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service for 34 years.

Bob was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau, Michigan, the American Legion Post 3 in Sault Ste. Marie and the Tone Road Lions Club.

Bob loved hunting, fishing, golfing and camping. Above all else, he cherished spending time with his family, especially attending his grandchildren's sporting events and cheering them on.

Bob is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dodie Batho; son, Robert James (Kaye) Batho Jr. and Christopher James (Memory) Batho, both of Pickford;

grandchildren, Lance Robert Batho, Drew Robert Batho, Luke Richard Batho and Olivia Grace Batho; sister, Judith (Edward) Kocks of Freeland, Michigan; brothers, William (Betsy) Batho of Lenoire, Tennessee and Donald Kenneth (Kathy) Batho of Knoxville, Tennessee; sisters, Mary (Richard) Storey of Pickford and Frances "Sas" (David) Miller of DeTour, Michigan; brother, Larry (Linda) Batho of Knoxville; brother-in-law, Gene Olson of Fargo, North Dakota; as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Frances; his infant brother, Kenneth Batho; his parents-in-law, Roland and Catherine Klosterman; and his sister-in-law, Donna Olson.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Bob's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dodie, I'm sorry to hear of Bob's passing.*

Bob and I were classmates at Pickford High School, but I really didn't get to know Bob, until we were Navy buddies. We had lots of fun memories at "That Place". It was at "That Place", where I first met the one and only, Dodie. If I remember correctly, you threw a peanut and hit Bob in the head, which set off 56 years of love and marriage.

My thinking of Bob brings a big smile to my face. He was a fun guy to be around and we had lots of laughs, especially at That Place. Where? That Place Across From The Sports Arena, in San Diego!

Gary Hillock - May 02 at 02:28 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing, thoughts, hugs and prayers to the family.*

Sherry Skinner - April 28 at 07:50 PM

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“ *It is with great sorrow I send my condolences to the Batho family. I did not know Bob but I worked with Dodie for a number of years. She is an incredible soul and I am very sorry she has experienced this loss.*

Mark Kuehne - April 25 at 01:17 AM