



Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson

March 18, 1935 - September 16, 2021

Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson, age 86, of St. Cloud, Florida, and long-time resident of Drummond Island, Michigan, died Thursday, September 16, 2021, in Florida, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 18, 1935, in Premium, Kentucky, to parents Robert O. and Thelma (Frazier) Tomlinson.

Bob grew up in Premium, Kentucky, and spent most of his working life as a painter in Michigan and Florida. He met his loving wife, Jean (Socia) Tomlinson during a fishing trip to Drummond Island, Michigan. They married on Drummond Island on December 31, 1971, and operated their painting business, Tomlinson Painting, for many years. They were snowbirds and enjoyed spending the winter at their vacation home in Florida as well as traveling in their younger years across the United States in their motorhome. They managed to visit 48 of the 50 states in the United States. They loved to meet new people on their travels and exploring the world together.

Bob was a member of the Moose Lodge, Lion's Club, as well as a Mason and Shriner.

Bob loved all aspects of gardening and keeping his garden and lawn in pristine condition. He enjoyed tending to his plants. After Jean passed away, Bob started growing lots of flowers in his garden and had a deck overflowing with beautiful flowers.

Bob is survived by his children, Beverly (Bill) Pennington of Arcanum, Ohio, Sharon Sadegh of Huntington Beach, California, and Johnna (Roy) Strader of Upton, Kentucky; grandchildren, Sheldon (Tammara) Hoyt, Milo William Jones, Senta Flener, and Tiffany Adams; great-grandchildren, Elijah, Noah, and Leah Hoyt, Bentley, and Nevavh Gupton; sister, Ann Henson of Englewood, Ohio; significant other for the last twelve years, Nelva Hasson of St. Cloud; and special niece, Deb (Hal) Burton of Drummond Island, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jean; stepson, William "Billy" Fisher; brothers, Ray Tomlinson and Tom Tomlinson, as well as his parents, Robert O. and Thelma (Frazier) Tomlinson.

A visitation will be held September 28, 2021, at the Drummond Island Lutheran Church from 1:00 – 2:00 PM with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 PM. A masonic graveside service will be held at the Drummond Island Cemetery following services if weather permits.

Final resting place is Drummond Island Cemetery on Drummond Island.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Lutheran Church
29515 E. Channel Rd
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Funeral Service

SEP **28.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson.



September 27, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson.



September 27, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson.*



September 27, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson.*



September 27, 2021 at 12:08 AM



“ *Bob was one of the kindest gentlemen we have had the good fortune to know. We enjoyed our morning talks with him and Tootie. Our dog loved Bob and on our FL walks she always asked if we were going to turn down his street. He was the only person we didn't scold for giving our dog treats everytime he saw her because he got so much joy in doing so. We send our prayers and thoughts to his family and Tootie.*

Sharon & Robert Hanley - September 26, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *I enjoyed visiting uncle Bob in Michigan and Florida he showed us around the island, took us out on a boat . In Florida we would go to the coffee cup for breakfast we're the waitress all knew Bob . He will be missed dearly but never forgotten. RIP uncle Bob*

Tim Etling - September 26, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson.



September 26, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Tomlinson.



September 25, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ Bob was my neighbor her in Florida the first day we moved in he came down to our house to welcome us to the neighborhood. Bob was such a sweet man ! I'll will cherish our talks of owning our own businesses!! He will surely be missed !! Rest easy my friend.

Deryl Ames - September 25, 2021 at 06:00 AM



“ Bob was the most kind and caring person we knew. We enjoyed so much stopping for a sit and a visit with him and Tootie. He endless giving of his garden goodies will long be remembered. RIP Bob you can now tend your garden in heaven.

Mike & Diane



M&D - September 24, 2021 at 08:41 PM

DB

“ *RIP Bob. We've missed those glorious flowers the past couple summers, you will long be remembered for the beauty you brought and shared with so many of us.*

Donna and Tim Burden

donna burden - September 24, 2021 at 04:02 PM

BB

“ Bob truly was a gentleman. He lived to help and give to everyone. I met Bob in 2010 when he and my mother invited me and the kids to visit Drummond Island. Within days it was granpa Bob, to the kids 4 and 6 yrs old. He made us feel welcome every second of each trip we made, borrowed bikes sized for the kids perfectly, renting a pontoon boat to explore Huron, driving us to Sault locks and Mackinac Island ferry. He loved Michigan and st cloud FL. Both homes were immaculate as a putting green. Drummond papers printed pictures of his flower beds and garden output. Half the locals found Bob when the tomatoes beans cucumbers and things were ripe. He knew everyone and he and Jean had painted at least half the buildings on Drummond, plus the nicest hotels on Mackinac. Bob was a master painter, hard working and with an eye for color. One job he showed took 5 colors, he said, but they blended so well it looked like one hue perfectly lit by the sun. Bob never bragged but every inn he painted offered him a free week as extra thanks. Even after major aneurysm surgery and losing a kidney he had an hour of yard work done before I even had coffee. Bob lived like everyone and everything he cared about would be well tended and never lack anything. When I could help he acted like I had moved mountains for him. It was impossible to be more generous than Bob ever. Even his last month he never complained or asked for anything. The cancer pain got too bad to ignore, which upset him as he couldn't trim the lawn. 4 weeks later he died quietly at home with Nelva at his side. No fuss or bother even to the end. Bob was truly a kind and caring man, we will miss him greatly. He was as much a grandfather to my kids as their genetic ones, and we'll treasure the memories of summer trips to Drummond. Thank you for all, Bob

Bryan Beck - September 24, 2021 at 12:21 PM