



Robert George Kraft

January 25, 1945 - September 8, 2017

Robert George Kraft, age 72, of Hessel, Michigan and West Milton, Ohio, died Friday, September 8, 2017, at his home on Lake Huron. He was born January 25, 1945, in Dayton, Ohio, to Robert Charles and Helen Lillian Kraft.

Bob grew up on Haines Road in Beaver Creek, Ohio. He graduated from Beaver Creek H.S. in 1963. As a graduate of University of Dayton, he held B.S. and M.S. degrees and was halfway through his PhD in Education. He was a Dayton City School teacher for 35 years at Roth H.S., Dunbar H.S., Wilbur-Wright H.S., and Stivers H.S. teaching History and The Constitution.

In West Milton, Bob was involved with the Cub and Boy Scouts as a leader for 30 years. He was a member of the Shriners and Lions Club and was awarded the Harold Green Citizenship award. He was an avid car collector and a member of the MG Car Club in Dayton. Bob liked to trade, buy, and sell antiques and at one time owned his own shop called Cricket Korner at his residence. Following that he opened Kraft's Christmas Tree Farm as a father-son seasonal business, which is in its 20th year of operation.

In 1993, Bob and his family bought a cottage on St. Martin's Pt., Hessel, Michigan where they have enjoyed the summer season for that many years. He was on the Association Board and a known person to so many. As a young man Bob had wanted to be a forest ranger. He became involved in

keeping the trails adjacent to the Point open and was very proud that he was able to establish a volunteer program to maintain those trails.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Ann (Ironside) Kraft, who feels blessed to have 40 years of wonderful memories of the fun and loving life they had together; daughter, Elizabeth Ann Kraft; son and daughter-in-law, Robert C. and Lindsay Kraft; and grandsons, Jacob Kraft and Evan Kraft. He is also survived by one brother, Michael C. Kraft. In addition, brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Susan Ironside and Robert and Pat Ironside; five nieces and nephews, their spouses and children. His parents and sister-in-law Martha Ironside are deceased.

Per Bob's wishes, there will be no service or memorial. Bob loved life and lived every day to its fullest. Bob had an amazing sense of humor that will be missed by all who knew him. The family wishes to thank all the wonderful friends and family in the north on beautiful St. Martin's Point and the surrounding community and their friends at home in Ohio.

Thank you to the local emergency squad, Deputy Sheriff Arnold and the R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert George Kraft*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Robert George Kraft*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Robert George Kraft*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I roomed with Bob for two years ('72 and '73) at U.D. To the guys in the house he was known as "Phantom Bob" because he was always working across the street at the funeral home and we rarely saw him. My condolences to the Kraft family.*

*Chris Hayes
Olathe, Kansas*

Chris Hayes - December 19, 2017 at 07:36 PM



“ *Les And Sharon Trittschuh lit a candle in memory of Robert George Kraft*



Les and Sharon Trittschuh - September 28, 2017 at 03:32 PM

JL

“ *He was a renaissance man. Nature, politics and all that makes the world go round were topics upon which Bob had strong opinions and loved to express his views. I will keep his family in my prayers.*

Jose Lopez - September 22, 2017 at 06:45 AM

RB

“ *Shocked to hear about Bob's passing. My condolences to you and your family. I considered Bob a very good friend of mine. He came up to Pickford and visited with me on the Tuesday before his passing. God Bless*

Richard Beacom - September 16, 2017 at 06:56 AM

GF

“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and peace in the fond memories of them, and The Almighty God's promise to restore those asleep in death, to perfect life on a paradise Earth, as written in The Bible for our comfort.*

Greene Family - September 15, 2017 at 11:26 AM