



Robert McLeod

October 7, 1937 - September 7, 2022

Robert Bruce McLeod, age 84, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning, September 7, 2022, at his home as wished surrounded by love.

Robert was born on October 7, 1937, in Toledo, Ohio to the late Donald and Mary (Kilbride) McLeod. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1956. On October 25, 1958, Robert married Barbara J. Bourque at St. Joseph Parish in Sault Ste. Marie. He worked for the Corps of Engineers. First as a river surveyor and later at the Soo Locks. While at the locks he worked at every job, retiring as Chief Lockmaster in 1995, after 37 years and 10 Months of service. One of his awards was the Operator/Maintainer of the Year Award 1987. Robert was a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. As part of his dedication to the support of his family, he also operated a part-time roofing and carpenter business for a number of years, putting new roofs on a great number of homes and buildings around the Sault and Chippewa County. One of his biggest projects was completing the reroofing of the LSSU administration building. His children were happy to be included in these projects. Through these and other activities he instilled a strong work ethic and technical skills that have been a great benefit in their life.

Robert had many family ties to Neebish island spending many hours and days at his grandfather's farm on the island. He enjoyed going to his family's cabin which he helped his father build. He spent many hours fishing, hunting,

swimming, and snowmobiling with his own family on the island, creating lasting fond memories for himself and especially his children.

One of his greatest innate talents was marksmanship. As a youth he belong to the Isaac Walton League and participated in a number of shooting matches winning several medals including the UP Championship in which he took second place. During his time with the National Guard 1437th Bridge Co he was selected as Guardsmen of the month. An article in the Evening News read "Sgt. Mcleod is considered to be the "Crack Shot" of the unit".

He was very proud of his Scottish Heritage. He often wore a tie, scarf or hat in the MacLeod Clan Tartan to special events.

Robert is survived by his children: Steve (Diane) McLeod of Highland Village, TX, Gary (Mary) McLeod of Sault Ste. Marie, Mike (Karla) McLeod of Kincheloe, and Brenda McGahey of Sault Ste. Marie; 12 grandchildren: Jessica, Ian, Matt, Mayme, Lance, Jordan, Michaela, Paige, Noah, Lindsey, Brandon, and Tyler; and 7 great-grandchildren: Evelyn, Milo, Parker, Charlotte, J. Rayden, Jackson, and Jude

His grandchildren adored him. He also taught them a number of life lessons through fun activities, especially playing "checkers" with them. Of course, he would always win, and of course, they would always come back for more.

He was a devoted husband and father who always made sure his family was taken care of.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his wife: Barbara J McLeod; and one brother: Donald J. McLeod, Jr.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Bob. My sincere condolences go out to his family.
I worked with Bob at the Locks. Not only was he a mentor but he was also a friend. He will be missed.
Janet Lozon

Janet Lozon - September 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Bob, I extend my deepest sympathy in your loss.
Prayers and peace for comfort in the days ahead.
A friend of the Corps of Engineer days.



joyce henderson - September 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM