



Mr. Robert L Sakuta

July 26, 1942 - May 17, 2020

Robert Lee Sakuta, 77 of Kalkaska MI, passed away unexpectedly at 12:38 pm on Sunday May 17, 2020 at Munson Hospital in Grayling, Michigan. Known to all of us as “Bob“, Mr. Sakuta was born July 26, 1942 in Yale Michigan to Sergeij and Marjorie Sakuta. Bob graduated from Brown City High School in 1960 where he served on the Student Council and played Varsity Basketball and Football. On January 20, 1962, he married the love of his life, Glennis Pridemore, in his hometown of Brown City. He attended Central Michigan University (Fire Up Chips!) where he received his degree in Engineering. Bob worked for GM as a supervisor of Quality Engineering until his retirement in 1992. After retiring (not really) Bob and his wife moved from White Lake to Kalkaska. Bob was always active and with no time to slow down he and Glennis started a successful Consulting Company (GFS Consulting) where they worked with auto suppliers throughout Northern Michigan. In 2006 Bob lost his beautiful and beloved Glennis. In 2007 he retired for the second time, however, unwilling to fritter away his days watching Jerry Springer or Judge Judy, Bob and his longtime friend and now sweetheart and companion, Jan (Birdie) Munson-Bird joined Crossmark, later SAS Retail Services, as a Merchandiser until his passing.

Bob was an active and respected member of the community. He was also a member of the Bear Lake Community Church, ministered by Pastor Scott and his wife Nancy, where he went to worship God and enjoy church fellowship.

He was an original member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE #4496) in Kalkaska and raised thousands for the club running weekly BINGO games as well as other fundraisers, including his efforts to raise money for our first responders at Bear Lake Fire Department. Bob always went above and beyond to be a good friend, if you were fortunate enough to know Bob you knew first hand of his generosity. And if you were a neighbor you likely had snow cleared from your driveway at one time, probably more than once! As good of a friend as Bob was to those who knew him, he was an even better father to his children and "Papa" to his grandchildren. His love for them was deep, unwavering and unconditional.

We have lost a great man who was loved by so many and who will be missed by every one of us, we thank God for giving us the gift of such an incredible person. Be certain that we will find him at God's right hand when we meet again.

Bob is survived by his loving children; Robert D. (Elyse) Sakuta of Clarkston, Lynn McClelland AKA; Mom's Favorite (Jeff Quinn) of Waterford and Rodney L. Sakuta of Kalkaska. His grandchildren; Joshua Justice, Jessica Sakuta, Allen Mitchell McClelland, his girlfriend Jan Munson-Bird of Grayling, and his siblings; Judy (Gary) Dennis of Brown City, and Bonnie (Bill) Bonesteel of Brown City. Bob is also survived by all of his "Girls" along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Proceeding Bob in death are his Mother and Father, his wife of 44 years Glennis, or "G" as he liked to call her, his brother Wayne Sakuta and his beloved granddaughter Nicole McClelland.

Sadly, there will be no visitation or funeral at this time due to Covid-19!

Please watch for an update to be posted soon. We are planning a 'Celebration

of Bob's Life' towards the end of July. (Hopefully the weekend of his birthday.)
Memorials may be made in remembrance of Robert Lee Sakuta to 'Gift of Life
Michigan'.

Cremation arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Our Family
Serving Yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP.....*”



Adele Hopkins - July 26, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ *Mr. Robert L Sakuta*”

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Mr. Robert L Sakuta*”

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM

PK

“ Anybody who knew Bob as I read a lot of the tributes, we all shared a great friendship with a wonderful, wonderful man. His welcoming personality and smile will be missed by many

From the moment I knew Bob which started many years ago at the Moose Club in Kalkaska. Bob was the Chairperson and ran the bingo there. He did a lot of hard work and raised a lot of money for the Moose. We had a great group of volunteers, Bob took very good care of us and made sure we knew our job if we had any problems he was right there to help.

I met Glennis at the Moose bingo, it didn't take long, I had a gentleman friend by the name of Bob, we found ourselves over at their place playing cards, eating delicious food and just having good times. Before long I found myself working for Bob at Dura "G" would say to me 'do not let him work you to hard, I am the boss'. During this time Bob, Jim Sweet , Bill Dikman, Hoot and myself started the bingo at the Eagles in Kalkaska. We had so many laughs. Again it was Bob who was our anchor and made this bingo a big success. After starting and running two successful bingos, and running a business . By now just about all the bingo crowd gave Bob the nickname BINGO BOB. Bob took the time to help me start a very successful bingo at the Kalkaska Senior Center, he spent many hours showing me the paperwork and explaining the rules. It has been close to 12 years since! we started and have raised thousands for the center.

In between doing all this and I'm sure doing many things for other people Bob took the time to help my nephew rebuild part of his house and I know he taught him a lot of things about plumbing and electric work and building in general.

I admired his Devotion to his family how he loved each and every one of them and would do anything for any of them.

it was a privilege to call Bob my friend, I know he's up there with his loved ones looking down upon us smiling.

Miss you my dear friend. Pat kimbrough

Patricia Kimbrough - June 07, 2020 at 11:41 AM

LF

“ *RIP Bob, your smiling face and great personality was something I could always count on when I saw you! You will be greatly missed!*
Laurie Finch

Laurie Finch - June 04, 2020 at 09:25 PM

DW

“ *I worked with Bob at Dura. What a wonderful guy & full of life. I don't know if I ever remember Bob "not smiling." What a great loss of a great man.*

Darlene Windish - June 04, 2020 at 06:23 PM

KI

“ *Uncle Bob, what a fantastic man he was, always had something nice to say, always had a great smile and was willing to lend a hand to anyone that needed it. A great memory of him was when I was little, calling out my name to get my Christmas present, "Big Mouth", I ran for that gift, I didn't care what you called me. LOL*
You are now with so many of our loved ones, catching up I am sure. Until we all meet again, rest in peace. Love Sissy aka Big Mouth
xoxoxoxo

Kim - May 29, 2020 at 11:24 AM

MV

“ *I am sad to hear of Bobs' passing. When I worked at Dura, we would have chats of great conversations. Rest in Peace dear friend.*

Michelle Vazquez - May 26, 2020 at 10:28 AM

BB

“ Bob was my brother he would do anything for anybody that ask. I will always remember when we were younger he would chase us down to Bear Lake with a snake I hated snakes he would just laugh. Always made you feel welcome at his house, the one time my sister and I went gambling we had such a great time. He will be missed very much. Love you Bob say hi to all and I will see you again when its my time. I do remember one thing he said to me when I talked to him May 15 at the end of the conversation see ya kid love ya

Baby sister Bonnie Bonesteel

Bonnie Bonesteel - May 23, 2020 at 07:46 AM

TY

“ I went fishing with Robert once near near his cabin UP NORTH in '91. After he took me to the local bar for a friendly autumn Saturday afternoon beer. We didn't catch a damn thing. But the guy just made you feel right at home, like family.

Terry Young - May 23, 2020 at 03:27 AM

VJ

“ We've lost a beautiful soul, and Heaven has gained one. You will be missed dearly Bob.

Vonda Johnson - May 22, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob? He was a great neighbor for many years in White Lake, Lynn my heart aches for you and your family, many prayers for you all for strenght and comfort to get threw this very sad time..... much love to you all, the Roddys 🙏💙🙏🌈

Marianne Roddy - May 22, 2020 at 06:46 PM

MR

Didnt mean to put that ? Mark, sorry, wouldnt let me fix it

Marianne Roddy - May 22, 2020 at 06:49 PM

CF

I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I worked with him at Dura for many years, and ran into him frequently while he was out working in the grocery stores. He always had a smile and friendly conversation, and was always happy to see you. Our condolences to the family.

Cyndie Forster - June 04, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ *I love you Dad!!! Missing you every minute of the day!!! Don't worry about anything down here. We will take care of everything just as you asked. I hope your reunion with Mom and Coli was as wonderful as I imagined it to be. Keep my girl busy until I get there. And give them both big hugs and kisses from me and lots for you too!!!* 💙💙💙💙

Lynn McClelland - May 22, 2020 at 05:46 PM