



Robert Duane Graf

June 17, 1946 - May 21, 2016

Robert “Bob” Duane Graf, age 69 of Afton, Tennessee, formerly of Rensselaer, passed away suddenly Saturday May 21, 2016 in Rochelle, Illinois. Bob was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on June 17, 1946, the son of Marian Louise (Hoeflerlin) and William Alfred Graf.

On February 14, 1971, he married Janice Lynn Bennett whom he met at Lake Cumberland, Wisconsin. They recently celebrated 45 years of marriage. Bob graduated from Rensselaer Central High School, the Class of 1965. He worked as a carpenter and handyman while coming back to Rensselaer during the summers. He was a former self-employed farmer up until 1986 and also formerly worked at the St. Joseph’s College Power Plant for 3 years. He was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Florida, served as a 4-H leader for 13 years and enjoyed woodworking, being outdoors, hunting and fishing up on Lake Cumberland in Wisconsin.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Janice, three children, Diana Graf of Greeneville, TN; Debra (Robert) Strickland of Afton, TN; and Gary (Alicia) Graf of Bradenton, FL; three brothers, William (Patricia) Graf of Wheatfield, IN, Dennis Graf of Rensselaer and Larry (Deb) Graf of Rensselaer. Also surviving are 3 grandchildren, Robert Strickland, III, Randall Strickland and Felicity Graf. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends are invited with visit with family on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Cremation to follow. Memorials may be made in memory of Robert to the Manatee 4-H Club or Rural Resources.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
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Rensselaer, IN 47978
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Tribute Wall



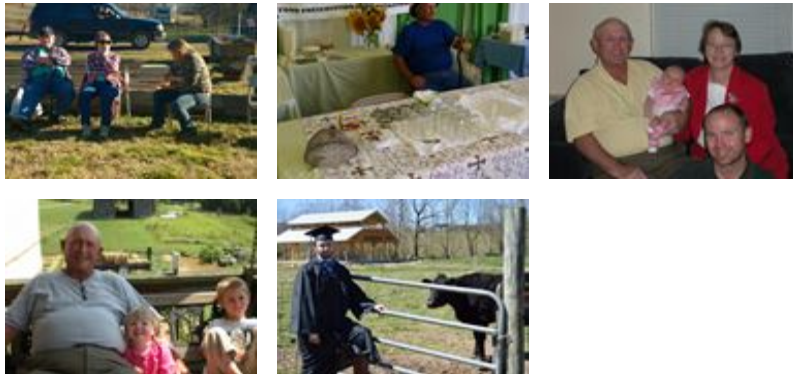
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Duane Graf* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 24, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 25, 2016 at 11:53 AM

LW

“ *Linda Vaughn Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert Duane Graf* ”



Linda Vaughn Williams - May 25, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *Condolences from the Duane Vander Woude Family*



Cindy Zeldenrust Vander Woude - May 24, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 24, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Duane Graf.*



May 24, 2016 at 02:58 PM

JU

“ We are going to miss you and Bob coming to Cumberland. Bob always brightened my days as he always had some smart remark about something to make me laugh. He was such a great person with a big heart. He will be so sadly missed.

Hugs
Julie Neurer

Julie - May 24, 2016 at 09:27 AM

YF

“ Your GFM Market Family.& Friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Duane Graf.



Your GFM Market Family.& Friends - May 24, 2016 at 08:03 AM

PP

“ He was a man of Honor and loved to help others. He was a man who could make laugh. The love for his family was seen by everyone. Heaven is sweeter and I'm sure he is helping build our mansions there because he loved helping everyone. He will be greatly be missed. Janice and family remember he is gone on a vacation but he will be waiting with his great big smile. Love you all and praying God will be near you all in this time. It's not good by it's see you later. Joy comes in the morning!!!! Pat Price

Pat Price - May 23, 2016 at 11:56 AM

PP

“ Pat Price lit a candle in memory of Robert Duane Graf



Pat Price - May 23, 2016 at 11:49 AM

HL

“ Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Robert Duane Graf



Homer and Theresa Lakin - May 23, 2016 at 11:38 AM

DL

“ Dorothy Gilbert Lefler lit a candle in memory of Robert Duane Graf



Dorothy Gilbert Lefler - May 23, 2016 at 10:57 AM

TM

“ I can't even begin to say what an AWESOME man ! So many memories !! From 4 H camping trips to remodeling my Florida room into a dining room! Him and Janice & the kids are FAMILY. He left an impact on so many kids in manatee county! R.I.P. My dear friend.

tammy meador - May 23, 2016 at 06:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Duane Graf.*



May 22, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *Praying for you all in this time of need if you all need anything please let us know. He was a great man and he will be missed*



Deanna Price - May 22, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *We were so very blessed to be able to vacation with Bob And Jan. We has so many wonderful memories. I will truly miss picking on him. Keeping the family in my prayers.*

liz Yeoman - May 22, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family...he was good man*



Jerry and Beth Hammond - May 22, 2016 at 05:36 PM

DG

“ *Daddy you will be missed very much.*

Diana Graf - May 22, 2016 at 04:59 PM