



Dr. Robert C. Kaye

August 2, 1947 - May 3, 2024

Dr. Robert C. Kaye, 76, of Rensselaer, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 3, 2024, at home with his devoted family by his side. He had bravely fought against Parkinson's Disease for the past 25 years. Bob was born August 2, 1947, in Hammond, IN, to Frank and Helen Kaye. He was a proud graduate of Bishop Noll High School, Class of 1965. It was there that he met his future wife, Cheryl Peifer, and they recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. Bob then attended Purdue University, West Lafayette, earning a BS degree in Pharmacy in 1970. Following that, he obtained his medical degree from Indiana University in 1974. After graduation, he and Cheryl decided on a change of scenery, travelling across the country out to Santa Monica, California, where Bob was accepted into a 3-year Family Medicine Residency. They loved the beach and mountain surroundings, and it was out there that they welcomed their first child. Family ties, however, drew them back to the Midwest and they relocated to Rensselaer in 1977. They were blessed with their second child in 1982.

Anyone acquainted with Doc knew of his unwavering devotion to Purdue, ever grateful, ever true, he was surely one of the most loyal alumni ever! In his spare time, Bob enjoyed the outdoors, often golfing or fishing. And he had fun for a few years with a referee crew at middle school/high school football games! Doc was raised with homegrown values and carried those over into his career. He served his community as a physician for 27 years treating each

and every one of his patients like they were family.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cheryl, and two children, Leslie (Rafael) Kaye and Bradley (Heidi) Kaye, and one granddaughter, Niamh Adora Kaye, all of Chicago; siblings Sandra (John) Iaconetti of Scottsdale AZ; Ruth (Mark) Richardson of Anaheim CA; William Kaye of Wheatfield; Karen (Donald) Sidor of Valparaiso; as well as many treasured in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial Mass will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. CT at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 318 N. McKinley, Rensselaer with Father Joshua Bennett officiating. A Celebration of Bob's Life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741; www.Michaeljfox.org

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Donna Smith And Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye



Donna Smith and family - June 25, 2024 at 11:40 AM

MM

“ The 3 years I spent with Bob in Santa Monica continue to give me fond memories after all these years. Bobby, as I called him was a great friend , a wonderful doctor and I watched him start his loving family. The world will miss him

mike kelber, MD - June 03, 2024 at 09:49 AM

MR

“ Sending prayers to the entire family



Margo Roberts - May 22, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ Teresa Snyder Rishel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye



Teresa Snyder Rishel - May 19, 2024 at 03:46 PM

DF

“ *Diane Fish lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye*



Diane Fish - May 18, 2024 at 04:58 PM

DF

With sympathy Peter and Diane Fish

Diane Fish - May 18, 2024 at 05:01 PM

BO

“ *Bill, Jennie, Sean & family, Erik & Ozana purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.*



Bill, Jennie, Sean & family, Erik & Ozana - May 17, 2024 at 10:40 AM

BO

“ *Bill, Jennie, Sean & family, Erik & Ozana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.*

Bill, Jennie, Sean & family, Erik & Ozana - May 17, 2024 at 10:40 AM

EM

“ Eric McElyea purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.



Eric McElyea - May 17, 2024 at 05:42 AM

EM

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Eric McElyea - May 17, 2024 at 05:42 AM

KF

“ Karen, Don, Kristen, Joey and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.



Karen, Don, Kristen, Joey and family - May 16, 2024 at 11:14 PM

KF

“ Karen, Don, Kristen, Joey and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.

Karen, Don, Kristen, Joey and family - May 16, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.



May 16, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ Ruth R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.

Ruth R. - May 16, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ Les was my roommate at Northwestern University. Dr. Kaye (Bob) was always wonderful to me, he treated me like his own daughter. I will always have fond memories of our dinner at Lawry's in Chicago - it was both Les' and my favorite restaurant. And I remember Bob gave Les and me flu shots freshman year in our dorm room. Bob and the family also took me to a Purdue basketball game when I visited them in Rensselaer during winter break. I will really miss him. Sending much love and many hugs to Cheryl, Les, Brad and Niamh. I love you all.

Linda

Linda Wang - May 15, 2024 at 09:34 PM

WW

“ With love, Linda Wang purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.



With love, Linda Wang - May 15, 2024 at 09:25 PM

LW

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Linda

Linda Wang - May 15, 2024 at 09:15 PM

JR

“ I had the privilege of working with Dr Kaye at the hospital as well as being his patient. He was a wonderful caring doctor. He always was encouraging to me at work and I still have some of his routine phrases he dictated and I transcribed in my brain. He was meticulous in his work and I always admired him. Rest in Peace Dr Kaye. I'm grateful for your influence.

Janice (Henning) Roebuck - May 14, 2024 at 08:01 PM

SL

“ *Stan And Hedy Larson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye*



Stan and Hedy Larson - May 11, 2024 at 04:29 PM

JW

“ *Sending sincere sympathy to Dr. Kaye's family. He was our family Dr. for many years.*



Janet and Roger Warne - May 11, 2024 at 03:43 PM

TG

“ *Dr. Kaye was a an amazing and caring doctor and boss. I can still see him coming in the back door with his briefcase and ready to work at 7:30 in the morning. I loved working with him and taking care of our patients. He Will Forever be remembered. Prayers and love to Cheryl Leslie and Brad. You had an amazing father and husband.*

Trudi Gudeman - May 11, 2024 at 02:02 PM

MS

“ *I enjoyed working with Dr k at the clinic of family medicine for many years. Much sympathy to his wife cheryl and children. Dr k will always be in my memories*

Mary Snyder - May 11, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DE

“ *Deb & George Ellis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye*



Deb & George Ellis - May 11, 2024 at 09:36 AM

EL

“ *Much love to Cheryl, Leslie and Brad!! I love you all, Doc will be missed by many. God speed!* 💔😔



Elaine - May 10, 2024 at 11:26 PM

DH

“ *Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye*



Dale Huhn - May 10, 2024 at 09:22 PM

TM

“ *Dr.Kaye was our family doctor when we moved to Rensselaer. He took his time to get to know us and was the most caring person. I've not met another family doctor quite like him. RIP Doc, God speed.*

Tamarra Madson - May 10, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.



May 10, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ Your friends from RCHS Class of 2001 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert C. Kaye.

Your friends from RCHS Class of 2001 - May 10, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ My heart goes out to you Cheryl and family. Bob was an always smiling and loved socializing with everyone. He has struggled for many years along with you and family. May he rest in eternal peace and comfort.
Love to all ❤️. Mary Ann F

Mary Ann Fiegler - May 10, 2024 at 06:01 PM



Cheryl, I'm so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He truly is at peace now..I have some fond memories of Alice and I together with the two of you. Love, Bud

Bud Darnell - May 11, 2024 at 07:14 AM

A(

“ *Dr.Kaye was like a father growing up with my best friend Les. I loved how we playfully argued IU vs PU all the time. He was a good man. My thoughts and prayers are with Cheryl, Leslie, Brad and their families.* ☐ 🙏

Angela Mckay (Dill) - May 10, 2024 at 06:01 PM

DB

“ *Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye*



Deric and Mindy Beier - May 10, 2024 at 05:20 PM

LS

We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He always had a smile on his face whenever we saw him. Cherish all the good times and great memories you shared together. He is at peace now. May God be with you and your family during these difficult times. Love and prayers Jerry and Linda Steele

Linda (Peifer) Steele - May 10, 2024 at 06:47 PM

LM

“ *Lori Mattos lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert C. Kaye*



Lori Mattos - May 10, 2024 at 04:54 PM

TG

Dr. Kaye was a Caring doctor and boss. My name is Trudi and I was One of his nurses. I still remember him coming in the back door at the clinic at 7:30 in the morning with his briefcase and ready to work. I miss working with him and taking care of our Patients. My heart and prayers go out to Cheryl Leslie Brad and their families.

Trudi Gudeman - May 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM

MA

“ Many memories of Dr Kaye as a great friend, doctor and boss. His presence was always felt in the halls of CFM long after he retired. Sending love and prayers to Cheryl, Leslie, Brad and families.

Mary Odom Alberts - May 10, 2024 at 03:22 PM

GW

“ So sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of being a part of his home care. Really enjoyed our talks. Rest in peace, friend.



Gayla Warran - May 10, 2024 at 03:12 PM

LD

“ I will always remember when his son Brad was born. My daughter, Misty was born around the same time (June 82) and Brad had a sign on the side of his bed/bassinet/whatever the hospital calls those...."I will play Purdue football in the year..... We loved it!! He was a proud papa!!!! So sorry for your loss. They don't make Dr's like they did back then....

Linda DeMoss - May 10, 2024 at 01:25 PM

MW

I had the honor of working as secretary to Dr Kaye. He was one heck of a nice guy. He was a great doctor and his patients loved him. My sympathy to Cheryl and family . He's free of pain now . May he rest in peace.

Marge Wealing - May 10, 2024 at 03:29 PM

PG

“ This is Dale and Peg Gudeman from Francesville. Dr Kaye was our Dr thru raising our 3 children. He was so caring and always had time. We have many fond memories and now may he rest in peace. Bless you dear family

Peg Gudeman - May 10, 2024 at 12:11 PM

GW

So sorry for your loss Cheryl and family. He was a great doctor and friend in the years I worked for him. May God bless you all during this difficult time.

Gloria Waymouth - May 10, 2024 at 05:10 PM

DD

Wow—what an unforgettable 10 years I had working with Dr. Kaye. He cared for every patient he saw, and always did his best. Dr.Kaye, Trudi and myself made a caring team exemplified by Dr. Kaye. Together we had laughs and tears, he always did his BEST. I feel so blessed to have worked and learned from such an outstanding doctor. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers, Cheryl, Leslie, Brad, and families. From—as Dr. Kaye called me—Nurse Doolin or Mother Theresa

Diane Doolin - May 17, 2024 at 05:35 PM