



Robert Wayne Brutcher

May 13, 1948 - October 17, 2024

Princeton - Robert Wayne Brutcher, affectionately known as "Bob," passed away peacefully at his home in Princeton, IL, on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the age of 76. Born on May 13, 1948, Bob was the beloved son of Robert LaVern Brutcher and Mary Christine (Bickett) Brutcher.

A proud graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 1966, Bob pursued higher education with dedication, earning his Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and later a Master's degree from Illinois State University. Bob's passion for education led him to begin his career as a science teacher. With a deep commitment to fostering learning, he continued his career in educational leadership, ultimately serving as Superintendent in Anna Jonesboro, IL, Pittsfield, IL and retiring from Albion, IL.

Bob was an active member of the Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow in Albion and found joy in connecting with his community in various ways. He was known for his love of writing stories, his enthusiasm for community theater, and the warmth he brought to classrooms by reading to kindergarten students. Bob had a special dedication to the foreign exchange students he worked with and enjoyed broadening their horizons as much as his own.

His interests extended to collecting coffee mugs, each one a memento from different places, symbolizing his love of travel and connection with people from all walks of life.

He leaves behind a legacy of service, warmth, and dedication to his family, students, colleagues, and community. His memory will be cherished by his friends, former students, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Surviving Bob, his siblings, Frank Brutcher of Princeton, IL, Bruce (Sandy) Brutcher of Rantoul, IL, Marianna (Kelly) Barkley of Princeton, IL, Brian (Bonnie) Brutcher of Santa Anna, CA, David (Enid) Brutcher of Altamont Springs, FL, and Janet (Rob) Huffstodt of Valparaiso, IN; nephews, nieces, great nieces, great nephews and two aunts as well as a multitude of cousins and friends.

Preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, his parents, Robert and Mary Brutcher, one brother Richard Brutcher as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Princeton High School Foundation in Princeton, IL in Bob's name.

A visitation will be held in Princeton, IL, at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Funeral Services being held immediately after visitation at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Michael Hickok officiating.

Graveside services to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, IL with words of comfort offered by Pastor Michael Hickok.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

NOV 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers to the family and friends. Sandie Reed Paul Smith LaMoille



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“ My sincerest condolences go out to Bob's family. I know he will be missed and remembered by many. I was Bob's administrative assistant when he was the Principal at Tonica high school. I believe he was my most memorable and favorite "boss". Laughter was part of each day and I thrived on his quick wit and sense of humor. His laugh was so contagious and we could laugh at the most innocuous situations. I regret not staying in touch with him. I look at his photo in this obituary and it makes me smile. I'm glad he was in my life path.
Ellen Lund

Ellen Lund - November 09, 2024 at 03:22 PM

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“ I got to know Robert as “Boog” in junior high. We shared an interest in biology, particularly the outdoors. We constructed a wooden terrarium for our science classroom and stocked it with soil, moss, grass, sticks, and a tiger salamander. Boog and I loved handling the salamander (it felt like a water balloon) and feeding it grasshoppers which it snapped up with startling quickness. Boog had a particular grin and laugh every time this happened. We also pursued baby garter snakes, which Boog took home, much to his mom's distress. Those are a couple of fond memories I still can recall of those halcyon days as kids in Princeton. Sorry to hear of Robert's passing. May he rest in peace. — John Frederick (“Rick”) May, Biology Professor Emeritus, Marian University, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

John “Rick” May - November 06, 2024 at 09:09 AM