



## Robert Thomas Deakin

June 10, 1958 - March 17, 2018

Age 59.

Beloved husband of Rebecca for 24 years. Loving father of Adam and Alyssa. Dear son of Audrey Deakin and the late James Deakin Sr. Brother of Gregory (Angela) Deakin and James (Deborah) Deakin. Uncle of many.

In Dad's pocket, and right above him was the Image of the Divine Mercy

Our lord's words:

"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in you. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world." "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death, I myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary of saint Faustina #47 and #48)

Rob paved his own road, which now and always guides us. This road is paved with a designed navigation and built from strength, wisdom and love. For many he was a mentor and a teacher. He defined devotion, love and forgiveness in ways previously thought impossible. Rob was a friend, in the deepest essence, to so many. His infinite love was shared and given to us, his friends. We are so lucky and blessed to call him ours as well.

Rebecca is the most bestowed with Roberts love. Friend is defined again, as a true soul mate and greatest passion ever shared. Rob's devotion to her was astounding. Rebecca became his purpose and they brought out the best in each other. These two were one - as they laughed, loved, danced and

journeyed together up every hill and cruised through every valley on this amazing winding road. Rebecca was Rob's true companion in every way. His bright, auroral fire was fueled by Rebecca, his best friend.

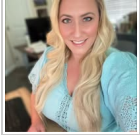
Rob epitomized everything it meant to be 'Dad'. More than a title or name given, it was earned, as he earned everything he had and gave everything back to us, so selflessly and passionately. Patience was easy for Dad, however he never hesitated to do what was best for his children. He was the ultimate example of everything a man and Dad should be. Dad was the leader of the band - the flame that illuminated the beauty of life, in every situation (which is everything if you look at it right.) We (his kids) couldn't be more prepared to continue to paint our own pictures, based on the pattern that we see. Dad did just that.

Rob continues to furnish us with exactly what we need most. We now have the complete book in our hearts and minds. These great pages are illustrated with memories and of course, include the best soundtrack imaginable. Each chapter of Rob's book will exist to counsel and guide us, as we reminisce in our best memories. He will continue to love and teach us all in so many ways every day. His road will connect us all as it intersects and becomes a part of our own paths that we will take and build throughout life.

Call him 'Gomez', or 'Mezzer'. Call him 'Uncle', 'Son', 'Brother', 'Husband', 'Dad', or 'Rob'. We can all call him 'friend'.

Rob always played the right hand at the right time. He stood up to the plate, and found just the right mix in the music of life. He took the weight off your shoulders, and reminded you to ♪'Always look on the bright side of life'♪

# Tribute Wall



“ I was just thinking about my first boss, Rob, at the Robert Thomas Agency, and decided to look him up. I’m saddened to see that he passed away 8 years ago. I know I’m late to post a memory but I still wanted to, in case his family sees it.

*Rob made a big difference in my life as a high schooler back in 1998. I was looking to work my first real job half the day, and finish my senior year the other half of the day.*

*I interviewed for the secretary job, as I had no real work experience and was just 17. However; after a long interview, Rob saw my potential and told me I was “overqualified for the secretary position,” that I should be a sales agent for him!*

*I was surprised and a little intimidated by the idea of 17 year old me booking bands and DJs for weddings and corporate events in the Metro-Detroit area!*

*But Rob gave me confidence in my natural business abilities and encouraged me. He taught me so much about business and sales. He really mentored me and cared about me. He valued my input. My co-workers there taught me a lot, too.*

*He loved his wife and kids and was a good adult male figure in my life.*

*As a teen who had lost her dad to cancer at 9, it really meant a lot to me.*

*He believed in my music career and booked me on my first professional singing gig when I was just 17. I got to sing Celine Dion’s “Power of Love” to a couple at a park.*

*That time at RTA gave me a great foundation for my career in the entertainment business. I went on to start my own family. In fact, Rob was the DJ at my wedding. I then started my own talent agency at the age of 24. I represented 225+ actors, models, and voice talent successfully in Utah for 12 years before I sold my agency to do other roles in the film industry. I became a video producer, casting director, writer, and director.*

*I have 2 boys that have benefitted from having a mom who also is a businesswoman.*

*I often think about my first job and how blessed I was to have such a great boss and opportunity in my hometown.*

*I hope my dad says hi to Rob in heaven and thanks him for me. 💕💕*

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**Liz Knight** - March 03 at 01:23 AM

JH



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**JULIE DE HAGEN** - March 07 at 09:13 PM

AD

*Thanks for sharing that, Liz ☐ that made me smile. Never too late for a memory. - Rob's son, Adam.*

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**Adam deakin** - April 23 at 12:59 PM

RD

*Thank you for sharing what a wonderful man my husband was, I know he was proud to have helped you mold your future ❤️ Becky*

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**Rebecca Deakin** - April 23 at 01:44 PM



“ *Robert Thomas Deakin*

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October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Robert Thomas Deakin*

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January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

GW

“ My friend Rob and I met when I got a coupon for a free hair cut and I walked into Becky's place of employment. As she coiffed my head we started talking and I mentioned that I was a DJ. She happily informed me her boyfriend Rob was a talent agent. I gave her my number and he called me.

Right off the bat Rob made me feel special and over time showed me how to be an asset not only to the agency but to others I meet and in everyday life. He was one of the most intelligent men I ever knew. Always quick with just the right advice.

When our 2 children were quite young we spent time at Rob & Becky's house and they played in the pool with Adam and Alyssa while the real party happened inside the back porch. We had many RTA Christmas parties that were legendary and I recall the Deakins joining us for New Years Eve celebrations as well.

When Rob called he asked if I had a minute but I knew he could keep me talkin' for an hour. His wit and light hearted conversation was easy to love and his knowledge about everything was not surprising once you got to know him.

Thank you Rob Deakin for touching my life in so many positive ways. My heart goes out to Becky, Adam, Alyssa, family and friends. I know you'll find the peace that only our Savior Jesus Christ provides as Rob is now on to meet Him in glory.

Greg Walter

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Greg Walter - March 24, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Thomas Deakin.



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March 23, 2018 at 11:18 PM



“ Oh Rob, I Hope you knew how much fun we had as kids:

-creepy crawlers, hot wheels or your slot car racing set you got for Christmas....

-watching t.v. shows such as *The Brady Bunch*, *Partridge family*, *The (3) Stooges*, *The Odd Couple* or *Star Trek* (just to name a few)...

-roller skating in the basement when mom and dad weren't home..

-playing with Thor, our German shepherd...

-listening to your records from your first stereo record player (Magnavox with speakers that could be detached)...

Oh Rob, I Hope you knew:

-how much I appreciated how you protected me when kids spit on me while walking home

from school in the 4th grade. You really took care of both of them!

-how much I respected you for helping protect my friend to get home safely when we lived in Detroit (1972).

-how we all stuck together when James & I were in a fight with neighbor kids around the

lake in winter. (I forgot the year, but I remember the fight!)

-the good times we had swimming in the lake and playing on the giant tractor inner-tubes.

It was a blast, we had the biggest tubes on the lake!

-how much fun it was playing pool and ping-pong in the basement

-I appreciated you teaching me about stereo equipment and helping me purchase my first

receiver & speakers when I was 15. Both of which are still working today!

-how much I appreciated you taking me on my 1st concert date with Angela to see

"England Dan & John Ford Coley" at Meadow Brook. (It was a total wash out and we all

*huddled under a tarp while it poured rain!--(however, I got to know Angela a whole lot better)!*

*-what a total blast we had going to see "Toto" together at the Royal Oak Music theater. I*

*remember all of us coming out with ours ears ringing!*

*-that I couldn't believe you would pull off the side of the road and put me in the drivers*

*seat of your new Thunderbird and tell me to "let it rip" down Orion road. That car could really hold the turns.*

*-how happy I was when I asked you to be my "best man" for our wedding and you*

*accepted graciously. Then right before mass you took me to the "Shamrock Bar" for a couple drinks to calm me down.*

*-how blessed we felt when you and Becky asked us to be Adam's Godparents.*

*-how special it was holding Alyssa for the very first time.*

*-how happy you made me feel when you would ask me my opinion or to check something*

*out before you made a purchase. You are the one that gave me the nickname "Eagle-Eye Fliegel"*

*Dear Rob, I Hope you knew:*

*-how much I liked our marathon phone conversations, always 1-2 hours! Just talking*

*about politics, general going-ons and just catching up on things.*

*-how much I loved you for the interest and advice you would give me (father-to-father)*

*for Alexis*

*-how much I looked forward to your next birthday or Christmas card.*

*Only you, brother,*

*could find the weirdest cards around. These will be sorely missed! (to this day, I kept*

*every one you gave me).*

*-how much I liked being able to help you by sharing my talents in being able to fix things for you when you needed me?*

*Rob,*

*Most importantly, above all else, how I will miss how you would call me up and say "Hi Greg", just to see/check up on how I was feeling. I was so lucky to have you as a brother because you truly cared about my health and pain. I just had no idea that our relationship would be cut so short and I am so very, very heartfelt sorry for not calling you first at times to maintain contact. I know this hurt you and if I had the chance to change things I would at light speed. God knows I would. I just never thought God would take you from us so soon.*

*Rob, I am so sorry for hurting you.*

*Rob, I am so very happy that I had you as my brother!*

*Rob, I love you and always will!*

*Rob, I will forever miss you, especially when you would give me a hug and say "I Love You, Brother".*

*Thank you for being my brother! You will forever be in my heart!*

*Love,*

*Your Brother,*

*Greg*



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**Greg Deakin** - March 23, 2018 at 10:59 PM

DB

*That was deep and well said. I'm sorry for your families loss.*

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**Dawn Bartolomeo** - March 23, 2018 at 11:23 PM

KA

*Sorry I didn't make it my car over heated so I had to come back home .my thoughts and prayers are with you LOVE all of you's*

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**Karen** - March 24, 2018 at 10:13 PM

LP

“*Probably what I will miss the most about Rob was his most genuine way of making you feel that you mattered, that what you said was important and interesting to him. He was very engaging and conversations with him were replete with his awesome dry sense of humor and his most unforgettable laugh! He was also the ultimate host when visiting his home, you always felt more than welcome and he was most accomodating, he was always sure to have your drink of choice on hand. I was always in awe of the awesome gardens that he would plant and tended, one of his many talents. Rob was always there when you needed him, whether it was to DJ for a last-minute event, or to burn a CD for a special occasion. He truly had a life well-lived that he shared with any that were fortunate to cross his path. I had the privilege of calling him my brother-in-law. In the words from an Alan Parson's Project song, "And someday in the mist of time, when they asked me if I knew you I'd smile and say you were a friend of mine and the sadness would be lifted from my eyes Oh, when I'm old and wise"*

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**LuAnn Padgett** - March 22, 2018 at 12:29 PM

LP

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**LuAnn Padgett** - March 22, 2018 at 11:53 AM

MK

“ *What can I say about my friend, he was always there when I called to talk to him. He gave me some great advice when I needed it. He never said a bad thing about anyone. He always had time for his family and friends. A devoted family man to his wife and kids. Rob loved to just sit and talk. He has touched so many people's lives. From being an entertainment agent to being the owner of the agency. I met rob in 1986 when he was working as an agent. That started a very long friendship between us. Eventhough we didn't talk as much the last few years we were still close. I will miss my friend.*

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**Mike Kirouac** - March 22, 2018 at 05:01 AM

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“ *Chuck and Patricia Larlham purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Thomas Deakin.*



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**Chuck and Patricia Larlham** - March 19, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ I've known Rob for 30 years, since he began booking me to play the piano for his clients. From there, I joined him at RTA as an agent and we always had a positive, open, enjoyable relationship. Rob was a good guy, dependable, intelligent, loyal and honest, a rare breed, indeed. We will all miss you, buddy, and I'll really miss talking stocks with you. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.

*the Berriman family.*

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**David Berriman** - March 19, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Rob's unexpected passing. I'll forever cherish the memories I have of our high school and college years. My condolences and prayers go out to the Deakin Family.

*Julie Curnow*

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**Julie Curnow** - March 19, 2018 at 12:54 PM



*I am so sad to hear of Rob's passing. He has always been such a kind and caring person. I will greatly miss him. Mary Jane Stockwell*

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**Mary Jane Stockwell** - March 20, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Thomas Deakin.*



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March 19, 2018 at 10:22 AM

VG

“ Rob was such a vibrant, compassionate and humorous friend. My late husband, SID, our daughter, Hannah and myself spent many times at their home and Rob would welcome us like family always with a big hug and a joke.

*I will always remember our getting together a week before Christmas every year to exchange gifts, laughs and always a new tidbit of information that we did not know. I also recall our summer get-togethers with great fondness.*

*Rob was a great husband to Becky, a loving father to Adam and Alyssa and a loyal friend to us. My heart breaks for his family. He was taken from this life far too soon, but I know he is with God.*

*I will miss you my friend and every time I look up to the stars I will see both you and SID smiling down.*

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**Vicki Graves** - March 19, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ Rob was one of my first bosses and he taught me a lot about the entertainment industry... What I remember most is that we would sit together and brainstorm about RTA and although I was only 19, he actually LISTENED to my ideas and what I had to say. That meant more than I will ever be able to say. I also remember how much his family meant to him. Becky, Adam and Alissa were his entire world.

*Thank you, Rob, for giving me a shot as a DJ and as an administrative assistant and thank you for being a friend to my dad and me. I'll think of you every time I hear the Buckwheat joke that he told my dad (and we hear it A LOT). You will be missed, Rob.*

*Lindsey Greene*

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**Lindsey Greene** - March 19, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Thomas Deakin.*



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March 18, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *Dear family of Rob Deakin we are so very sorry for your loss. I hope all the wonderful memories that you have shared with Rob will get you though this difficult time.*  
*Dorene and Tai Phan*

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**Dorene Phan** - March 18, 2018 at 06:46 PM