



Robert Keith

June 14, 1933 - December 31, 2021

Robert Keith of Sterling Heights, Mi, passed away at the age of 88. A long time resident of Temple, TX, he was the dear son of the late John and Rebecca, beloved husband of Marda for 59 years, and the loving father of Julie (John). He was very proud of his two granddaughters, Mary Kate and Rebecca. He is also survived by his sister Eva Dean Freeman (Ted) and many nieces and nephews who cherished their "Uncle Bob." Robert was a veteran of the US Army and retired from the Soil Conservation Service. He enjoyed restoring old cars, gardening, leather work, and especially his men's group at church, where he had many dear friends. He is remembered for being quietly kind, humorous, and generous and a gentleman to all whom he met.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse, Catholic Relief Services or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Keith*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Robert Keith*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Long time friend in Temple, Tx. Our across the street neighbors that taught me alot about gardening and being kind to each other. I cannot separate Bob from Marda, they both meant so much to me. They were my dearest friends here. I have been missing them since they moved away, but knowing Bob is gone makes me very sad. I always thought we'd get up to MI before this could happen. Will miss his reluctance to hug (eventua;;y gave in), but mostly his smile and loving nature. Carol and Hoyt Childres.*



carol a childres - January 08, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Bob*
We loved seeing you at the TCC bible study. You were a special part of our group. We will see you again one day. That is the promise of GOD for those who make a decision to follow Jesus. God Bless you Marda, He is with you
Rob Decraene

Rob Decraene - January 04, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JK

“ *He was the big Brother I never had.*

Outside of my Dad, Bob was the biggest influence on me. He stayed with us in the Spring of 62 and I sure picked up a lot of knowledge on many areas of life. I owe a lot to that guy, and I thank God he was my Uncle.

James Keith - January 03, 2022 at 09:10 PM

BR

“ *Bob was a member of the men's group at Troy Christian Chapel. He was a pleasure to talk to. A gentleman. He will be missed.. Bob Roach*

bob roach - January 03, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JB

“ *One of my favorite things about Bob was his many colorful sayings... I'll post a few of my favorites and I encourage others to add theirs.*

"He's so big his first name must be Mister"

Looking out over the land in West Texas:

"There ain't much to it, but there sure is a lot of it"

"It takes a big dog to weigh a ton"

John Boyle - January 02, 2022 at 07:21 PM

CL

I had the great pleasure of working with Bob for over 30 years. He was my boss and a great teacher, mentor, and friend. Marda and Bob took me in after I moved to Temple by inviting me over for suppers and doing my laundry. My kids now grown with kids themselves remember Bob as Uncle Bob. We would share stories (Korea/Vietnam) about being in the army. Loved hearing Bob talk about living in West Texas during the depression and working in the oil patch on a "doodlebug rig". Cool cool water, Perry Como, MASH, Robert Frost were a few of his favorite things. One more thing.. "he loved restoring cars"..is an understatement. He restored cars with original stuff only. His Model "A"s looked better than they did coming off the Willow Run line. Quit restoring Model "A"s because original parts were too hard to find. I'm sure Marda remembers having restored car parts scattered all over the house. Drive shaft under the bed, set of pistons in the closet and maybe a brake assembly somewhere in the kitchen. Bob was the kind of guy everybody enjoyed being around. He will always be in my memory.

Cliff Posey

Cliff - January 03, 2022 at 03:16 PM

JB

Thanks for such a terrific post, Cliff. When I would talk to Bob about different projects that he worked on, he always spoke so highly of you. We were both lucky to have him as a mentor. By the way, when I showed this to Julie her response was "don't forget the windshield under the guest bed" :)

John Boyle - January 03, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Keith.*



January 01, 2022 at 04:45 PM