



Robert William Durkee

March 21, 1947 - August 3, 2024

Hampton Falls - Robert William Durkee, of Hampton Falls, passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover surrounded by his loving family. He was 77 years old.

Born in Exeter on March 21, 1947, Bob was the son of the late Arthur Durkee and Thelma (Perfect) Gilbert. Raised and educated in Hampton Falls, Bob attended Winnacunnet High School and graduated in 1965. He also attended Husson College before enlisting in the National Guard. The Army deployed his unit to Vietnam in September 1968, and he was awarded with The Army Commendation Medal as a Private First Class for Meritorious Service, September 1969. Bob's passion for cars started as a young boy and continued throughout his life. He raced cars (memorably his GTO) at New England Dragway for many years. Bob worked his entire career in the automotive industry and for various GM Dealerships in NH, ME and RI. He was nationally recognized as a top GM Service Manager many times during his career. Bob loved the White Mountains and spent over 30 years living in Glen, NH. He especially enjoyed spending time at the family camp along the Rocky Branch where many fond memories were made with his children, grandchildren, and friends.

Bob is survived by his children, Laurie White and her husband Charles of North Hampton, Kimberly Patenaude and her husband Timothy of Hampton

Falls, Robert W. Durkee II of Glen, and Michael Currier of South Harpswell, ME. He is also survived by his brothers, James Durkee and Harwood Gilbert. He also leaves his grandchildren, Abigail (White) Chase and her husband Christopher of North Hampton, Ava and Camille Patenaude of Hampton Falls, Brooklyn Grout and Finley Durkee of Glen.

In keeping with Bob's wishes, his family will gather privately to celebrate his life.

Bob's family would like to thank his caregiver MaryEllen and the warm and caring staff of Hyder Family Hospice House for the loving care provided to Bob in his last days. Please consider a donation in Bob's name to Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover, NH by clicking here (<https://www.friendsofhyderfamilyhospicehouse.org>)

Tribute Wall

DP

“ So sad that I’m just hearing about one of my best friends and a great supporter of my automotive career. Bob and I worked side by side at King Chevrolet in Exeter and at Barry Pontiac Buick Nissan and Volvo in Newport, RI...he was the Service Manager and I was the Parts Manager. We spent many days at King Chevrolet having lunch watching Soap Operas together. We also spent many days at the cabin in Glen, NH fishing with Jimmie and had so many great times. As mentioned, Bob helped to send me to many classes and schools that helped to propel my career as an Automotive Consultant and now nationally known with my own business. I wish I could have been there to be with him more. I miss him as we all do, but I will never forget him. So many great memories and I feel a part of me is now gone. We both went out to support his daughter as Miss NH in the Miss USA Pageant together to support and cheer Laurie on...I will never forget that trip... God Speed Nob and I miss you now more than ever... Dave Piecuch

Dave Piecuch - December 26, 2024 at 06:45 PM

KL

“ Laurie, Kimberly and Rob, we are saddened to hear that your dad has passed. He was always so kind and helpful to our family and Mam too. We loved everything about Bobby, and will always cherish the great memories with him. We are so sorry for your loss and send love to you all and your families as well. Your dad will rest peacefully, love Karen and Dave.

Karen Lang - August 13, 2024 at 08:07 PM

EM

“ So sad to learn of his passing. Rest in peace Bobby!

Elinor Mawson - August 11, 2024 at 05:25 PM

EA

“ I had the pleasure of working beside Bob for many years in North Conway. Such a fair, kind and fun person. He genuinely cared for his coworkers and it showed in his management style. He loved being in the mountains and the river in Glen, NH. My sympathies to his family, he will be missed.
Elly Walker Atwood

Elly Walker Atwood - August 11, 2024 at 10:15 AM

AN

“ You were a good friend and a good man, Bob. I'm saddened by the loss of you. But, I'll remember how you always would say you only wanted to go home. You got your wish. You're home buddy. Fly high with the angels. 💔

anonymous - August 09, 2024 at 09:43 PM

MH

“ Rest in the peace of our Lord Bobby. Marcia Hannon-Buber



Marcia Hannon-Buber - August 09, 2024 at 09:29 AM

BM

“ *Bg Mawson lit a candle in memory of Robert William Durkee*



bg mawson - August 08, 2024 at 05:20 PM