



Robert W. Ramsbotham Jr.

December 16, 1945 - December 21, 2025

Ossipee- Robert William Ramsbotham, lovingly known as “Rambo,” passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 21, 2025 under the care of hospice. He had just turned 80.

Born on December 16, 1945 in New Britain, CT he had a good sense of humor, sometimes corny, banterish and occasionally sarcastic! He carried a unique presence, to his family and close friends, that uniqueness is what makes him unforgettable.

Rambo served his country as a Vietnam veteran and after returning home, he poured his passion into anything with an engine. As a lifelong motorhead, he loved to live “on the edge,” always chasing the next adrenaline rush. He had a real need for speed, especially in his younger years, and often joked about “living large at the pinnacle of life”.

He was a mechanic by trade and could fix, modify or build most anything. His own toys included cars, boats, motorcycles and in his earlier years snowmobiles. In retirement, he treasured his 1937 Chevy, which he used as his tow car, and his 1936 Chevy, a vehicle he revived from a forgotten rust heap into a roaring 1,200-horsepower drag racing car, wheelie bar included. These projects were more than hobbies — they were extensions of his identity, built by his own hands and fierce determination.

For more than a decade, Rambo could be found most days at the River's Edge in Ossipee, NH — a place he considered a home away from home. He ordered the same specially prepared meal, his way, nearly every day. The staff knew him well, and he became part of the rhythm of the place, a familiar face at his usual spot.

His greatest pride was his daughter, Joy Ramsbotham. He also leaves behind his sister Janet Blake, his brother-in-law Norman Blake, his niece Kimberly Prause and her husband Mike Prause, his nephew Tyler Blake, as well as, his cousins Brian Bartelt, Joan Weaver and Karen Bona.

His stories and his unique sense of humor will be missed.

Tribute Wall

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“ Meredith G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Ramsbotham Jr..

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