



Mr. Robert Freeman

September 10, 1943 - August 8, 2019

Robert L. "Bob" Freeman, 75, of Centralia, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2019 at his home.

He was born September 10, 1943 in Chicago, son of Arthur Freeman and Theresa J. (Maranghoni) Freeman. He married Diana Baldrige on November 20, 1976 at Fouts Christian Church in Centralia and she survives in Centralia. In addition to his wife of 42 years, Diana Freeman of Centralia, he is also survived by four children: Carla Freeman of Centralia, Kelly Freeman Grey of Florida, Jackie Freeman Husted of South Carolina, and Steve Freeman of Seattle, Washington; several grandchildren; a sister: Veva Jackson and husband Calvin of Fairbury, Illinois; a sister-in-law: Donna Freeman; several nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a brother: Arthur "Corky" Freeman and two sisters: Elaine Rolando and husband Junior and Janet Shadow.

Bob worked at Graphic Packaging for many years and later retired. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and cooking his favorite pastas, pizza, chili and meatloaf. He watched NASCAR races and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Bob loved spending time with his family, friends and his four legged companion, Snoozer.

Per Bob's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Irvington Community Building in Irvington. Per the family's wishes, they would like for everyone to dress casual. Military Honor's will be accorded at

1:30 PM at the Irvington Community Building by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, are honored to be of service to the Freeman Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 31. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Irvington Community Building
206 Huron Street
Irvington, IL 62848

Tribute Wall

LF

“ We are so sad about Bob's passing, He was a big part of our Irvington - Centralia - Indiana kin and we will miss him. The memory from his grown children Steve, Kelly & Jackie was so touching & heartfelt. I too texted him congrats when the Cubs won the world series it was so exciting! We are also Cardinals & Rockies fans. Our heart goes out to Diana & Carla, Diana has been like a sister all my life & Carla is the kindest sweetest cousin anyone could have. But like Diana said about the celebration of life tomorrow, Bob said cry the first five minutes and then have a party! Hope to see folks at the event tomorrow.

Love,
Tom & Linda Fiock

Linda Fiock - August 30, 2019 at 12:20 PM

SF

“ Diane my heart goes out to you and your family. I just read that he passed, but am thankful for no more suffering. I'm so truly saddened. He was a wonderful patient. And I feel very privileged to have been part of your lives even for a short time. I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers.



Stacey Finckbone - August 20, 2019 at 09:31 PM

RS

“ I worked with Bob at Linkon Auto Supply. He was a good guy with a great sense of humor. I hadn't seen Bob in several years. I can still recall a couple funny things he used to say. My sympathy to his family.

Rob Smith

Rob Smith - August 16, 2019 at 09:12 AM

 Steve
Freeman

“ I've had a heavy heart over the past few days as honestly & regretfully, I didn't know my Dad very well. I didn't even know he was suffering and that's my own fault. However, I did spend enough time with him when I was young and I remember his love for music, sports, amazing sense of humor and most importantly, his commitment to Diana & Carla. My heart is with Diana, Carla, Aunt Veva and her family along with the many other family & friends, coworkers who knew and loved him.

On a lighter note, as a lifetime Cardinals fan, when the Cubs won the World Series in 2016, I didn't like it one bit, but I thought of him that night because I know how much of a fan he was.

Best wishes to all of you who mourn for him and I know from speaking with Diana & Veva, it's been a tough year and now he's resting in peace and no longer suffering.

On behalf of his kids (Kelly, Jackie & myself), thank you all for your thoughts & prayers!

Steve Freeman - August 12, 2019 at 07:25 PM

DF

Steve, thank you!!!! We will stay in touch. Bless you, Jackie, and Kelley!

Diana Freeman - August 14, 2019 at 08:11 AM

VR

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Vanessa Rostance

vanessa rostance - August 09, 2019 at 03:46 PM

DF

Thank you Vanessa!

Diana Freeman - August 10, 2019 at 03:20 PM

TF

“ *Bob was a wonderful, awesome friend...
I enjoyed his humor and loved being around him...
I will deeply miss him and love you all so very much...
the last days and pics I have of him will be cherished always
love, tina*

tina fogerson - August 09, 2019 at 03:42 PM

DF

Thank you Tina, he loved you to

Diana Freeman - August 10, 2019 at 03:21 PM

ML

Worked with Bob @ Graphic was a wonderful co-worker

mary long - August 12, 2019 at 03:23 PM