



Robert John Mittendorf Jr.

August 16, 1951 - October 10, 2024

Robert J. Mittendorf, Jr. ("Buz" to his very old friends) passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2024 in Traverse City, MI. He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 16, 1951 the son of Robert and Marian (Moon) Mittendorf. In 1959, the family moved to Saline, MI. In high school, he began dating Janet Heininger, the beginning of their wonderful lifetime adventure. They were married on September 8, 1973 in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline.

He was a graduate of Saline High School and Eastern Michigan University. He would go on to become an accomplished engineer at Imperial Industries Inc. in Belleville for many years. Later he and his wife and daughters would relocate to Traverse City in 1989, where he served as an engineer at Cone Drive, until his retirement in 2017.

Survivors include his wife Janet; his daughters Laura (Lindley) Zerbe and Erin Mittendorf (Shannon Brines); his grandsons John Zerbe, Aidan Mittendorf Brines, Joseph Zerbe, Ronan Mittendorf Brines, and Liam Zerbe; his sister Gail Farfan and nephew Jeff Seedman; his brother-in-law James Cooper and nephew Richard Cooper; and many good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Marian.

Cremation will take place and inurnment will be held in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. In lieu of flowers a memorial gift to a charity of the donor's

choice may be made. To leave a memory you have of Buz or to sign his online guestbook please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Sorry for your loss, Jan. I recall motorcycling with Bob from TC to Grattan Raceway. Bob always had the perfect kind word or wry joke for any situation.

Jim Wagner - October 14, 2024 at 06:27 AM

JE

“ I am so surprised and saddened to learn of passing of Buzz. I have many wonderful memories of chats with him when I worked at the Saline Sav-Mor. I remember one time when Buzz came into the store and told me that he "got a raise" that day. I was surprised by his comment and asked what he meant? Buzz grinned, and replied.... "Ya, my (I can't recall, son or daughter) just got potty-trained, so I got a raise....no more diapers to buy"!!!! He always was kind, and gentle in our conversations, and always seemed to speak with that "Mittendorf grin" My condolences to Jan, and the entire family. R.I.P. my friend.

Joe Eadie - October 13, 2024 at 05:12 PM

MB

Jan so sorry to hear of the passing of Buz. Been many many years since we talked or connected. Your girls are now grown as Mike and mine are. We have grandkids and a great grandson. Hope they brought you and Buz as much joy as ours have. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and I are on FB. Pat Bush

Mike & Pat Bush - October 14, 2024 at 10:49 AM

SJ

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your brother and family members! I'm sending condolences to Gail and family. Gail and I graduated together in 1965. She was a wonderful class mate at SHS. Sue Washburn Johnson

Sue Washburn Johnson - October 13, 2024 at 02:00 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss, Janet. Thoughts & prayers going up to your & Buz's family. Alice Wimple, Class of '70

Alice Wimple - October 12, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ Gail and family,
I'm so sorry to see that your brother passed away. Sending sympathy and prayers. Elaine Schaible Masters

Elaine Masters - October 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM