



## Robert Lloyd Prehn

May 1, 1937 - April 14, 2019

Mr. Robert Lloyd Prehn, age 81, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at his home in Saline, MI. Robert was born on May 1, 1937 in Dearborn, MI, the son of Ralph Edward and Frances Ann (Laurich) Prehn. He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Prehn (DesJardins) whom he married on September 7th in 1963. They were married for 55 wonderful years. He served in the United States Navy as a P3-Orion pilot and retired after proudly serving this country for 27 years. After retirement from the Navy, he taught high school Physics for 6 years at Bishop Stang High School in MA. Upon moving to MI, he was an active participant in the Saline community. Serving as the township supervisor for a time. He was an active member of the Saline Rotary for a number of years. He served on the township board as well. His favorite pastime was fishing. Survivors in addition to his wife include his sons, Brian Prehn and Brad Prehn and his two daughters and their spouses, Beth and John Murphy and Brenda and Tim Kelly. He is also survived by nine wonderful grandchildren with whom he also took fishing when given the opportunity to share his passion. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Mass of the Christian Burial will take place on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, with Fr. James McDougall as Celebrant. Military Honors will be provided by the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. A luncheon will follow the service and will be held at the church. Visitation will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2019 between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. In

lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to American Cancer Society or Arbor Hospice and envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. To leave a memory you have of Robert, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

910 Austin Road  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

APR **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Mass of the Christian Burial

APR 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Luncheon

APR 26. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert Lloyd Prehn

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ To me, he was (at first) the XO, Commander, then the Skipper, the “CO” and “Sir”. He and I reported aboard my first VP squadron (VP-11) at approximately the same time....me as an Airman, he as the XO. I was a “green” newly-promoted AW3 when he assumed command of Lovin’ Eleven...and I recall a cross-country flight when he made it a point to go around and talk with the enlisted troops onboard. He was always approachable, but stern when necessary....but I recall him as overall, being “fair” and maintaining a great sense of humor. Leaders like him, were who I wanted to be like, and years later, after college, I returned to the Navy as a commissioned Officer. I always tried to be “fair”....particularly when it came to discipline....and I worked hard to maintain a sense of humor. Those who depart this earth, often leave a positive impact that they never realized while they lived.....and I credit a leader like Bob Prehn, that 4 decades later I retired a Navy O-6. I only hope that when my time comes to pass, that others think as well of me. To the Prehn family, my condolences.

CAPT Gary M Andres, USN (ret) - July 04, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Bob was a great VP 44 mate and may he rest in peace.  
Gene Seale

gene seale - July 07, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ John Prehn lit a candle in memory of Robert Lloyd Prehn



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John Prehn - May 03, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ Dear Cousins, It is with a heavy heart that we say good-bye to our dear cousin, Bob. My Mom and Bob's Mom were sisters ( Stephanie Marie Laurich Rushing and Frances Ann Laurich Prehn), we lived close together in Dearborn, and had many wonderful family celebrations, parties and picnics . Bob was always the life of the party when we were kids. I especially remember a Memorial Day BBQ at our house, when Bob disappeared for a time. He returned with a "skirt" over his jeans, fashioned from huge leaves he had picked from a neighbor's landscaping and proceeded to do an improvised hula, to great applause, laughter and hoots. I think he was 12 or 13 at the time. He was always fearless !



*I'm sure in the future we will all think of Bob and his "exploits" and laugh until we cry at his original and zany sense of humor. Bob was a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather, cousin, friend and neighbor. He will be missed by a great many people.*

*To the wonderful family of Bob and Barbara Prehn:  
May love surround you, hope encourage you, and faith sustain you day by day.*

*With love from your Florida cousins, Ron & Sandra Rushing Mellow and Family*

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Sandra Rushing Mellow - April 25, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lloyd Prehn.*



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April 24, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Lloyd Prehn.*



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April 23, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ *It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Prehn and get to know him and his beautiful family through Brenda, one of my most favorite friends! My heart goes out to you during this time. Sending love, peace and comfort to you from Texas.*

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**Robyn (Bussell) Anaya** - April 23, 2019 at 08:54 PM

LC

“ I met Bob about 14 years ago at Paragon Service. He had worked there in the past and then decided that we couldn't go a week without his opinions and stories, he was right.

Bob would come in and have his bagel and coffee and dispense very good advice and very well told stories. He was someone we could trust with good advice if we wanted it.

He often came up to my desk and we would share what Bible studies we were working on or what verses God had given us recently. We were able to pray together. I won't forget that. I'm going to miss him.

I'm so thankful to know that Bob is in Heaven with his Savior.

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**Laura Copenhaver** - April 23, 2019 at 08:10 AM

DT

“ Growing up together, Bob was such an important fabric in my life. As first cousins, we lived close by. We vacationed together, hunted together, and enjoyed all the benefits that accrue to a group of family members that truly loved each other. I smile, right now, when I think of what a great story teller he was, and you knew you were going to hear something special when he would start chuckling at the beginning of the story.

When I was in one of the darkest periods of my life, it was Bob and Barb who drove 2,000 miles round trip to ensure that I was OK. Frequently, in our adult life, we would share special bible verses that seemed particularly relevant at the time.

He was generous, thoughtful, and simply put, just a great person. It was not uncommon for him to pick up the phone, and call me just to see how I was doing. Yes, I'll add "kind" to his profile, too.

I'll miss, you, Bob. Know that we all love you very much.

Cousin Dick

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Dick Tomlinson - April 22, 2019 at 05:27 PM

PM

“ Remembering with warm collegiality my fellow flight instructor in VP-30 when we were both young Lieutenants. Bob was a terrific pilot and an extraordinarily gifted classroom instructor. His passing means that many old shipmates will be making cross-country phone calls to share stories about a great friend and superb Navy officer.

Very respectfully,

Paul C. Moessner  
CAPT, USN (ret)

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Paul Carl Moessner - April 22, 2019 at 12:31 PM

BS

“ *Barb Smick purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Lloyd Prehn.*



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**Barb Smick** - April 22, 2019 at 10:42 AM

SA

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Bobs passing. He was such a great man! He will be greatly missed. Thinking of you all and sending prayers. With our deepest sympathies, The Ross Family up at Sunrise Cabins*

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**Susan Anderson** - April 18, 2019 at 03:38 PM

K6

“ *Knights of Columbus Council 6674 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Lloyd Prehn.*



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**Knights of Columbus Council 6674** - April 18, 2019 at 12:37 PM

BE

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember what a truly kind and compassionate person Bob was and he will be greatly missed.*

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**Barbara Erander** - April 18, 2019 at 11:50 AM

BT

“ You were a wonderful man with a wonderful family...you will be missed! My heartfelt condolences to Barb, Brad, Brian, Beth, Brenda and family..



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**Ben and Cassie Thompson** - April 16, 2019 at 08:18 PM

MW

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Bob. Our love to you and your family.... Go Michigan Wolverines

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**Marilyn & Dan Webster** - April 16, 2019 at 06:53 PM