



Robert Graham Legate

August 27, 1941 - June 20, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

The party's over-the humor has ceased- a one of a kind has finished his earthly tour. Robert Graham Legate, 78, of Godfrey died at his residence on Saturday, June 20, 2020. He was born on August 27, 1941 to Robert Henry and Carrie Louise (Templeton) Legate in Alton, IL. Growing up in Fosterburg, he married Sandra Kay (White) on March 25, 1961 in Alton, IL. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, their two sons; Robert (Jeri) their children Kayri (James) Reynolds, Dr. Kaydi (Nick) Grote, Dr. Kayci (Pat) Sackmann, and Kayli Legate; Todd (Trudy), their children Chris (Marie) and Danny (Lauren); along with 9 great grandchildren and one expected in July. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant sister, Mary Francis. A graduate of Alton High School, Bob was a Machinist and Tool and Die Maker by trade, but was considered a "Jack of all trades". He began his career working at Owens Illinois Glass, Alton, then moved to Owens Illinois Machine Mfg. in Godfrey. After 8 years with Owens Illinois, he then was employed with Alcan Ammunition for 7 years, Schoeneweis Tool and Die for over 16 years, and then finished his machinist career in 2006 at Olin Corporation with 14 years of service. Bob was a true family man that always put his family and friends first, following a firm belief in God. He and his family worked side by side and established Legate Farms in Pike County. "The Farm" was recognized as a place where you worked hard and played hard. Through his committed goal, he realized his dream of owning his own machine shop, Circle L Machine and Fabrication. He and Sandy continued the Jersey County family legacy by purchasing adjoining acreage to their Rosedale family farm, which has been in their family since the early 1800's. Bob loved to travel and took Sandy on many adventures over their 59 years of marriage. If there was a party or good time, you could expect him to be right in the middle of the event. His presence was always felt, whether it be a good story, a joke, crazy antics or a welcoming smile. Following his family's long-standing legacy of Masonic membership, Bob was a Demolay and belonged to the Franklin Masonic Lodge #25, Ainald Shriners, Knights Templar and Scottish Rite bodies. He was a proud member of the Machinist Union, serving as a Shop Steward, Safety Committee Chair and participating in contract negotiations. He was a member of the Alton Motorboat Club, Kampsville American Legion, Elsay Methodist Church, and a volunteer at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Bob proudly served in the United States Coast Guard and completed his reserve responsibilities. Given the current Covid-19 pandemic, a private burial will be held at Rosedale Cemetery with a Masonic Service from the Franklin Masonic Lodge #25 and full military honors by the Kampsville American Legion. Pastor Alan Abert will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Elsay Methodist Church or Rosedale Cemetery. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ So very sorry to hear of Bob's passing (& Trudy too). Always seeing him & Sandy & Todd & Trudy at our little church & anywhere else was a pleasure. He always had a smile & kind word for all. A very fine guy. Peace, Sue & Terry Grimes

Susan Grimes - June 30, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Bob was a great guy, a great Santa and fun loving. Prayers go out to Sandy Bobby and Todd plus all family. Our parents were great friends and played a big role in my growing up. So sorry. He and my brother Dick can trade stories all they want now.
Pat Miller family

Patrick Miller - June 27, 2020 at 01:02 AM



“ I was just a teenager when I walked into Schoeneweis Tool and Die as summer help and met Bob for the first time. Little did I know that years later Bob and I would start at Olin on the same day. Bob's willingness to teach and show me the tricks of the trade were greatly appreciated. Bob taught me a lot that I will never forget. There are many stories I could share, but one thing for sure is that there was never a dull moment with Bob. Bob's party may have ended, but I'd like to think it just got started somewhere else.

Your Friend,
David Stutz

David Stutz - June 26, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Bob...he worked with my Dad and I will miss him calling me "Little Bo Peep" prayers for Sandy, Bobby and Todd and all the family.

Roxy Davis - June 25, 2020 at 01:50 AM



“ Christy and I are saddened to hear of the loss(es) sustained and pray God’s grace sustains all the family in this time. You are much in our prayers. Dr. Bob and Christy Phillips

bob phillips - June 24, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ We are heartbroken to hear this. Bob and Sandy were our neighbors on Ray Drive when our kids were little. They were always wonderful to us and always made sure to “visit” Christmas Eve 🍷 A fantastic man who knew how to have a good time and spread that infectious joy to those around him. Sandy and family you have our deepest sympathies.

Shawna Heistand - June 24, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Joe And Kim Benz lit a candle in memory of Robert Graham Legate



Joe and Kim Benz - June 24, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Bob & Sandy were good friends to my parents. My father always looked forward to the time they spent at the Pike County farm. His smile and humor were infectious and generosity was genuine. A jewel has passed from this realm to the next. Bob - until we meet again - Godspeed. Sandy, Bobby, Todd and families, John & I will keep you in our hearts and our prayers.

Nancy Smith-Leach - June 24, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ Bob was a fun loving guy!! He was a valued volunteer at Alton Memorial along with his wife Sandy!! My regret is that I didnt get to know him better. Prayers,love and hugs to Sandy and all her family. Steve and Dee Livengood

Dee Livengood - June 24, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ I am so shocked and saddened by this news. I lost track of you all after mom's passing.
My thoughts and prayers to Sandy, Bobby and Todd.

Gayle Clymer

Gayle Clymer - June 24, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ So sorry that we can't all get together. My sincere condolences Sandy, Bobby, Todd.
Rest in Peace Bob.

Pam (Reed) Cates - June 24, 2020 at 06:57 AM



“ I grew up with Bob in Fosterburg. I knew his mom and dad. May Bob rest in peace.

Gary Miller - June 24, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ I was so shocked and saddened at the sudden, unexpected death of my dear friend Bob. He was, in a way, like a second father to me, knew my parents, and me for many years. I was blessed to be able to attend 2 churches with him through the years, and be a part of Bible Study at Elsay even after I no longer was able to play piano for their service. Sandy, you have my deepest love and prayers, and I am here if you need anything, anytime. With much love always, Betsy Arnold

Betsy Arnold - June 24, 2020 at 03:29 AM



“ Bob was one of kind . Sandy & him was great friend with my parents.Im 53 now back in 1973 I was crowned little miss greene county. Bob was so proud lol he nick names me queeny.He took lots pictures of me by this Huge Pabst Blue Ribbon sign.lol I'm sure those pictures might be illegal now lol. I always remember when him& Sandy was around they was the life of the party so much fun was had. I remember them drinking straight from the keg behind the liquor store.no beer was wasted. He will be missed by everyone whom ever met him.My heart aches for Sandy & the whole Legate family. Praying & thinking of them all

Pamela Newton - June 24, 2020 at 01:23 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Graham Legate.



June 24, 2020 at 12:13 AM



“ We are so thankful to have known and been a small part of Bob's life. It breaks our heart to lose him and can only imagine the homecoming celebration that must be going on up yonder. Love you Sandy.
Gary & Glenda

Gary Edwards - June 23, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Bob and Sandy were/are amazing people/friends ! They never met a stranger! They lived and loved life to the fullest! I always loved that about them and hope to do the same, wether it be with friends or just my husband Bob and I sitting in the backyard! P.S. I used to do their hair!

tonya klunk - June 23, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Going sled riding down the hill behind their house, then coming and getting warm listening to stories.

Dagwood - June 23, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ We will miss the Mayor of Bee Creek!!! Always a smile on his face and a honk when he drove by the house!!! Prayers to his wife and family!



Debbie Buchanan - June 23, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Graham Legate.



June 23, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Sheila Segraves lit a candle in memory of Robert Graham Legate



Sheila Segraves - June 23, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ Bob I know you'll be in that big machine shop in his care having a lot of fun. We thank you as being one of our friends on your earthly tour.

David and Karen Galyen

Karen Galyen - June 24, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ Sandy and sons. Jim and I are so sorry to hear of Bobbys passing. He was-a favorite of mine from Fosterburg. Always got a big squeeze hug from him every time I saw him. He never missed coming to our big Block sale either. You are in our prayers. Karen (Musgrave) and Jim Hatcher.

Karen Hatcher - June 24, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing, Sandy. We are thinking of you and your family at this time. Bob was a good friend and a Great Demolay leader. Also a Good Masonic Brother. You are in our prayers.

Richard and Kay White

Richard White - June 26, 2020 at 07:09 PM