



Robert Frank Palmer Jr.

May 22, 1946 - February 2, 2020

Robert Frank Palmer, Jr., 73, of Maumelle, Arkansas passed away February 2, 2020. Robert was born May 22, 1946 in Wheeling, West Virginia to the late Robert Frank, Sr., and Alice Edna (McGill) Palmer.

Robert was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal two times. He worked as a Journeyman Electrician with IBEW Local 141 in Wheeling, West Virginia. He loved sports and played football, baseball, and basketball. Robert was so good that he was being scouted while in high school. Instead of going to the football draft, Robert joined the military. He was a natural born motivator and helped coach baseball to children of all ages. Robert was never too tired to spend time with his sons. He would go coach Rob in baseball and then come home to throw the football with Tim who went out for quarterback. These times are cherished memories his sons will never forget. He was his son's coach from the age of 6 until his college days. He was there for every game his son played, including the 1998 World Series. Robert instilled lessons he learned in the military to his family and those he coached including "Never Give Up!", and "Adapt and Overcome". He was a tough man, never complaining of health issues despite being exposed to many harmful chemicals during his military career. Robert was always willing to help others, not asking for anything in return.

Left to cherish his memory are: his loving wife, Mary Eileen Palmer of Maumelle, Arkansas; four sons: Robert Thomas Palmer and wife Felicia of Conway, Arkansas, Timothy Ryan Palmer and girlfriend Annette Fuentes of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Jeffrey Jorge Palmer and wife Michelle of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Robert Kristopher Palmer and wife Melissa of Phoenix, Arizona; grandchildren: Robert Anthony Palmer and Chrissy Palmer; and a host of family members and friends who love Robert and will miss him always.

In lieu of flowers, charitable checks can be made out to VA Pittsburgh Fisher House at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System University Drive, Building 33, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15240.

Services entrusted to Smith-Benton Funeral Home. Online guestbook:
www.SmithFamilyCares.com.

Events

FEB **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Smith - Benton Funeral Home
322 N. Market St., Benton, AR, US, 72015

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Smith - Benton Funeral Home - February 10 at 09:36 PM



“ I meet Bob and his wife at church. What a beautiful couple. So loving, so giving. Bob helped everyone. He did so much work at the church. He helped people move, did maintenance work and even drove others to the doctor. He truly loved his wife dearly. I am sure God is saying welcome home marine. Many prayers for Bob's family and Eileen.

Darlene Ledger - February 12 at 08:36 PM



“ Thank you, for such beautiful sentiments about my love, Darlene!

Be Pal - February 12 at 11:11 PM



“ Dearest sweet Corky...It breaks my heart to learn you have lost this man. I am sending you hugs, prayers and much love at a time when you feel like your heart will never mend. May God bring you comfort in the hard days ahead and may you always remember the wonderful years you had with your "soulmate".

MaryJo Zacchini Kurko - February 11 at 05:18 PM



“ Thank you, MaryJo! My heart feels as if it were run over! But, love is with Jesus now and without pain!

Be Pal - February 12 at 09:55 PM



“ We don't really have the words to express how much Bob means to us. From the time we met Bob & Eileen they treated us like family. They always hugged our children, always encouraged us and supported us. When we moved to Pittsburgh, Bob was like a machine. He wouldn't stop until everything was done. He was a no nonsense kind of guy. Told it like it was but had a heart of gold. Our family will miss Bob's humor, stories and heart more than we can express.

We love you forever, Bob!

Ben, Kelli, Canaan, Carys & Emmie

Kelli Brownlee - February 10 at 04:44 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Bob's passing.
Eileen, I am praying for your comfort and strength at this difficult time.
Please call if ever you want or need to talk. Love and hugs from Dee and Zach

Dee Kaiser - February 10 at 05:38 PM



“ I met Bob (and Eileen) at our church, and we became fast friends. Always greeted me with a smile and a hug and a story or two. I later found out that we had connections through the IBEW and some of the work that I did in telecom. He was always a solid guy and someone I could depend on to make my day a little better. He was that person that you'd always enjoy bumping into. Godspeed, Bob...you made the world a little bit better.

John Vensel & Family - February 10 at 04:18 PM



“ Bob was my brother in law. Bob suffered greatly in many ways from being in Vietnam, more than any one person should have to endure. I told him many times I was grateful for his service to our country. Rest In Peace and God Bless Corky and his family.

Betty Weekley - February 10 at 01:52 PM



“ Ed and I send love and prayers to Corky and family. Bob was a great man and great friend. Ed and he worked together. Ed always said Bob was one of those guys who would do anything for anyone. Loved the family.

Ed and Marylou Hall - February 10 at 06:11 PM



“ I've known Bob for over thirty years
He was a special person and friend. Semper Fi my friend

Spencer Curry - February 10 at 08:45 PM



“ Eileen: I was deeply saddened to hear of Bob's passing. Although it has been a while since we had seen you or Bob, I have thought of him often. Please understand that we are so sorry for your loss. Glenn & Dixie Kesselring

Glenn Kesselring - February 12 at 05:16 PM



“ I remember Bob from The Vineyard Church here in Wheeling, WV. I cannot find the words to describe my feelings about this guy except to say that I loved him (and Corky, his wife) very much. Please accept my deepest heartfelt condolences on the loss of this wonderful person. Love and Prayers, Althea Kristufek

Althea Kristufek - February 10 at 12:46 PM