



Harry J. Robben

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Harry J. Robben, age 73 of St. Mary's, died Sunday, June 19, 2016 at his residence. Born April 14, 1943 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he is the son of Elizabeth (Nee: Koch) and August Robben Sr. He married Kathleen Helmes May 27, 1967 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Cincinnati, was a farmer and a truck driver for August Robben and Sons Trucking for over 50 years.

Harry's life could be summed up in three words.....family, faith and work. Family was a priority to Harry. He would often haul loads down to the barges in Cincinnati and on his way back he would take the long way home to stop and visit relatives in Cincinnati or his children, no matter where they were. He was also very devout and would pray the rosary while driving and according to the family it wasn't uncommon for him to break into some of his favorite hymns without warning. As far as hobbies, well, work was his hobby, with the exception of westerns and his farm magazines. A scrapper, you knew Harry was coming down the road when you'd see his red pickup loaded down. He was a good hearted individual and the boys laughed that he always made an impression on those he'd talk too. Apparently Harry was hard of hearing or almost deaf depending on which family member you asked and because of that, he would get into your personal space so he could hear you and read your lips. They also teased that he had a saying for everything. A couple of his favorites were "if you can't be good, then be good at what you do" and "actions speak louder than words." In addition to his family, the farm was also his pride and joy. He bought it in 1967 and spent the next 49 years loving every minute of it.

He is survived by his wife Kay; sons Harry of St. Peter's, Indiana, Hugh of St. Mary's, Indiana, Hans of Cincinnati, Ohio, Herbert of Oldenburg; sister Betty Siefke; brother Leroy, both of Cincinnati, Ohio and eleven grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by sisters Dolores Duwel, Rosemary Bruns and brothers Joe, August Jr., Leonard and Paul.



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Visitation is Wednesday, June 22nd, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home. A rosary service will be held at 4 p.m. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Thursday, June 23rd, at St. Mary's of the Rock Church with Rev. David Kobak O.F.M. officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family requests memorials to the St. Mary's of the Rock Preservation Fund or Margaret Mary Health Foundation Hospice (<https://www.mmhealth.org/donate.html>).



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TC

Tarri Baker Fisher Of Cincinnati Oh posted:

Kay, You may not remember me as it has been a bit since we spoke. I worked with "Herbie" for a short bit at CSHC and got to know Harry later when we became HSDC. What a wonderful and fun man... certainly he talked about his family and farm and always ready to share some ripe tomatoes in the summer. Lynda Z told me that he has been ill and I have been praying for him and the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Tarri Baker Fisher

June 28 at 8:00 PM

P4

Pat Egan Umberg Of 19987 Elm Dr. Lawrenceburg, In 47025 posted:

My friends and I hung around with Harry& his friends at Elder High School and we remember Harry making us laugh!!! We all have good memories and fun times in our High School days. We all went to Seton which was right next to Elder, He was a great guy, and I'm so sorry for your loss. My husband was Frank Umberg he graduated with Harry, he passed away in 1998.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

D4

Donnie Schmerber Of Cincinnati, Oh 45238 posted:

Lost the best friend that I ever had. First met Harry will we were attending St. Dominic School. I tutored him in Math. Not his best subject. Many many nights in the summer time we would play board games in my kitchen. My mom had to shut us down. We remained close friends all through grade school & high school. Though college & family matters stretched our companionship, we never lost contact with each other. I can not think of any person who would have a bad word to say about Harry after meeting him. He shall be missed, here on Earth; yet shall be a solid intercessor in Heaven for those who ask for his help. Love 'ya, friend, & shall miss you.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

SD

Si Binder Of Cincinnati (Delhi) posted:

Kay- I am so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. He was a great guy and I'm sure a great husband and father. You and Harry are in my prayers. I will not be able to make it to Batesville tonight or tomorrow. I will be on a 5 day trip and I am simply unable to make it down. I wish I could be there. Love, Si Binder

June 21 at 8:00 PM



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Jeannine Koller Pitstick Of Cleves, Oh 45002 posted:

Kay and Family: I'm so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. Jeannine

June 21 at 8:00 PM

JB

Joan And Jon Mckamey Of Brookville, In posted:

Hugh, Renae, and family, We offer you our sincere sympathy at this time of great loss. Be assured of our prayers for your healing!

June 19 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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