



## Robert John Carey

October 30, 1943 - May 7, 2024

Robert John Carey (“Bob”), 80, of Kalkaska passed away peacefully on May 7, 2024. Bob was born on October 30, 1943, in Detroit to the late John and Marian (Ryan) Carey. Bob married the love of his life Fran on April 21, 1972, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Frances (Schirripa) Carey; his children Alicia (Jason) Petty, Marissa (Larry) Braun, and Teresa (Ben) Carey; his grandchildren Haeli and Tessa Petty, Dominic and Delaney Braun, and Haven Carey; his siblings Dan Carey, Jim (Neva) Carey, Louise (Rick) Gemmell, and John Carey; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents and sister Marilyn Hurst. Bob’s childhood was spent in Detroit, Chicago, Nebraska, and Kentucky. Bob served in the Marine Corps prior to attending Western Michigan University and Ohio Northern University Law School where he graduated Cum Laude. He was soon after admitted to practice law in the State of Michigan and the United States Supreme Court. Bob opened his own law practice in Kalkaska, Michigan where he practiced law for 43 years and served on many community boards. He was an unwavering advocate for the residents of the Kalkaska region and dedicated his life to upholding justice. Bob was an avid long-distance runner and sailor whose passion led to numerous awards and accolades in the running and sailing communities. He was a Civil War buff, was a yoyo champion, and boxed in the Golden Gloves, but Bob’s biggest accomplishment was being the proud Papa to his five grandchildren. He had a one-of-a-kind sense of humor and left behind many funny stories that his

loved ones will enjoy for years to come. A Celebration of Life will be held July 14th at 1:00 PM at the Mill Pond Event Center. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mill Pond Park  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Fran & family,  
I am so sorry to have just learned of Bob's passing. I know what a huge void this is for you and your whole family!! I truly enjoyed Bob throughout my working years as county clerk. He was always a gentleman. We had some good laughs, and sometimes some serious discussions, but he was always a joy to work with. May God Bless you and all your family as you go forward with all your great memories, which will sustain each of you in your own way. I will catch up with you soon, but in the meantime, if I can do anything for you, please give me a call.  
May God Bless each of you.

*Patty Rodgers*

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**Rodgers** - May 21, 2024 at 04:14 PM

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The celebration of bobs life is July 14th at 1:00 . If you want to share a story or memory you are welcomed to do that❤️🙏

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**fran carey** - June 08, 2024 at 02:25 PM

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“ Fran, So thankful for the times we all had at Larry's, talking, and laughing. Bob was a kind, wonderful man. May God's hope-filled promises give you and your family comfort.

*Nancy Kudary DeVries*

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**Nancy Kudary DeVries** - May 20, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *Fran I am so sad to hear about Bob's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of the four of us Bob Al you and me working so hard to free Jamie and the deep friendship we developed during that struggle. I also remember that joyous moment we shared the day that Jamie was set free. Al and I loved Bob so much and I love and honor you.*

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**Evey Millstein** - May 19, 2024 at 11:45 AM

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“ *May 11, 2024*

*Marvin Vanderslik*

*Fran, The most important part of Bob's life is told in the sentence, "Bob married the love of his life Fran." A loving husband and wife and a loving family. What a blessing you have. May GOD help you and all of Bob's loved ones in their sadness, sorrow and tears.*

*Marvin Vanderslik*

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**marvin vanderslik** - May 18, 2024 at 03:11 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert John Carey.*



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May 13, 2024 at 03:04 PM

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“ Ann Opperthausen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert John Carey.

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**Ann Opperthausen** - May 13, 2024 at 03:04 PM