



Robert Carl Stevens

March 27, 1949 - November 11, 2023

Robert Carl Stevens, 74 of South Boardman, passed away at his home on Veterans Day, November 11, 2023. A proud veteran of the Vietnam War, Bob was born on March 27, 1949 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan to the late Felix and Dorothy (Ames) Stevens.

Bob was widely recognized in Northern Michigan for his expertise as a Chrysler mechanic. He achieved the remarkable feat of winning Chrysler's Gold Tool Award for 10 consecutive years during his nearly three-decade tenure at Dan McCormick's Chrysler Dealership in Kalkaska. As the very first Viper technician in the state of Michigan, Bob's passion for cars extended beyond his profession.

His love for automobiles led him and his sons into the world of drag racing. Countless hours were spent in the garage, honing their skills in race engine building within his 1972 Dodge Demon. This shared interest culminated in the formation of the Stevens Racing Team, a testament to the legacy he leaves behind.

Bob took immense pride in his daughters, and his protective nature reflected a deep and fierce love. He delighted in sharing their numerous accomplishments with others, often proudly describing himself as a devoted father. His dedication extended to his grandchildren, whom he taught various skills, from shooting a bow to fixing household items, and instilled the importance of standing strong for one's values.

While his professional and racing accomplishments were noteworthy, Bob's

greatest joy in life was his ever-expanding family. Sunday dinners, hosting at least 25 people, became a cherished tradition. He embraced his children's spouses as if they were his own, fostering a close-knit family environment. An avid gardener, Bob found joy in cultivating a variety of produce, with a particular pride in his towering sunflowers. His generosity extended beyond family, as he loved sharing his harvest with friends. Beyond his practical skills, one of his greatest gifts was his sense of humor. Renowned for his jokes and puns, particularly on Facebook, his infectious smile lit up every room he entered.

Wendy, his wife of 51 years, shares in the grief of losing a loving husband. Bob is also survived by his children: Christie (Matt) McLeod, Stacy (Brian) Muth, Bill (Michelle) Stevens, Eric (Samantha) Stevens; grandchildren: Nate, Zac, Luke, Alex, Taylor, Desitee, Dustin, Ongell, Jayden, Noah, and Elijah; great-grandchildren: Lincoln, Oliver, and Dimitri; and his brother, Alex (Carmen) Stevens.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Michael and David Stevens, mother-in-law Patricia Nelson, father-in-law Earl Nelson, and brother-in-law James Lane.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Family and friends may gather starting at 1 pm until the service commences. The arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Family and Friends

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Celebration of Life

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Debora W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Carl Stevens.*

Debora W. - November 25, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Stevens.*



November 24, 2023 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Cheryl Gines purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Carl Stevens.*



Cheryl Gines - November 24, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Stevens.*



November 24, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Stevens.



November 20, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Stevens.



November 15, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Stevens.



November 15, 2023 at 04:01 PM