



Robert "Bob" Michael Arbogast

July 16, 1950 - August 23, 2024

Robert Michael Arbogast, born on July 16, 1950 fought a courageous battle against cancer for a year and a half. Throughout his battle, Bobby showed incredible strength and resilience, often pushing himself to run in order to stay strong and positive. Despite his fighting spirit and determination Heaven gained another angel on August 23, 2024. Bob passed peacefully with his loved ones at his side. Bob was preceded in death by his son Isaiah, his wife Vicki, his father Ted, his mother Effie, his brother Bill and his niece Lisa. Bob is survived by his Grandson Elijah, his sister Sharon, brothers Greg, Pat, Ted and Jimmy as well nieces Tera, Julie, Amanda, Jessica, Michelle, Alicia, Rachel and Sarah, along with Godson's Patrick and Charlie and his Nephew Josh. Bob cherished and loved his friends and family and left a lasting impact on those blessed to know him. He will be truly missed. Memorial Service Friday, Sept 6, 11 AM, with a gathering of friends and family one hour before at:

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Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

5125 West Broadway, Crystal

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Chapel Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ My family has experienced tremendous loss in the past 3 years with the death of my cousin Isaiah, aunt Vicki, and now my uncle Bobby. I have such great memories growing up and staying over there. Bobby's humor and silliness was unmatched. Playing Sorry was one of my favorite things to do because when you entered the safety zone, Bobby liked to refer to that as "going up the poop chute." It made me laugh every single time! Sliding down the stairs, I can still hear the sound in my head. The way he would shake his arm back and forth to aggravate the dog. Of course ZEKE ZUBLA!!!! One quirky thing that is standing out to me is his love to chew some Big Red gum and roll it on his fingers... "Mudge" I believe he called it. Still not sure what the deal was with that, but it definitely stands out and is one distinction I remember about him. He would always have it at the ready on the table next to his chair. Uncle Bobby, you will be so missed but I am comforted knowing you are resting in peace. I love you!!

Janelle Godejohn - September 05, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Michael Arbogast.



September 05, 2024 at 02:21 PM

SH

“ I first met Bob after being hired as an optometrist by his mother-in-law, Jean Stout, in 1989, when I was fresh out of school. Bob and Vickie joined Jean in running 3 optical locations soon after. I quickly recognized how blessed I was to start my career working for 3 amazing people. Bob and I very quickly bonded and I learned how he was a truly genuine, down to earth guy, with an incredible sense of humor - and, though he looked tough on the outside, had a heart of gold and would do anything for you. I also learned what an amazing family the Arbogasts are. I got to know Ted and Greg and Jimmie and many of their family and saw what a deep family love they have for each other, which was evidenced as to how they came together to help care for Bob after his diagnosis and journey fighting cancer. I count the Arbogasts as one of a handful of families I have known who stand out as those who will celebrate one another in the good times and support one another through the worst of times. After hearing first about Vickie's passing, and now Bob's, I truly regret not doing better at staying in touch over the years. Bob and Vickie came to see me for exams last year and we had so much fun reminiscing that I almost had to re-schedule the rest of my day! Bob and I talked about everything - we talked sports, we laughed about some stories we both recalled from 30 years ago, we cried about Isaiah, and Bob truly wanted to know about my wife and daughters and how they are. It was like reconnecting with a best friend.

I love you Bob and I'll miss you - but glad you are re-united with Vickie and Isaiah and I know you and your life won't be forgotten.

Scott Hadden

And our sympathies go out to all of Bob's extended family from Renee and Ashley and Amanda Hadden

Scott Hadden - September 02, 2024 at 03:04 PM

DS

“ For the last 40 years I have had a brother. This is the way I feel. Over that time he always supported my family and myself. I remember the wrestling matches the most. This was my time with my brother. Seeing him interact with my children was a joy to behold and who can forget Zeke Zubla. Bobs sense of humor was a quality of his that I truly admired. I will miss Bob more than words will ever be able to explain. I love you brother may you rest in peace.

Darrell Stout - September 01, 2024 at 08:52 PM

GB

“ Our family mourns the passing of a great friend, uncle, father, husband, and neighbor: Bob Arbogast. I first met Bob 7 years ago when I came to live in Minnesota. He was my wife Sherry’s inlaw. Our friendship grew and deepened from there. We came to know each other as true Bros. I learned many things about the man during these years. He loved baseball and he was recognized as an outstanding young talent so significant that the Twins farm system expressed interest in signing him. He played catcher and outfield and was on his way until a tragic accident occurred which ended his playing days. Bob and his wife, Vicki, of more than 40 years loved children. And children loved them. Both Bob and Vicki could talk to and understand children in such a magical way that so many of the children they met would light up with joy in their presence. One of his favorite imaginary characters was a guy named Zeke Zubla. Bob and Vicki adopted a baby boy, Isaiah, thirty years ago. This baby boy meant the world to them and they devoted their lives to loving and protecting him. Bob loved youth sports, including coaching a girls’ basketball team with his brother Greg. He worked for years in the construction trades, specializing in concrete and safety systems. Bob and Vicki lived in Crystal in the same neighborhood for over 40 years. Theirs was a home to which all of Isaiah’s friends wanted to hang out. Bob was the guy you could count on to make his street and neighborhood a real community. He helped others whenever possible. He was the guy you might see blowing snow out of his neighbor’s driveway early or late during winter storms. Neighbor kids loved to come over to swim in their backyard pool when temperatures soared. Bob was known as a man who stood for doing the right thing. As well he had a wonderful sense of humor that could make all of us see the humanity in others around us. He was greatly loved and will be so missed. Gregg Bryant

Gregg Bryant - September 01, 2024 at 06:42 PM

SB

“ Bob was married for over 40 years to my sister Vicki, who we lost last year. For my brother and me he was more than a brother-in-law, rather, like a brother from another mother. Over the years I have appreciated and admired his dedication as a husband, father, uncle, son, brother and friend. The love he gave, and so freely expressed, encircled everyone within range of him. This never changed in spite of the hardships and losses he experienced over the years losing beloved family members, and most recently his son Isaiah, wife Vicki, close friend Randy, and lest we forget Emma, their somewhat rabid, but loved family pet.

Bob was one of the funniest people I know. I mean who can forget Zeke Zubla! He lived to make people laugh and he loved to cook for people. It was his way of showing how much he cared. This was something we all experienced, especially Isaiah and his friends—the egg cheese breakfast, specialty of the house!

He was magic when it came to children—no doubt there are many stories his nieces and nephews can tell. He and Vicki opened their home to kids on a regular basis. Their home was a home away from home for many of Isaiah's friends and they loved it. They never turned anyone away.

Just some of the things I will miss—Bobby's sense of humor, Christmases together as a family, playing 500, road trips together, those crazy characters and stories, and egg cheeses!

Rest in peace dear brother-in-law. You lit up our lives and made the world a better place. Sherry Bryant

Sherry Bryant - September 01, 2024 at 06:33 PM

TB

“ I have wonderful memories of Bob, Vicki and Isaiah. I was Isaiah's traveling basketball coach from 5th - 8th grade in the Armstrong travel program. Bob kept the scorebook for me and was always seated near me on the bench. Bob was a fiery guy who always cheered for everyone on our team. He was a competitor, but always displayed wonderful sportsmanship. Those were very good teams in those years, consistently playing in the top bracket in the state tournament. The three of them, Bob, Vicki and Isaiah, were some of my and my wife Cindy's favorite people. Vicki never missed a game, and Isaiah brought heart and incredible speed to our team. My son Mitchell was very close to Isaiah in those years and into high school. Mitchell spent many overnights at the Arbogast home and always spoke of how Bob would make them bacon every time. Those were great years with the wonderful Arbogast family. I attended Isaiah's funeral but was not aware Vicki had passed. Blessings and peace to remaining family and friends. Todd Biewen

Todd Biewen - September 01, 2024 at 04:53 PM