



Robert Allen Crawford

September 13, 1964 - November 8, 2025

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Robert, known as Bob to many, and as Squirrel to some, passed away on November 8, 2025 in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Bob truly lived his life for himself, no matter what anyone else thought. He was an adventurer, a carpenter, a lover, a fighter, and truly the life of the party. There's not much that could keep him down. Bob was generous when he couldn't afford generosity. He was worthy of trust, love, and respect by his community and loved ones. He was deeply cherished.

Bob was born on September 13, 1964 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Faye Johnson (née French) and Allen Crawford.

In the early 1990s, Bob welcomed 2 children, Angela and Bradley, with his then wife Christine. They primarily lived in Anoka, Minnesota. As a young family, they spent their time together figuring it out. Bob's love for fishing, camping, and the great outdoors, influenced how they spent a lot of their summers together. But during the cold, winter months, you'd find Bob and the family watching documentaries (before they were cool) on the history channel or national geographic. He was an avid learner. Whenever the kids asked one of their many questions, he'd point them to the 1980s World Book

Encyclopedia set and tell them to look it up!

Bob was loved by many and made friends wherever he went. In the last phase of his life, his friends truly became his family. He had friends from all phases of life; Joan, Laurie, Dave, Hunter, Felix, Rooster, and so many others. His friends are actually the ones who inspired his nickname, Squirrel. It is said that Bob collected "nuts," crazy people, people who struggle, people from all walks of life. That's why they called him Squirrel. He created community and could make conversation come alive with but a few words. Throughout it all, he created his own space in the world by purposely picking the friends that would become family.

During his working years, Bob was a carpenter. He built homes, he painted, there were even some years spent roofing. His career really was one of his biggest moments of success and greatest achievements. He did it all. Bob's son would even go to work with him sometimes and watch. After carpentry, he spent time building trinkets and little things for himself and others; boxes to hold things, art work, pipe carvings, wine making.

Bob will always be remembered for the way he lit up a room when he walked in and the way the conversation would come alive when he spoke. He will be remembered for how he drank his coffee, not how he spilled nor where he stored it. He's remembered for being unapologetic and always sticking true to who he was as a person.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother, Faye Johnson. He is survived by his children Bradley Crawford and Angela (David) Crawford Neven, his grandchildren, Geneva and Silas, his former wife, Christine Anderson Crawford, his father, Allen Crawford, his brother, Daniel Crawford, and so many friends.

Bob has been cremated and his ashes will be scattered at the Continental

Divide in Minnesota's Iron Range. There will be a Memorial in Bob's honor at Akin Riverside Park in Anoka, MN on May 16,2026 at 12pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Akin Riverside Park
1721 River Avenue
Anoka, MN 55303