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Robert “Bob” Lapointe of Burnt Store Marina, FL passed away on August 2, 2017. He also lived in Rindge, N.H. and Saco, ME. Immediately after graduating from high school, Bob entered the U.S. Air Force, spending seven years on various bases in different countries, including Osan AFB in Korea, Hahn AFB in Germany, and Wheelus AFB in Africa. After his Honorable Discharge as a Sergeant from Active Duty, he served six years in the AF Reserves. He then attended Fitchburg State College on the GI Bill, earning a Bachelor of Science in Secondary English Education. Bob taught Middle School English in Winchendon, MA for many years. During that time he returned to Fitchburg State and earned two Masters of Education, one in Secondary English and the other in Educational Leadership. He was Class Advisor to the Class of 1975 and traveled with them to England for their Senior Trip. They dedicated the song “To Sir With Love” to him during their high school years and at graduation. He started his administrative career as an Assistant Principal at Athol Junior High School and then went back to Winchendon as the Middle School and then the Elementary Principal. He was a member of the NEA Principal Group and presented at many conferences in New England. He also served on NEAS&C committees evaluating schools around New England. In 1972, Bob joined the Rindge Fire Department and worked his way up the ranks to become Fire Chief, retiring in 1998. During that time, he became one of the first nationally certified EMT’s in the country. He was also an SCBA Instructor for many years at Meadowood Fire School and he was a Fire Warden for the State of New Hampshire. He believed in giving back to the community he lived in. He served as Bail Commissioner for the Town of Rindge and was a Justice of the Peace. He belonged to the American Legion, the Elks, and the VFW. He was also a Mason. Bob loved his vacation home in Camp Ellis Beach, ME and his boat “Knot Behavin”. While living in Maine, he took the coursework and was awarded his Coast Guard



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Captain License, stating that the CG Course was harder than his two Master's Degrees. Bob struggled with health issues when his kidneys failed. He received a double kidney transplant at Maine Med in Portland, ME in 2003. He suffered many illnesses and physical complications over the years and moved to Florida to get away from the New England winters. Bob is survived by his wife Margaret, and their family, Jesamyn Angelica and her husband, Gus Beucke of Hayward, CA, and Heather Kerwin and her husband Jason Kerwin and three grandchildren, Aurora, Finnian and Everett of Cape Coral, FL. He also is survived by six sisters and 2 brothers, and many nieces and nephews. He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Donations may be made in Bob's name to the Rindge NH Fire Department, 150 Main St., Rindge, NH 03461, or the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY, 10016. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be offered on Mr. Lapointe's memorial web page at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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CM

Cheri Mason posted:

I remember my mom and dad having a copy of this picture in their photo album. Bobby and I shared the same dad. I know daddy was always so very proud of everything Bobby achieved! :)))

August 27 at 9:08 AM

CM

Cheri Mason posted:

Sending loving thoughts and prayers to my half brother Bob's family. I was very sad to hear the news of Bobby's passing. Bobby looks so very much like our dad it's not even funny. Bobby and I were not close in age, but I was always happy to see him when he came around over the years. With Sincere Sympathy, Cheri Lapointe Mason

August 27 at 9:03 AM

LM

Lynn Murray posted:

Dear Family and Friends of Mr. Lapointe, Memories of a 7th grade student. Room 107. English 7-0. 1972-1973. "Lynn, you may only read one sports book for a book report. You already read Bobby Orr: Dynamite on Ice" "But Mr. Lapointe, Brian Piccolo: A Short Season is a biography of a person who is battling a fatal disease while continuing to play football. It doesn't have to be considered a sports book. Please let me read it." Yes, Mr. Lapointe did let me read the Brian Piccolo story and I also read Gale Sayer's I Am Third (but not for a book report). I loved going to 7th grade English class. Memories of a 30 something teacher. Room 107. 4th graders. Mid 1990s. Mr. Lapointe is my principal! And guess what? I am teaching 4th graders in the same room where he taught 7th grade English. How cool is that! It was a very snowy winter and Mr. Lapointe gave us the option of sending one teacher to supervise (and participate in) sliding on "boat sleds" on the back hill at recess time. I was the teacher. What fun! Thank you, Mr. Lapointe. Those 4th graders are in their late 20s now and they remember. Those are just two of many memories. I will be teaching 5th graders in room 101 in 2017-2018. Mr. Lapointe continues to be one of my all-time favorite teachers AND, without a doubt, my favorite principal. Most sincerely, Lynn Murray Murdock High School, Class of 1978

August 11 at 3:21 PM

KC

Katherine Camire posted:

Dear Margaret and girls. I am saddened to hear of Bob's death. He was a fighter; a lover of life and his girls. May his memory be eternal. Katherine Camire.

August 7 at 9:53 AM



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KC

Kelly Conrad posted:

Margaret, thinking of you and the girls. Uncle Bob was quite a character and will be missed. He was so supportive when I was 21 and lost my friend Jeff. He had a lovely sense of humor. Much love to you all. Kelly

August 6 at 12:12 PM

SB

Susan Beaudoin posted:

To my older brother may you be in peace-Will remember the blackmails you had us do when you knew we did wrong, many a lunches and suppers were made for you by us when we came in late past curfew and you would be sitting there. Remember the water fights and the night someone actually brought the hose in from outside to use. Journey on to a better place. Your younger sister Susan

August 6 at 4:35 AM

RH

Reginald W Hatton posted:

Rest in peace brother, God blessed you with a truly wonderful life and you lived it to the fullest. I will remember you for your humor (putting mustache, goatees and devil horns on my older sisters pictures) and spirit for adventure (shark fishing on Georges Bank) and for the role model you are (Chief, Educator, Captain Grandfather and so much more) so thank you for the memories. You will not be forgotten. Little Reg

August 6 at 4:03 AM



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JB

Janet F Beucke posted:

Dear Margaret, Jesa and Heather, Our hearts go out to you in your shared grief with the passing of your husband and father, Bob. Each of you has our deepest sympathy. Bob was an amazing and kind gentleman, a man of great patriotism, courage and intelligence, a man who earned the respect of so many. and will be missed and remembered always by his dear family and countless friends. He so loved you all. It was our good fortune to have met him and be in his company at so many happy occasions, both the weddings as well as the July get-togethers in Maine at Camp Ellis where we got to know and love him, and where we had such fun and many interesting and congenial conversations at the house and on the beach and at Huotâ??s. Bob enjoyed being in the middle of all his kids and their spouses and their cousins and friends, and he seemed to always have his grandchildren and his pets climbing all over him. Bob was a rugged man, but had a sweetness about him that was very charming. We will miss him, but those times we will always remember. Margaret, you and your girls will remain in our thoughts and prayers as you, with the support of your family, cope with your loss and begin to heal and find peace in your cherished memories. May Bob rest in peace. Love, Janet and Gus Beucke

August 5 at 8:20 AM

GN

Gina Olson Namin posted:

I met Bob through mutual friends six years ago. It took me two seconds to realize he was special. Something about him reminded me of my Dad, I think it was his charm and sense of humor. I knew instantly that Bob was a sweet and good man. My sincere condolences to Margaret and family. May he Rest In Peace eternal. Gina Namin OOB, Me

August 4 at 4:28 PM

JM

Joe Matusky posted:

Bob, I just pictured you in my mind, just as you was in 1959. You had that black hair you could flip to the side. If memory serves me right, you, I, and several others were always in front of the 1st Sgt. Because of our long hair. We went to the 496th as boys and came back to the states as aircraft mechanics. Those were the days. Love you buddy.

August 4 at 4:02 PM

SM

Sharon Montour posted:

So many memories, so many good times. Bob was loved by all who knew him, and will be missed! Sharon Montour and sons, Fred and Andrew Wilkinson

August 4 at 9:10 AM



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DB

Dolores Bell posted:

I will miss Bob's sense of humor and his sharp wit. I hope He and Alan are together somewhere causing havoc and laughing like hell.

August 4 at 8:47 AM

CD

Coral May Grout, Ed.D. posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Robert Gordon Lapointe

August 4 at 7:50 AM

SH

Shawna Hoban posted:

So sorry. Whenever I think of him, I see the smile on his face and the sparkle in his eyes. We're thinking of you all. Shawna

August 4 at 5:59 AM

DW

Diana Weiner posted:

Thank you Bob for your years of military service and then for your years in the education field. Margaret you were very lucky to have such a good guy by your side and he in turn, to have you by his side. Sending you and the family our prayers. Love from Diana and Dee Dee ❤️

August 3 at 1:16 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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