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Robert William Ruck passed away October 3 in Maui Hawaii. He was born on Feb 1,1955 to the late Robert and Marilyn Ruck of Shavertown Pa.

He graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School in 1972. He was a graduate of Penn State University. He retired from DuPont in Delaware. Robert moved to Maui where he enjoyed snorkeling and hiking there.

He is survived by brother William Ruck and his wife Kathy of Landenberg Pa. Sister Linda Nareski Hanover Township Pa. Niece Rachel Ruck Landenberg Pa. Nephew David Nareski Hanover Pa. Aunt Doris Ruck Nanticoke Pa.

As per his request, private service will be held by the family at his favorite beach in Maui.



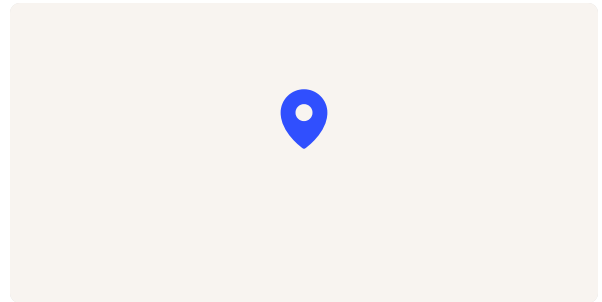
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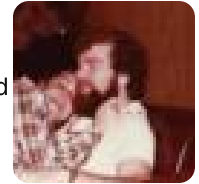
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DL

Darlene Langille shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 1, 2018 Happy Heavenly Birthday, "Robear". I miss you more than you could know. Bob has always had a very special place in my heart. At the time of his passing, we had been friends for 40 years, meeting on a blind date in 1976. Over the years, we "zigged and zagged" in and out of each other's life, taking trips to San Juan, PR, camping in the Virgin Islands and Ricketts Glenn, and a couple of trips to Walt Disney World. In mid September '16, Bob and I planned a weekend long reunion in Chattanooga as a layover on his trip home to PA to spend a couple months with his siblings. I was so thrilled to be hosting him in my new 'home' city. I was completely shocked and grief-stricken to learn that his lack of communication on his flight plans was due to his untimely passing. I will always remember Bob as being 'bigger than life': enthusiastic and talented at whatever he put his hand to, compassionate, fun-loving and never afraid to work for whatever he wanted and always successful. Bob also showed me his spiritual side when he learned my sister was dying of cancer. The card and note he sent to my sister, along with the conversations we had about 'life after life' made me love him even more. He was excited and intrigued about the "next big adventure" after this life was lived. Neither of us imagined that he would move to that next big adventure just 7 months later. I am blessed to have had Bob in my life and I will always cherish all of my memories of the great times we spent together. (photos I posted are from '76, '79 and 2014) Darlene Langillevioletwren@gmail.com

January 31 at 5:06 PM

BM

Barbara Jahn Mccauley lit a candle in honor of Robert.



November 13 at 3:06 AM

GT

Garry S. Taroli posted:

Bob was one of the "Maple Ave Crew" and a really great guy, good friend, a great athlete (he could run rings around the rest of us playing football at the school yard). I just found out about his untimely death over the weekend and I sent an e-mail to John Celusniak (who contacted Joe Munster), Carl Schmitt and the rest of my close WWV classmates - everyone is deeply shocked and saddened by his passing at such a relatively young age. I'll always remember all the good times - playing sports, riding our bikes everywhere, listening to his parents primo audio system and record collection in the nicely finished basement of his house, etc.....I hope that he had many happy years in Hawaii. -Garry S. Taroli.

October 31 at 4:41 AM



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Al Adams lit a candle in honor of Robert.



October 17 at 10:30 PM



John F. Celusniak November 13 at 8:43 AM

Since I learned about Bob's passing two weeks ago, I don't think a day has gone by when I have not thought of him. Each time, another great memory comes to mind. Bob's family moved to Kingston, PA for 3rd grade, not too long after that Bob, Garry, Carl, and I became friends with Bob. Joe joined us around age 14, when he moved into the neighborhood. Bob was a great athlete, when he was on my side for touch football I think we always won. He was a pain when we opposed each other, he would just run around the receiver to intercept. I remember riding bikes with him around Kingston, hard to believe that was over 50 years ago. Bob had that "weird" two speed bike, pedal backwards to change speeds. Great times just sitting in the Maple trees and talking. As Garry said, Bob's father had a primo stereo; all of us enjoyed listening to Herb Alpert. Bob's family moved away around 8th grade, but moved back a few years later. I still remember how happy I was when I learned he was moving back. Grand Funk Railroad Concert at the Paramount Theatre in Wilkes-Barre when we were 15. It was so great, we called Bob's mother for more money, so we could see the second show. She came in her Corvair with five dollars for each of us to see them again. Five bucks to see a group that sold out Shea Stadium faster than the Beatles. No transportation back then at 1am, so we walked home right down the middle of the streets; didn't get home until 2am. My mother yelled at me so loud I think they heard her in, well, Maui. Bob was one of the original Tuffys. (Welcome Back Kotter had the Sweat Hogs. Kingston, PA had the Tuffys.) What did Tuffys do? We sat on the Tuffy Bench in front of Stegmeier Playground, talking, and watching the cars and girls go by. Then came 16 and driving! We would cruise around in either his '66 Charger, or my '68 Camaro. No more Tuffy Bench, we were cruisin'! We were kind of doing our own thing in our senior year. When we connected, by pure chance both of us chose Penn State, and we were lab partners and study partners throughout. After lab, Bob would call me that night, and say the numbers recorded are not working out. I'll call Bob the day before the lab was due and say the numbers are not working out. We would then modify Ohm's Law. Somewhere in that time period we had a few camping trips to Red Rock. One time, no sites were available, but that did not stop Bob. A little while later we were setting up camp. Terrific concert at Pocono Race Way (Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Humble Pie, Edgar or was it Johnny Winter?) Then back to your '66 Charger for some Boone's Farm Apple. There was Christmas Eve Shopping - we always ended up at King's Miracle Mart since they were open until 6pm. We had a week long Killington ski trip, the best ski trip of my life. Bob's friend Ron cooked, my friend Myron kept giving him cooking advice, no fights though. During our 20's: Carpooling back to Kingston, Sha Na Na at the Valley Forge Music Fair. My first Cherry Blossom Festival in D.C. was with Bob when he called one Friday night. I have loved the Cherry Blossom Festival ever since. I made many visits to his home in Delaware; we played Space Invaders all night long



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after one party where Bob rented the arcade machine. I had one unforgettable visit to his home in Memphis. Bob and I did the "anywhere Eastern Airlines flies over a 21 day period, unlimited mileage and flights." Bob went for the entire 21 days. Bob's brother Bill and I split one ticket, so I flew as Bill Ruck to California, Puerto Rico, St. Croix, and Barbados. (Imagine doing that today.) Bill was not happy because he would have to get shots as proof "Bill Ruck" had proper vaccinations. Of course I would have to get them too for my own protection. Remember that Bill? Fortunately, no shots were required. We were so excited with arriving in LA, we just drove around, and decided we were going to drive to Long Beach and watch the sunrise. Then it hit one of us that...what a couple of East Coast Bumpkins. One of my best memories of that trip was snorkeling in St. Croix; I can see why snorkeling was one of his favorite pastimes. After that trip, we pretty much went our own way, though we were in contact from to time. I believe the last time I saw Bob was at our 2002 Class Reunion. On many occasions I thought about calling him to see how he was doing. It is funny how the months turn into years. I'll miss Bob. I was looking forward to seeing him at next year's Class Reunion. Bob, thanks for the great memories. I did not know Bob was married, and I believe he did not know I was married. (My wife Robin and I have been married for a little over two years.) Kathy, I hope you two had a lot more than that. This still must be a really difficult time for you. When you are ready, I'd like to say hi and learn about his final years. Please email me at jfcelusniak@gmail.com. Bill, the same holds for you. John F. Celusniak

CS

Carl Schmitt November 1 at 11:14 AM

Bob was a great guy, great athlete, a compassionate man, and well liked by everyone who knew him. Bob and I became friends at Maple Ave Elementary School. Part of the Maple Ave Crew. The Maple Ave Crew are shocked and sadden over his early passing. Bob will be missed but not forgotten. Rest in peace Bob. Carl Schmitt

LB

Lottie Bare October 17 at 10:54 PM

"LINDA, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU..GOD BLESS" PEE WEE AND LOTTIE BARE

AA

Al Adams October 17 at 10:32 PM

Bob was a great guy. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



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January 31 at 5:06 PM



We were sweeties after a blind date, and then for 40 more years, on and off.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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