



Robert L. Dawson

August 5, 1940 - May 22, 2021

Robert L. Dawson, age 80, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, May 22, 2021 at his home.

He was born August 5, 1940 in Dixon, the son of Courtney & Blanche Dominique Dawson.

Robert had worked in material handling at the Ford Stamping plant. He had also been a tow truck driver for 32 years.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge 802, Knights of Columbus 145, and Aroma Park American Legion 1019.

Robert enjoyed scuba diving. He was a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital for many years.

Robert served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1969 as a PFC.

Surviving are his nieces and nephews, Steve Schiel of Kankakee, Stan Schiel of Kankakee, and Scott Schiel of Kankakee, Stacey Garrity of Janesville, WI, Bridgette Laramie of OK, Brian Dawson of OK and Deborah Yoggerst, Springfield, IL.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, William Dawson, Corine Schiel, and Thomas Dawson.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, May 28, 2021 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee.

Entombment will follow at All Saints Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to the AMITA St. Mary's Volunteer Program.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. State Rte. 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. Dawson*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Uncle Bob, I so wish I could have seen you one last time. I remember you as being the most patient person I've ever met. You were so generous in sharing your house with those that needed a place to call home, if even for a little while. You always had an open door policy for everyone. I wished I lived closer these past few years. It was great being able to go on family reunions and reconnect with everyone again. You will be missed.*



Stacey - May 26, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Uncle Bob, I have so many childhood memories of staying weekends with you, grandma and grandpa. I remember when you would supervise my cooking in the kitchen, how you'd always have homemade ice cream in the deep freeze and how you said to never go upstairs ... but I snuck up anyway. :) My kids had so much fun with you at our last family reunion. They talk about how you loved the pool and how well you could swim ... well, you were a SCUBA diver! I was just thinking early Saturday morning that I should call you again soon, but I didn't get the chance. You will be missed always! Love, Debbie*

Debbie Dawson-Yoggerst - May 25, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Uncle Bob, I will never forget you coming to our house in Kankakee and making movies of Billy, Bryan and me. Mom wrote the story and some neighbor kids held paper signs with the words to tell the tale. You had such an amazing imagination, and you were so much fun to be around. You will always be a big part of my childhood memories. I am so happy we were able to reconnect over the last few years having family reunions and Thanksgiving dinners together. You were one of a kind, and I will see you again one day. Love you.*

Bridgette Dawson Theis Laramie - May 25, 2021 at 06:41 AM



“ *Uncle Bob you were SO much fun to be around! Your Laugh and silly jokes made us all laugh and love to be around you. More over you were one of the best men to ever exist in my opinion with your selfless heart and service to others. I carried on the tradition of trying to flush my Nephew and Niece down the Toilet :-)* Thanks for such wonderful memories of you and all the good times. God Bless. Rest in Peace. Bryan

Bryan Dawson - May 24, 2021 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Bobby Dawson was more like a brother to me than a brother-in law. I loved him dearly. Rest in peace, my friend. Brenda Dawson*



Brenda Dawson - May 24, 2021 at 08:15 PM