



## Robert "Rob" Mau

November 27, 1953 - April 12, 2016

Robert A. Mau, 62 of Herscher passed away suddenly, Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born November 27, 1953 in Kankakee to Albert and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Mau. Robert married Janet Lloyd November 25, 1988 in Herscher, IL.

He was the owner and editor of the Herscher Pilot newspaper since 1979. Rob was a member of the Herscher Christian Church where he was a deacon. He also was a member of the Lions Club, the Herscher Chamber of Commerce and served on the Herscher Village Board. He was a current board member of Hospice of Kankakee Valley and was a multi-gallon blood donor as well as an organ and tissue donor.

He is survived by his wife; Janet of Herscher, two sons; Avery "AJ" Mau and Zachary Mau both of Herscher and one daughter; Sophia Mau of Herscher. Also surviving are 2 sisters and brothers in law; Gloria (Richard) Mannel of Peoria, AZ and Marilyn (David) Bottorff of Darien, IL, one brother and sister in law; Richard (Rita) Mau of DesPlaines, IL and several nieces and nephews, one aunt; Marianne Mau, cousins and his mother in law; Hazel Hawkins.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, father in law; John Lloyd and one brother in law; Samuel Lloyd.

The family would like to share memories at the Herscher Pub, Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. on. The visitation will be at the Herscher Christian Church, Sunday, April 17, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A "Celebration of Life" service will be Sunday April 17, 2016, at 5:00 pm at the Herscher

Christian Church with the Rev. Tyson Graber officiating. Memorials may be made to the family for their wishes. Please visit [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com) to sign Rob's online guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Herscher Christian Church  
Herscher, IL 60941

## Celebration of Life Service

APR 17. 5:00 PM (CT)

Herscher Christian Church  
Herscher, IL 60941

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Rob" Mau

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Janet & family >

*So sorry for your loss; what an ambassador Rob was for the community of Herscher ! Always enjoyed visiting and talking about the "good things" going on....I met Rob back when I first moved to the area; we often talked about the values of journalism and promoting the area. Celebrate his wonderful life and the fond memories. God Bless !*

*-Carl Gerdovich...Watseka*

Carl Gerdovich - April 20, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ We met Rob at the wake for our Grandson Isaac. He was a caring compassionate man. I'm sure he will be missed by all that knew him.

*Godspeed Rob Mau*

*Johnny and Jeannie Holt*

Johnny and Jeannie Holt - April 19, 2016 at 05:12 PM



 Beth Johnston

“ *Sending love and prayers to Janet and the entire Mau family. Like many in the Herscher area, Rob was a huge part of my childhood, my teenage years, and my adulthood as I read The Pilot to stay in touch with my home community. There is hardly an event in my growing up years that sticks out that Rob wasn't a part of in some way - from Labor Days to sporting events to church functions.*

*Prayers with you during this difficult time, Beth Johnston*

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**Beth Johnston** - April 18, 2016 at 01:17 PM

CS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Rob's wife and children, and to Gloria, Dick, Marilyn and families. My memories go back some 50 plus years, as I especially enjoyed the summer picnics our families shared. I'm thinking Rob was probably the youngest of the group. Our parents were in card club for years, meeting at each other's homes throughout the year. It was always fun to see everyone, especially as we all got older and moved all over Illinois. So sad, so young, thoughts and prayers for all the Mau family and friends.*

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**Charlene Dahn Skeldon** - April 18, 2016 at 12:50 PM

TL

“ *I was so very sorry to hear of "Robbie's" passing. When I was helping my Mom, Jane Dickman, through health issues and we placed an ad in the paper for help, it was such a comfort to have a friend from growing up to work with and to talk to about life's concerns. He put me in touch with some wonderful people and I really enjoyed subscribing to and reading "The Pilot". What an astute mind! I am sorry that I did not have the opportunity to meet each of his family. Gloria, Marilyn, Dick and family you have my sincerest sympathies and prayers now and in the days ahead.*  
*Theta and John Lee*

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**Theta Lee** - April 18, 2016 at 08:31 AM

MA

“ To the Mau family:

*I did not know Rob well when he worked at the Graphic-Clarion here in Arthur. His time here was short before he went home to Herscher to become what was obviously a valued community member. My mother, Phyllis Stock, worked with Rob at the Graphic and I do remember that she thought very highly of him.*

*Gone too soon but hope that all these words of sympathy are a help and consolation to his family.*

*Martha K. Yeakel, Arthur*

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**Martha** - April 17, 2016 at 10:33 PM

BW

*Dear Janet and Mau Family, So sorry for your loss. Our Thought and Prayers are with you all. Sorry we couldn't be there for you.RIP Mr.Rob Mau. Thanks for all you did for us. God Bless all the family.*

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**Bobby & Dana Warhurst** - April 20, 2016 at 06:19 PM

SS

“ *To the Mau Family,*

*Our deepest condolences in your loss of Rob. We only knew him for a couple of years before we moved out of Herscher but we remember his kindness and his support of AJ during our baseball season. He was always at our practices giving help as an assistant coach to me. Afterwards he would be the first to invite us for a cold drink and some friendship. I have read Rob's column since leaving Herscher just to keep up with his influence and wisdom. He will be missed in the Herscher area and within the hearts of those that knew him.*

*Steve, Amy, Casey & Cody Schultz*

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**Steve Schultz** - April 17, 2016 at 01:10 PM

LG

“ *Many good memories of a good friend. Lyle and Carol Giles*

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**Lyle Giles** - April 17, 2016 at 08:28 AM

RF

“ *Love and prayers for the Mau family*



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**Rachel Fruehling** - April 17, 2016 at 07:27 AM

EH

“ Rob Mau and the late Jim Murphy were roommates and best friends at SIU-C in the early 1970s. After I crashed the party, the three of us had some great adventures--and plenty of beers--not just in Carbondale but also in Herscher, Waterloo and Flat River, Mo., while we were fledgling scribes learning the newspaper business. One of our favorite J-School instructors, Ralph Johnson, dubbed Rob "the Sage of Herscher," a nickname that stuck within our circle. I will always remember Rob as one of the nicest, kindest and gentlest individuals I ever met, but he also had a wicked sense of humor that endeared him to many. So long, Sage. Hail to you, Murph. Thanks, dear friends, for the memories.  
--Ed Husar, Quincy, IL

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**Edward Husar** - April 16, 2016 at 04:34 PM

DJ

“ Janet and family,  
Please accept our deepest condolences and sympathies on Rob's passing. Rob was one of the first persons I met when we came to the Herscher School Community thirty years ago. Over the years we became good friends although I could never get him to admit that there was a good baseball team on the north side of Chicago! He truly loved the community and the entire area, as one could readily discern from the Sagebrush. Everyone will miss him; however, everyone will be a better person for having known him. Rest in peace, my friend.  
Dr. J and Nancy

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**Dr. J** - April 16, 2016 at 03:10 PM

CR

“ County West has lost its "Voice" and one of its largest supporter with the passing of the Good Man, Rob. God Bless. Chuck Riker

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**Chuck Riker** - April 16, 2016 at 08:08 AM



“ *Tami and I are saddened by your loss and prayer that God give you all strength in this time of sorrow to know that Robert is at home with Christ. Your family will be in our prayers and knowing that God will provide.* ”

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**Balbino Aseves** - April 16, 2016 at 07:47 AM

DR

“ *Thought and prayers for you and your family and deepest sympathy during your time of need. He will be dearly missed.* ”

*Deborah Regnier CNA/CPT*



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**Deborah Regnier** - April 16, 2016 at 03:09 AM

RR

“ *Sorry for your loss.*  
*Ron Ramsey* ”

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**Ron Ramsey** - April 15, 2016 at 11:54 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Mau.* ”



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April 15, 2016 at 05:08 PM

JG

“ Janet,

*Sending condolences and sympathy to you and your family on Rob's passing. May you have loads of memories and good times as well as the support of family to get you through these difficult times.*

*Judy Gillespie*

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**Judy Gillespie** - April 15, 2016 at 04:24 PM

ZH

“ *I taught at Herscher High School for 6 years. Herscher was a wonderful place to be. And Rob exemplified that. He always treated me very well...even though I was a Cubs fan. He welcomed me into his home for gatherings that he had. Whether it be for a post game party after a high school football game or for a Super Bowl party. He will be greatly missed! My family will be sending thoughts and prayers to Rob's Family.*

*Thanks Rob!*

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**Zak Huston** - April 15, 2016 at 07:44 AM

MB

“ *We have only known Rob for few years since we started attending HCC, but thru him and his wonderful family we have felt welcome. Thanks Rob. GOD bless.*

*Mike, Penny and Cory*

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**Mike Barron** - April 14, 2016 at 10:37 PM

VC

“ I knew Rob from his days in Arthur. I worked with Mark & Beth at The Tintype. Rob was such a kind person...he would usually stop by the studio on a daily basis and fill us in on the activities in Arthur with his own sense of humor that made it very entertaining. He enjoyed his work for the local newspaper...then he hit the big time & got his own paper in Herscher! He will truly be missed. Sending prayers of comfort to your family.

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**Valerie Chancellor** - April 14, 2016 at 08:32 PM

GH

“ Rob was always wonderful about promoting any community activity we were involved in through the years in Herscher. He showcased the school's many activities and was always interested in promoting the Bloodmobile, the Food Pantry, The Council of Churches, whatever publicity we might need. He has been our conduit to our favorite small town for the past 28 years by sending the Pilot to us whether we remembered to subscribe or not. What a great loss to the community. Our sympathy to the whole Mau family.

*Dave and Gloria Haebich*

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**Gloria Haebich** - April 14, 2016 at 07:10 PM

KM

“ My sympathy -  
I know Rob as a Board of Director member here at Hospice of Kankakee Valley. He was the gentlest, kindest gentleman and will be missed at HKV.

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**Kathy Goers, Office Manager** - April 14, 2016 at 03:44 PM

KM

“ Rob captured so many great (and not so great) moments for the Herscher school district and surrounding community. He made small town news a big deal and we will always remember his friendship, dedication, and love for everything county west.

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**Karen McGregor** - April 14, 2016 at 03:14 PM

MM

“ Sending sincere heartfelt sympathy to Rob's wife and son and family. Rob was my brother Jim's best friend at SIU. He visited me in Kentucky several times,once to go to the Kentucky Derby. In those days you could sneak in a lot of beer in a cooler! Not any more! Last saw Rob in Jacksonville, il. When he attended Jim's funeral service in 2011. He was an amazing person and I am so sad for your loss. Marikay Murphy

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**Marikay Murphy** - April 14, 2016 at 11:05 AM