



Robert Theodore Boch

August 26, 1945 - April 1, 2021

Robert Theodore Boch Jr., 75, of Charlevoix, formerly of Bloomington, IN, passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at his home. He was born on August 26, 1945 in Decatur, IN, the son of Robert Theodore Jr. and Elizabeth (Balyeat) Boch.

Robert attended Purdue University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree. On August 15, 1970, he married Anne Harkenrider in Decatur, IN. They lived in several communities in Indiana and summered in Northern Michigan for several years before moving to Charlevoix, MI permanently in 2017.

Robert worked as the manager of a social security office, taught as an adjunct professor in SPEA at Indiana University-Bloomington, and refurbished homes. He was an active, adventurous man. He was an avid boater, he enjoyed fishing, especially the trips he took to Lake of the Woods in Canada, and he liked to ride his bicycle on the many trails in Charlevoix. Robert also enjoyed gardening and feeding the birds. He was a gourmet cook, and did all of the cooking for his family. He was involved in the Rotary Club of Charlevoix and Bloomington, IN, he was a member of the Top of Michigan Trails Council, and he served on the board of the John and Kay Boch Memorial Fund in Decatur, IN, which provides scholarships for non-traditional students.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Anne Boch, and his son, Oliver Robert Boch (Laura Ivins) of Bloomington, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, John Alan Boch.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, on Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Clear Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Graveside Service

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Clear Creek Cemetery
W Church Lane
Bloomington, IN 47403

Tribute Wall

NA

“ Robert's son is one of my dearest friends in the world, so I mostly knew him as "Oliver's dad". When I heard about Robert's passing, the first thing I thought of were the boating trips I went on with Oliver and his parents. Those trips were something like 25 years ago but I remember them very fondly, and that was largely because of Robert, who was always so open and welcoming towards me. He went out of his way to make sure I felt like part of the family on those trips, which made them extra fun. I miss those days and I miss him.

Nathan - June 09, 2021 at 09:38 PM

JI

“ We worked together at the Social Security office in Indianapolis. You will be missed. Joan Irving

Joan Irving - April 21, 2021 at 05:25 AM

MH

“ We can attest to Robert being a gourmet cook. In particular, a time when we were visiting, he prepared leg of lamb (he was unaware we did not care for lamb). Well he certainly changed our mind. He did a fantastic preparation and we fell in love with lamb. Besides being a special brother-in-law he knew his way around the kitchen.

God bless you Robert. May you rest in peace.

Terry & Mary Harkenrider

Mary Harkenrider - April 16, 2021 at 11:09 AM

BJ

“ I was a Clinical Professor at SPEA during Bob’s time there. We became friends and had many fine conversations in the hallway or my office (across from the Adjunct mailboxes) and at SPEA functions. We usually talked about politics but also about teaching and a wide variety of topics. He was a funny, thoughtful, and exceptionally kind man. I really enjoyed his company. I retired in 2011 and regret that I lost touch with him. My deepest condolences to his family.

Bill Jones - April 12, 2021 at 07:15 PM

TS

“ Growing up in the same neighborhood and being a close friend of his brother, John, I knew him as "Ted". He was a very good and intelligent person! God bless Anne and Oliver at this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Terry Smith - April 07, 2021 at 11:01 AM

BM

“ BOB WAS A GOOD PERSON. ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE.I WILL VERY MUCH MY FRIEND. REST IN PEACE. BOB McARDLE

BOB McARDLE - April 06, 2021 at 10:45 AM