



## Robert B. Glade

August 1, 1938 - June 1, 2020

Robert B. Glade, age 81, of Kankakee passed away Monday, June 1, 2020 at his home.

Bob was the son of Myron Francis Glade and Mary (Brown) Glade born in Chicago, IL on August 1, 1938. He married Martha Fae (Laird) Glade on June 1st, 1963. They had two children Laura Lynn Cooke (married Thomas Cooke on July 27, 1985) and Douglas Bruce Glade (married Tacia (Cary) Glade on October 9, 1993). Bob had 5 grandchildren, Megan (Cooke) & Kyle Joern, Jacob & Danielle Cooke, Lindsay (Cooke) & A.J. Simoncelli, and Keegan Glade and Colin Glade; and 2 great grandchildren Madelyn James Joern and Maxwell Robert Cooke. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Francis 'Frank' Glade and Marvin Glade.

Bob Glade was a loving family man, a committed man of God, a successful business owner, a community leader, and a lover-of-life.

Bob loved God, family, friends, and music. He met his wife Marti back in 1963 when she was the new choir director at Bob's parent's church. He loved the Alleluia chorus and enjoyed singing hymns at church with his deep bass voice. Bob was active in the Nazarene church for last several decades as both a regular attendee/member and served on various committees. Music played an active role earlier in Bob's life as well as he was in the Kankakee High School band, and was actively involved in the Kankakee Blackhawks and the White Tornadoes drum and bugle corp.

Bob was an active businessman and community leader. He took over as

President of Glade Plumbing & Heating Company when his father (Myron) unexpectedly passed away in 1967. Bob was also actively involved in his community. Over the years, he served in a variety of roles with Lions Club, Kankakee Community College, YMCA, Homestar Bank, Kankakee Country Club, Kankakee Valley Airport Authority, and was named Citizen of the Year in 1985. He also was active with the state of Illinois for several decades serving as Chairman of the Capital Development Board and also as Chairman of the Legislative Space Needs Commission.

Bob loved life. He embraced fun, family, and friendships. Some of his fondest memories at the Kankakee Country Club were playing in the annual Rollison event and being the auctioneer. Bob also enjoyed food and time with friends. Blue's Cafe was a regular stop for breakfast or just a great place to be with family and friends or being the 'Elf' at Christmas events.

Bob was many things, but in all things he embraced life with passion, commitment, quality and integrity. Thank you for celebrating his life with us. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, private family services will be held this week. A public celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to honor two of Bob's greatest passions: his love for God and music. Donations can be made to the David Jeremiah Ministries to commemorate Bob's faith and love for God or to the newly established Robert B. Glade music scholarship at Olivet Nazarene University as a way to commemorate Bob's passion for music. If you'd like to send donation contributions to Glade Plumbing & Piping Company, 211 W. Water Street, Kankakee IL 60901 we'll consolidate and get donations to your preferred donation organization. (Make checks payable to your preferred memorial organization)

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery**

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and sorrow to the Family of Robert “Bob Glade. I always enjoyed seeing him at Blues Cafe when he would come and sit with “His Homey’s”. He was always a gentleman and very respectful to all. His smile was very infectious. As a contractor he was fair, honest and ethical. As a retired electrician I know what it takes for a contractor of any trade to keep his men busy on a consistent basis . His nucleus was a Family and he certainly kept many families financially supported. Indirectly he sent many children to college, helped purchase homes, cars, groceries and his many employees now have pensions, benefits and a standard of very respected living. I will certainly miss him. Bravo Zulu (Well Done) “Robert “Bob” Glade ON YOUR LIFE WELL LIVED “ as we say in The US Navy. Wishing you Fair Winds and Following Seas, as you continue your Eternal Rest In Peace! 🙏🇺🇸

James R. Wasser IBEW Local 176 Retired - June 06, 2020 at 10:17 AM

LS

“ We remember Bob and Marti well. Vern officiated at Laura's wedding held in the Wichert Church. He was a larger-than-life kind of man who was upbeat and cheerful. It was a pleasure to have them in our Faith Reformed Church and to know they continued their journey of Faith. The Kankakee-Bourbonnais area has lost a good man and he will be missed. We send our condolences to the family.

Linda and Vern Smith - June 04, 2020 at 10:32 PM

MH

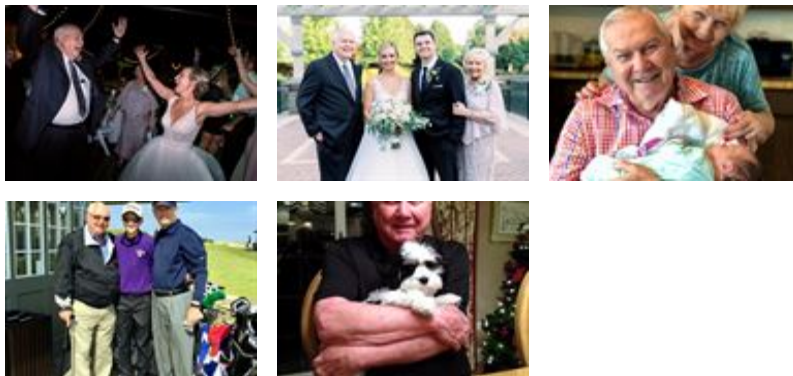
“ I have been thinking about how Bob touched my life. As a young man I took the Pipefitter's Apprenticeship test. A part of the test was an interview with a contractor "Bob Glade", he asked the question, Mr Hubert where would you like to be as a pipefitter in 10 years? Thinking for awhile, I said a pipefitter foreman maybe working for you if possible. After serving my apprenticeship with other contractors, I was laid off. I soon went to work for Bob where he gave a young kid a chance and made me a foreman. Bob was a great man and treated me very well, although I only worked for him for a handful of years. I never forgot that he gave me my chance and I'm sorry I can't thank him for helping me start my career as a pipefitter. My deepest sympathy to the Bob Glade family, may God bless you.

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Mark Hubert - June 04, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ 100 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - June 04, 2020 at 09:06 AM

TW

*I've been thinking about how "Mr. Glade", Bob, touched my life. My fondest memories of him and most touching, are of his role as a cheerleader to me. Yes, a cheerleader! When he found out I had cancer, he would always comment on my Facebook posts with the most upbeat, kind words! Bob would take the time to encourage and let me know he was thinking of me. His anecdotes and thoughts were so heartfelt. I'm thankful to have those memories. It showed just how sensitive and caring he was. I'll sure miss his kind words. Thanks to technology, I'm lucky I'll always have them. Thanks Bob for being such a great cheerleader!*

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**Trish White** - June 08, 2020 at 11:52 AM

MB

“*Mary Laird Barnett lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Glade*



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**Mary Laird Barnett** - June 03, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MH

“ Bob was one of the "one in a million." His humor was infectious, and his constant love outstanding. It may have been in a word or phrase, or song, or just his smile, but it was true...especially with hugs and sincere caring. We shared more than 45 years of friendship while seated at tables for gourmet club, on cruising on a boat or when he appeared in South Pacific as one of my favorite sailors...who crossed the stage with a very long pipe...and a sign attached reading "Glade Plumbing and Heating". Only Bob could get away with it. He went to the beach in Hawaii where part of the movie was filmed, and with much effort, retrieved a jar of sand which he brought home to me as memorabilia for my theatre shelf. Only Bob, again. I am glad to have many great memories during our lifetimes. I know the family has them, and anyone who was his friend. He leaves that kind of legacy. My sincere condolences to all of the family. You all know how much he loved you! His spirit will remain in your own hearts.

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**Marsha Hill** - June 03, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ My sympathy to Martha and the family, you are in my prayers.

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**Bob Schneider** - June 03, 2020 at 08:27 AM

MG

Thanks so much, Bob!! 😍

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**martha glade** - June 20, 2020 at 06:48 PM

SM

“ *Sending prayers and deepest sympathy to all those who loved and were loved by Bob. I am so privileged to have had the pleasure of knowing him. God sure gave us a real treasure when He gifted our world with Bob!*



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**Sr. Marie Mason** - June 02, 2020 at 10:11 PM

AL

“ *Bob Glade is a person that will always have a place in my heart. His family has been a part of me and my family's life for close to 30 years. Not only was he an amazing person but his family is also an amazing group of kind people. Being able to see him in our doctors office for about the past 10 years on a regular basis was always such a treat. Speaking of treats, he often would bring us slices of pie from blue's Café. :) he was always in a fantastic mood no matter what life was throwing his way and so friendly to everyone. And he always made sure that he never left without getting a hug which I will really miss getting now. My heart breaks for the Glade and Cooke family. Please know that I am thinking of all of you and praying for you during this very difficult time.*

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**Ashley Lowman** - June 02, 2020 at 09:31 PM

LC

*Thanks!*

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**laura Cooke** - June 20, 2020 at 06:49 PM

AA

“ I was Bob’s radiation therapist and got to spend time with him in some of his last days. For the time he was in the building for treatment every day we shared a lot with each other and I loved him right away. I looked forward to seeing him!! He never once complained even though he was going through the worst of the worst. He even told me he was going to find me a boyfriend that he approves of. I would’ve gave and done anything to give him more time on this earth because it was a better place with him here. My heart is broken for his family, they are one of a kind, very very special people. Rest In Peace Bob, I’ll never forget your sweet smile and warm heart.

Love,  
Anna Armenise

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**anna armenise** - June 02, 2020 at 07:56 PM

LC

Thanks! Thanks for taking such good care of him. He loved you right Back.

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**laura Cooke** - June 20, 2020 at 06:50 PM

MG

Thanks so much for this memory Anna. I didn’t discover these until now. You were his last “project” that I spotted on his texts. When I talked to this guy, I even mentioned it. If I can be of further help, just let me know. Both he and I love you. ❤️

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**martha glade** - June 20, 2020 at 06:58 PM

JR

“ My Life has crossed Paths with Bob many times , My Dad Morrie Raef worked for Bob at Glade Plumbing , I too worked for Bob at Glade & ultimately went into the Business too as one of the Principles with my Wife Lori Raef at Precision Piping Inc  
Bob was the President of the Kankakee & Iroquois County Plumbing & Piping Contractors Association & Passed On the Role to me which I was honored that he thought I could Fill his shoes, where I still remain as President . Unfortunately, another one of the Good Guys  
has left us in body but not in Spirit . I am deeply saddened by his passing & I wish Bob's Family my deepest Sympathy. Jerry D Raef

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**Jerry D Raef** - June 02, 2020 at 06:31 PM

BP

“ Bob and I served together on the building committee for the Gathering Point Church (formerly known as the College Church - North Campus). We met once a month for probably a year with the architects. Bob was asked to be the head of the committee by then pastor of College Church - Dan Boone. He carried this huge 4-5" binder of building prints and specs to every meeting. I remember several months where it was just the architects and Bob and me. He was always so faithful and I had an opportunity to get to know him through those meetings. He exhibited consistent faithful leadership through this process for which I will always remember. Several years after the fact we would see each other in Menards and chat and we would remember all those meetings; he would say...."we put up a nice church" and I would quickly agree that we had. What a great legacy he has left!

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**Brent Prairie** - June 02, 2020 at 05:28 PM

LC

Thanks

laura Cooke - June 20, 2020 at 06:52 PM

MG

Thanks fur sharing.this great memory!! I didn't realize you were on that committee!! 😍👉 . I'm just seeing this memories! So glad you shared!! 😍👉

martha glade - June 20, 2020 at 07:11 PM

BB

“ I will never forget how Bob took time our of his busy schedule to write and instruct our drill (marching and maneuvering) in the Kankakee Drum and Bugle Corps and with the Momence White Tornados. When you become an adult and realize all of the demands put on someone in Bob's position and you come to really appreciate the time Bob gave to a bunch of kids. The time he spent giving us something constructive to do and the time he spent teaching us not just M&M but life's bigger lessons. He was a great role model

Bill Buck - June 02, 2020 at 03:44 PM

MG

Thanks for sharing, Bill!! 😍. Those were his best years!! 😍🎈🎈👍

martha glade - June 20, 2020 at 07:16 PM

MT

“ So many fond memories of a fun, wonderful man! Our hearts hurt because of his passing however we will see him in Heaven someday, Love, hugs and prayers with his loving family. May your fond memories fill the huge hole in your hearts,,



*John and Mary Thomson*

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**Mary Thomson** - June 02, 2020 at 03:18 PM

SS

*Bob was a wonderful man. I know he will be missed.*

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**Sandy Schweigert** - June 06, 2020 at 02:26 PM

JJ

*So many wonderful memories in Choir, Bible Study at their home and friendship that continued through the years. Bob was always happy, friendly and an encourager. My prayers are with Marti and their family. God Bless you as you enter into this new chapter in your life.*

*Judy Johnston*

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**Judith M Johnston** - June 06, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MG

*Replies to both Mary and Judy:*

*Mary: I don't see a space to comment near your memory so: I'm just discovering these memories and I appreciate your sharing our fun times!! Who did we drive with Dan & Micki to see several years ago?? Lots of great memories for sure!! 😍👉*

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**martha glade** - June 20, 2020 at 07:21 PM

MG

*Judy! I've wanted to meet you for coffee sometime Dick passed! Picture them greeting one another in heaven! ❤️👉....now we definitely have a reason to! So many memories!!! Thanks for your comment!! 😍🙏*

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**martha glade** - June 20, 2020 at 07:25 PM