



Robert Pye

March 19, 1944 - March 12, 2017

Robert Pye, age 72, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2017 at Vitas Hospice at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights.

He was born March 19, 1944 in Nottingham, England, the son of Herbert & Alma Taylor Pye.

Robert received the majority of his formal education in England. He immigrated from England in July of 1960 and became a U.S. citizen 1966. In the U.S., he was educated in Mechanical Engineering & Marketing.

He was a member of the Air National Guard from 1966 to 1972. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Robert was of the Lutheran faith.

Robert married Nancy McKenzie on February 21, 1970 in Nashville, TN.

He had been president and owner of Durabilt Products Co. in Bradley.

He was a member of the Illinois Automotive Association and a lifetime member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club. He was also a member of the Association of Diesel Specialists and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Pye of Kankakee; two daughters, Mary Debra Keenan of Reston, VA and Sherri Beldotti of Sachsi, TX; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Josephine King of North Riverside and Susan & George Guic of Darien; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard & Cecile Pye of Enterprise, AL, David & Lisa Pye of Scio, OR, and Andrew & Mary Pye of Plainfield; three grandchildren, Robert John (and his wife, Tracy) Keenan, Carianne Czajkowski, and Lauryn Beldotti; and one great-granddaughter,

Addison Elizabeth Keenan.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation Rites will be accorded.

A celebration of life will be held 1:00 p.m. until the 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A brief service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Prayer Service

MAR 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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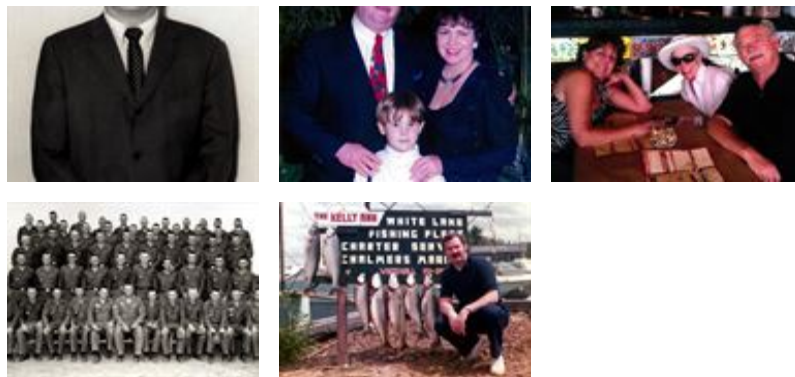
“ BOB WAS A GREAT PERSON AND A VERY GOOD CUSTOMER OF MINE!

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BORGWARNER TURBOS

Arthur E Stafford - March 24, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 16, 2017 at 12:47 PM

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Remembering many hours with Bob & Nancy, boat club, Labor Day etc. Love to Nancy. ANne Hesson

Anne Hesson - March 16, 2017 at 06:01 PM

JB

“ JULIEN BRZOZNOWSKI lit a candle in memory of Robert Pye



JULIEN BRZOZNOWSKI - March 16, 2017 at 09:34 AM

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“ There are just no words to express how saddened I am to hear of Bob's passing. We shared many laughs and many deep conversations over the years. I will never forget how much he taught me and the love he showed me during the illness and passing of my son. I am praying for the entire (and extended) Pye family as they deal with the loss of such a wonderful man. Love always, Diane (George) Froese

Diane Froese - March 15, 2017 at 08:25 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob. We use to have so much fun together. I am sure he will be missed. I am so sorry I didn't get to see him when I was in Kankakee this summer. Sandy Schweigert

Sandy Schweigert - March 14, 2017 at 02:45 PM

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“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Robert Pye



Tom Mallaney - March 14, 2017 at 12:23 PM