



Robert H. Darling

October 29, 1947 - September 5, 2024

Robert H. Darling, September 5, 2024, aged 76, of Plymouth.

A much-loved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Bob passed away on September 5, 2024, after a long illness, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife, Cathy; sons, Brad (Julie), Brian (Sarah Primeau), Blake (Paula); and daughter, Kara (Dr. Adil Ali). He has four grandchildren: Willa, Bree, Violet, and Rowan.

Bob was born in Detroit and grew up in Lincoln Park. He was proud to attend the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor's with honors and Master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering by 1971. He attended Wayne State Law School until 1975 and entered the practice of Philo, Atkinson, and Darling until 1981, specializing in personal injury and product liability. He practiced with Sommers, Schwartz, Silver, and Schwartz until 2012, then opened his own firm, Robert H. Darling PLLC, in Plymouth.

He was very active in the American Board of Trial Advocates, whose primary goal is to educate the American public about the history, value, and right to trial by jury, and is dedicated to elevating the standards of skill, integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession. He earned the title of Advocate in 2011 and became the Michigan chapter president in 2017. He was very involved in implementing Constitution Day in schools, educating students about the Constitution and civility in the law.

Bob loved being with his family, the practice of law, and golf. He retained close friendships with his Michigan fraternity brothers from Delta Sigma Phi. He was up for any new adventure, food, art, and loved to travel. Always very positive and friendly, he was a real extrovert and never turned down an invitation from anyone. He leaves us with countless memories of fun at Rondeau Park and family vacations. He will be profoundly missed.

There will be a time of gathering on Sunday, October 13th from 3 PM until the 5 PM Celebration of Life service to be held at St. John's Resort – Mosaic Ballroom, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. There will also be a dinner to follow.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Darling's memory may be made to ABOTA – the American Board of Trial Advocates – Michigan Chapter, PO Box 66, Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home – Plymouth.

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Previous Events

Gathering

OCT **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Resort – Mosaic Ballroom
44045 Five Mile Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

UD

“ *US Attorney's - Civil D purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert H. Darling.*



US Attorney's - Civil D - October 13, 2024 at 11:18 AM

KA

“ *Cathy -- I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I send my heartflet condolences to you and your family!*



Kathe Allison - October 11, 2024 at 03:57 PM

LN

“ *Love, Marianna & Nicola purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert H. Darling.*



Love, Marianna & Nicola - October 10, 2024 at 11:54 AM

FF

“ *From the Gray Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert H. Darling.*



From the Gray Family - October 08, 2024 at 11:31 AM

PD

“ *Paula & Mark Lawrence, Brad, Julie, Willa & Bree Darling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert H. Darling.*

Paula & Mark Lawrence, Brad, Julie, Willa & Bree Darling - September 20, 2024 at 10:48 AM

CT

“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We have many fond memories of our times together in Plymouth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending our love to you and your beautiful family. God bless. Jack and Carole Townsend*

Carole Townsend - September 16, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ *Bob and I were a "team" at the Philo firm. Working with him was sometimes crazy but always fun. We hit many deadlines together and won cases many many times. Bob was always kind to me, very patient, and never heard him raise a voice in frustration or anger. I often think of Bob as the one who "arranged" a date for me with a Ypsilanti lawyer - and that lawyer and I have been together for 43 years! Bob will always be remembered and missed.*

Patricia Saad - September 15, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert H. Darling.*



September 14, 2024 at 08:03 PM

AD

“ Adeline planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert H. Darling.

Adeline - September 14, 2024 at 08:03 PM

SA

“ Safia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert H. Darling.

Safia A. - September 14, 2024 at 10:37 AM

PL

“ Bob was a great guy, kind, good-natured, honorable. A worthy role model, devoted to his beautiful family. At a dinner, years ago, he spoke with joy of his wish for many grandchildren. He was much loved and he will be very missed. Paula Lawrence

paula A lawrence - September 07, 2024 at 05:51 PM