



Robert James MacKenzie

July 12, 1958 - October 14, 2019

Robert James MacKenzie, age 61, left us unexpectedly on October 14, 2019. While our hearts are broken, we cherish the many memories we made with him and the lasting impact he had on so many lives. He connected to people through his warm smile and friendly demeanor that put others immediately at ease. He was quick to laugh and thoroughly enjoyed time with family and friends in Plymouth and in his second hometown of Harbor Springs. Robert, or Bob as he was known to most, is survived by the love of his life and wife of 30 years, Pam (nee Clark), and their three daughters who meant the world to him: Kylie (Jason) Sulen, Annie and Erin. He was incredibly proud of them and his light will continue to shine through all of them. Bob also is survived by his brother, David (Paula) MacKenzie and sister, Jan MacKenzie (Lara) as well as mother-in-law, Betty Clark and brother-in-law Doug (Margaret) Clark. Bob was adored by his niece and nephews: Jason, Andrew, Kenny, Maggie and Ian. His cousins in the Kay and Vince families were dear to Bob as was the special relationship he had with the Gothard family: Mark, Lori, Alex and Andrea. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Janet MacKenzie; brother, Dan MacKenzie; and father-in-law, George Clark. Bob graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and Central Michigan University. He excelled in positions at Ernst & Young in Kalamazoo and Abraham Chevrolet in Miami before returning to his hometown of Plymouth to settle down and raise his family. After selling his stake in Briarwood Ford in Saline, Mich., Bob came out of early retirement for a “temporary” assignment

assisting The Suburban Collection with the purchase of Flannery Ford. In the first six months of what turned into a 19-year assignment, Bob took what is now known as Ford of Waterford from being ranked 500+ in the nation to the Top 100. Ford of Waterford, currently ranked in the Top 20 Ford dealerships nationally, recently celebrated the grand opening of the all new Suburban Ford of Waterford facility, the company's single largest construction project in its history. Although Bob was an accountant by trade, he wasn't all about the numbers as evidenced by the fact he retained 19 original Flannery Ford team members since Suburban acquired the store 19 years ago. Over his tenure with The Suburban Collection, Bob played a major role in the overall growth of the company as his duties included not only overseeing operations at Suburban Ford of Waterford, but also Suburban Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Farmington Hills, Suburban Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Garden City and Suburban Honda. When not working on his metrics like a true CPA, he was spending time up north with family and friends. He and his family were avid travelers, often exploring the four corners of the world and nearly every continent. While Bob will be deeply missed, he has taught us how to live each day with kindness, generosity and true devotion to family, friends and career. We all love you Bobby Mac. A visitation is planned for Friday, October 18 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Bob's name to the Live Like Max Foundation. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenh.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert James MacKenzie*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *We are so sorry. He will be missed.*

Debbie and Ray - October 19, 2019 at 07:11 AM



“ *Measure Up Group purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



Measure Up Group - October 18, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *Ben Heer and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



Ben Heer and Family - October 18, 2019 at 11:07 AM

RA

“ Robert Betts , Suburban CDJR of Ann Arbor purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



Robert Betts , Suburban CDJR of Ann Arbor - October 18, 2019 at 10:07 AM

TR

“ Bob and I served on the Windward West Board of Directors together and I always enjoyed Bob's thoughtful comments and his even temperament. Bob was always very thoughtful and considerate of others ideas and feelings. He was fun to be around and will be greatly missed. May God bless you and your loving family. Peace be with you all.

Thomas Ryan - October 17, 2019 at 05:53 PM

KG

“ Kendal Fifield Glaze and Tyler Glaze purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



Kendal Fifield Glaze and Tyler Glaze - October 17, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 17, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ -Alan Bloom, Josh Bloom, Charles Bennett and staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



-Alan Bloom, Josh Bloom, Charles Bennett and staff -
October 17, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 17, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ Dave,

I am so sorry to hear about your brother. I remember you and Bob in high school as the brothers with the smiling eyes and friendly smiles. Please accept my most sincere condolences to you and your family.

Patti Christie

Patti Christie - October 17, 2019 at 12:28 PM

ST

“ Suburban Toyota of Troy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



Suburban Toyota of Troy - October 17, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 17, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 17, 2019 at 10:59 AM

TM

“ Todd, Maureen, Paige, Jason, and Matthew. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



Todd, Maureen, Paige, Jason, and Matthew. - October 17, 2019 at 10:49 AM

PS

“ Pat and Christie Scoggin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



Pat and Christie Scoggin - October 17, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 17, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 17, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 17, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



October 17, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



October 17, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



October 17, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



October 16, 2019 at 09:38 PM

MB

“ I have worked for Bob the last 6 years at Suburban Garden City as the office manager. Bob was a wonderful boss. Professional but very caring about his staff. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with him, and my heart goes out to his family. They will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Beihl - October 16, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.



October 16, 2019 at 05:22 PM

PC

“ Bob's passing will leave a void in so many lives. He was a kind and caring soul. I do not know the words to express my sorrow and sympathy to Pam and the girls. This is such a sad time and true loss for those of us left behind. Heaven has a new angel. God speed my friend. 💔🙏. I was blessed to know him and call him my friend.

pamela corridor - October 16, 2019 at 05:13 PM

PJ

“ We lived in Plymouth for 8 years. We were part of the Plymouth Newcomers Club, and met so many amazing people, including Bob and Pam. One year, they hosted a New Years Eve party that was most memorable. I just reconnected with Pam; our hugs, love and prayers go out to you and your family at this sad time. 🙏❤️
Love,
Thys & Patti Jones

Patti Jones - October 16, 2019 at 04:59 PM

CK

“ *Bob was a wonderful neighbor from a loving family. They all reached out to Our family in our time of sorrow. Peace to them now.*
Carolyn Kleinsmith

Carolyn Kleinsmith - October 16, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



October 16, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Robert James MacKenzie.*



October 16, 2019 at 03:59 PM