



Robert J. Nankee II

August 10, 1956 - May 24, 2023

Robert James Nankee II, 66, of Canton, Michigan passed away on May 24, 2023. Rob, a brave warrior through his long illness, was born on August 10, 1956 in Aberdeen, Maryland to Jane Clarice (Safford) and Robert James Nankee.

After a move to Michigan, Rob grew up in the city of Midland. Eventually, he set off for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to pursue his degree in Mechanical Engineering. It was on the 8th floor of University Towers apartments that Rob met his love and future wife, Cindy (Cynthia) Weber. The two married on October 4, 1980.

Graduating from U. of M. in 1978, Rob was immediately hired by Chrysler Corporation. A loyal and gifted worker, Rob's career with Chrysler spanned forty-two years. Along the way, he created or contributed to thirteen patents for his company. One, where he was the main author/innovator, earned the Walter P. Chrysler Award for patent of the year.

Throughout his life, Rob cherished family and friends. He had a true passion for his Catholic faith. Rob enjoyed automobiles, fly fishing and sports with his son, coin collecting, old-time radio shows, Big Band music, dancing with his girls, and time spent at the family cabin in the woods.

Now that Rob has moved on, he is deeply missed.

Still, he has left many beautiful memories for his wife and his three children and two son-in-laws: Laura (Pierre) Nimmer, Claire (Robert/Bobby) Jacobs, and Kevin Robert Nankee. Rob is also survived by one precious grandson, Robbie, who was the newest light of his life.

Please consider donations in Rob's name to: Divine Child Elementary School in Dearborn, Michigan.

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Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. Ten Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Visitation

JUN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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In state

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

JUN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RK

“ Having just joined the Chrysler group on FB, I just learned of this a few moments ago. On multiple occasions, I would have to approach Bob to have his signature on a CN. He always approached these situations with a super focused attention to detail and accuracy. My condolences to the family, and may Bob Rest In Peace.

Richard A. Kouzoujian - December 23, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ Robert J. Nankee II

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

JC

“ Bob was my mentor and friend at Chrysler in 1984. He taught my how to calibrate and get along. I really got to know him while living with his family He had broken both thumbs in an accident and I became his chauffeur for a month or so. Those were fun drives. Miss you buddy. Rest in peace. Your friend John Casari

John Casari - June 05, 2023 at 08:19 AM

LF

“ Rob was a happy, cheerful man who always was up for good conversation. He loved his family and was a proud man. He always had stories to tell. I am so sorry he had to go through this horrible illness that cut his life short. He leaves behind a wonderful family and lots of good memories. I pray for their comfort and peace as he goes through those pearly gates of Heaven.

Love,

Linda Farkas ❤️🙏



Linda Farkas - June 05, 2023 at 08:11 AM

KJ

“ Kerry and Jefferson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert J. Nankee II.



Kerry and Jefferson - June 03, 2023 at 12:14 AM

MC

“ May The Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him-The Families of mine & Cindy’s had been together for years. I first heard of this really awesome College guy that Cindy had met & soon their dates led to marriage. The very first time Cindy & Rob came to see my mother & I It was easy to see why Cindy fell in love with him. We’ve been Family for many years-after my 6yrs as primary caregiver of my widowed Mom-Rob & Cindy helped set up my Internet-took Me to Greenfield Village(1st time for Me at age 60)-at Christmas time saw the drive-thru Lights by Ford Field-come & take me out for Birthdays. Rob was very caring & kind & funny-he didn’t get to enjoy his retirement years but his “Engineering” skills will live forever as a true statement to his talent😊 Many 🙏🙏 with hugs of Love for all the Family❤️❤️

MaryAnne Cashen - June 01, 2023 at 01:08 AM

TB

“ I was in the same 1978 Mechanical Engineering class at UofM. I think we had one class together. We then worked together on various projects over the years after I joined Chrysler in 1985 till I retired in 2015. He always had a smile on his face and a great guy to work with. So sorry for your loss.

Terry Blanchard - May 29, 2023 at 09:47 AM

CK

“ Casey and Susan Kubak purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert J. Nankee II.



Casey and Susan Kubak - May 27, 2023 at 02:37 PM