



## Robert A. Stopper

March 27, 2005

Stopper, Robert A. age 58 of Plymouth, March 27, 2005. Beloved husband of Pamela. Dear father of Dawne and Robert, Jr. Loving son of Florence and the late George Stopper. Dear brother of Susan (David) Srock; and the late Margaret Marszalek. Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Mr. Stopper, a retiree from Ford Motor Company and Rouge Steel, has lived in Plymouth for over 20 years, previously in Dearborn. He has a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, and also the AISE (Association of Iron and Steel Engineers) and Harley Davidson Club (HOG). Besides riding his bike, he enjoyed wood working, stained-glass art, landscaping and Judo. Visitation Wednesday 3 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Thursday 10 AM until funeral mass at 10:30 AM at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, (west of Sheldon) Canton. Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial offerings to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Memorials and Tributes, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago IL 60674; or the American Cancer Society, 18505 W 12 Mile Road, Southfield MI 48076 would be appreciated by the family. To leave a message of condolence, click on the Online Condolences link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert A. Stopper*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *May the Lord bless you and keep you Dad.*

**Dawne** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM



“ *Dearest Pam and Family:It was the saddest news when I heard. You may not remember me, I knew Bob many years ago, he was our newspaper boy on Artersian St. in Detroit. He the best man at our wedding when I married Ed Waterstradt. We have since gone our separate ways. I am in Columbus, OH and Ed is in Fl. We were at your wedding and I could see the love in his eyes when he looked at you. He will be so missed. It has been years since we have seen each other, you were at our house on Stahelin with your children. He was someone you just couldn't seem to get enough of when you were around him. His sense of humor and his wit and his sincere caring of other people. Please know how very sorry I am that he has been taken too soon. I know you have wonderful memories and your life with him was special. He will be so missed. Sincerely, Marie Thompson*

**Marie (Waterstradt) Thompson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DC

“ Pam and Family

*I cannot begin to tell you how shocked and saddened we are to learn of Bob's passing. He was a true friend that I will truly miss. In good times and not so good times as Rouge declined, Bob was always able to maintain his loyalty to the company and to emphasize the positive side of each situation. He truly led by example and set a high standard for all of us that worked with him. He helped make all of us better people.*

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**Dennis & Sharon Crosby** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ It was very sad to hear of Bob's passing. I am an employee at the Fitness Center where he workout. He was a great man that always came in with a smile. He will be missed by myself and my staff.

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**Jen My** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SK

“ Dear Pamela and family:  
*I was shockd and sadden to hear that Bob is gone, I have known Bob for 22 year since I work at Rouge Steel. We always exchange engineering ideals, help each other, joking, laughing, he is a very good engineer,I will miss him a lot and I will always remember his smile and sense of humor.*

**Steve Kuo**

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**Steve Kuo** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RD

“ To the family of Bob Stopper,

*My sincere condolences to you in the loss of this very special person. I have been acquainted with him almost from his first appearance at the Rouge (35+ years) and have been in occasional contact since my retirement in 1999 including a chance encounter at St Joseph Medical Center in Ypsilanti a few months ago when he was undergoing preparatory tests for knee surgery. Despite the pain, I smile when I remember how in typical fashion He "rudely" bumped Me and said "Excuse me sir, I have to get through here".*

*I particularly remember and appreciate his outstanding assistance in the successful and timely completion of the major expansion at Double Eagle for which I had primary responsibility. When things were tough, we valued the mutual support we provided each other and his remarkable sense of humor and perpetual smile kept my spirits high.*

*We pray that God will provide the required strength and comfort for you all at this difficult time.*

*Ray Dykstra*

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**Ray Dykstra** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

WM

“ To the Stopper family:

*You have my deepest sympathy.*

*I knew Bob only for the past 3 years, but due to his warmth and wit I am honored to consider him a friend, and one of the finest people I have ever known. He will never be forgotten.*

*May the Lord be with you.*

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**Wendell Miller** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BO

“ Dear Pam, Dawne and Robert:

*We have known Bob since he was just a kid. He went from being a real kid to a grown up kid. We will always remember Bob for many things, but the 4 that stand out in our mind are as follows. 1. When he was a teenager my Bob and your Bob would wrestle in his mom's house for what seemed like hours. 2. He always referred to me as "Tweety Lumper" can't even remember how it started. 3. Teasing his sister Marge about her fear of chickens. 4. Probably the most important was his laugh. Whenever you talked to him he always had you laughing. He will be missed. So terribly sorry for your loss.*

*Bob and Judy*

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**Bob and Judy Oleksiak** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

ES

“ *To the Stopper Family -*

*Mr. Stopper was my youth soccer coach - probably around 1985 or so. I maintained some contact with the family throughout high school, seeing his son regularly in the halls.*

*It's been years, but Mr. Stopper made a lasting impression in me as a knowledgeable coach, but more importantly a classy leader with integrity in the field and on the sidelines.*

*May God bless you in the days to come.*

*--Erik*

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**Erik Schnurstein** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BM

“ *Dear Pam and Family:*

*I was deeply saddened when I read of Bob's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences. May the love you shared and the memories you have help all of you during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Barb Meteyer*

*Plymouth High School*

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**Barbara Meteyer** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TD

“ It was my honor to have known and worked with Bob during the rebuild of Double Eagle after the fire. Bob was very disciplined, smart and energetic and had a humorous side that made him a pleasure to work with. My heartfelt sympathy to Bob's family.

*Ted Dasynich  
Bowling Green, Kentucky*

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**Ted Dasynich** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Bobby's death. I'm one of many cousins from PA. I have many good memories of Bobby and his family visiting us at the farm for family reunions. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Bernie*

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**Bernie Stopper** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RW

“ To the Bob Stopper Family,  
I was shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's untimely passing away. He and I shared many experiences at Ford Steel Division's old hot mill as new hires and continued to share many challenges in the new hot mill at Rouge Steel. I will miss Bob's dry wit and his tenaciousness as a problem solver. He was a good family man, an excellent engineer and a good racquetball player! My prayers go out for Bob and your family. May God Bless you all.

*Ron Wahl*

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**Ron Wahl** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TH

“ So sorry to hear Bobby's passing. Though we did not see each other often, one special memory is his happy heart and the joy he brought with him on the trips back to Pennsylvania. I will always remember the hospitality we received when we visited Aunt Florence and your family with my mother Verna after my father died. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you...God bless

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**Toni & Wes Herrick** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SP

“ Dear Pam and family,  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow. May the beautiful memories you shared with your loved one be of comfort to you now. May he enjoy the peace of his heavenly home. We will have a Mass offered for Bob here in Pa. Loving greeting from my sisters at home as well as S. Verna Marie. God bless you.  
Love,  
S. Mary Clare

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**S. Mary Clare and Family in PA** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SA

“ Pam,  
  
We are truly sorry for your loss. We have you in our prayers at this great time of sorrow. We hope that God can guide you through time of need.

Sarah & Alicia  
SME

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**Sarah & Alicia** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MK

“ *Bob was such a colorful man, wise and funny. I have never seen a man so dedicated to his profession as an excellent engineer and a leader. He was a true friend in both fair and foul weather. He will be sorely missed by everyone here.  
May the sun shine again for you soon!*

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**Mile Kosovac** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

EW

“ *Mrs. Stopper and Family.  
It's such a struggle to write to you what is felt when someone is taken before we're ready for them to leave. I once heard a minister describe someone's passing, as our Lord picking flowers. Taken are the fully bloomed, the buds, and those in various stages of their blooming process. Bob will add a wonderful glow to our Lords bouquet. Bob's unique, dry sense of humor will truly be missed by us all. That special smile and laughter will not be lost, but rather always etched into our memories.. along with some of the corny jokes. Please accept my sincerest condolences.*

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**Elaine Willingham** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RE

“ *Dear Pamela and Family,  
Sending my most heartfelt condolences in your loss of Bob. Bob was a great co-worker and friend and will be greatly missed. He was a great man, a terrific engineer, and always had a great sense of humor.  
Sincerely.....Ron Gossar*

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**Ron Gossar, Severstal Engineering** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DM

“ Pamela,

*I just want to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. It has saddened everyone here at the Hot Strip Mill. I probably more that most since Bob and I have worked together for over 25 years. I know however, that our sense of loss can not compare to yours and our prayers are with you and your children. May God grant you His peace as go through this time of sorrowing.*

*Dave Meinzing*

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**Dave Meinzing** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CC

“ My condolences are with the family of Bob Stopper & I will continue to keep your family lifted in prayer.

*God Bless,*

*Catherine Claybone, Purchasing Department.*

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**Catherine Claybone** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

OA

“ Wow,,,,Pam, I can not believe this. Just talked with him a couple of weeks ago. Since I retired from Rouge I have talke with Bob several times as we have always been good friends.

*Great personal loss to me... Give our love and condolenses to your kids from Mary, our girls and I...*

*If there is anything that I can do, just ask. I will see you tomorrow night at the funeral home...*

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**Oscar, Mary, kathleen and Peggy Agust** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RN

“ *Too young and too soon. I've known Bob for a lot of years and have always considered him to be a good friend. Bob spoke often of his love of family, his Harley, and the company. Bob was a very, very good engineer and his great attitude and dry wit will be greatly missed...as will his dedication to the company and the people.*

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**Ron Nock** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DC

“ *Mrs. Stopper, I am on site as a contractor working in the Severstal Engineering dept. for the past few years. It has been a real pleasure to work with Bob. He always had a great smile, would always offer a helping hand, and we often joked back and forth which always put a smile on each of our faces. His chipper attitude and smile will be missed. My condolences to you and your family. Dan Poreda*

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**Dan Poreda - DANO Corporation** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SV

“ *Please accept my most sincere condolences. I valued Bob's experience and knowledge and I appreciated his willingness to help anyone with anything. I will remember most his smile and sense of humor.*

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**Steve Vandergrift** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DR

“ *After knowing and working with Bob for over Twenty-five years I will always remember his smile and the laughter he always generated. I will miss him but his memory will always be with me. My sincerest condolences for you all.*

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**David L. Ridgell** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

GP

“ Dear Family of Bob Stopper,

*I was shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's passing and want to offer all members of his family my deepest condolences. I would say that Bob and I were very good friends for a very long time. We enjoyed "yanking" each others chain regularly and he was very good at it. He was always incredibly loyal to his friends and Rouge Steel and was a true engineering professional.*

*I hope to be able to share a few humourous stories when I see you. They will always bring a smile to my face. I wouldn't be surprised if you haven't already heard of a couple of them.*

*His untimely death saddens us all and our prayers are with you. God Bless Bob and all of you.*

*Gary P. Latendresse*

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**Gary P.Latendresse** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM