



Mr. Robert W. "Bob" "Bobby" Kempton, Jr.

October 26, 1958 - October 22, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Robert W. Kempton, Jr., age 65, was reunited with his beloved mother in heaven when he went home to the Lord on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Born in New Hartford on October 26, 1958, Robert was the son of the late Robert W. Kempton, Sr. and Mary E. (Berarde) Kempton. A lifelong resident of Utica, he was raised and educated locally.

At a young age, Robert began his employment with The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter where he took part in daily activities and enjoyed the positions and duties that were assigned to him.

Bob enjoyed family get-togethers and celebrating holidays and special events. He held a close relationship with his mother with whom he spent many Sundays attending Foursquare Gospel Church (currently known as Reimagine Church) and watching their favorite television shows.

Bob could be remembered for enjoying bike rides all around North Utica. He also enjoyed taking walks in neighborhoods where he resided. He liked watching television and was an avid fan of WWE.

He is survived by his twin sisters and their husbands, Robin (Kempton) and

John Wilson, and Roxanne (Kempton) and John Mutchler; nieces and nephew, Maria (Anthony) Dardano, Leigh Ann (Michael) Dillion, and Sarah (Michael) De Marchena; great-nieces and great-nephews, Anthony Dardano, Jr., Vincenzo Dardano, Evelyn Dillon, James Dillon, Daniella De Marchena, and Olivia De Marchena; a host of cousins; and the many people he met along the way at The Arc and around the Utica area. Bob was predeceased by his nephew, Jacob Mutchler; brother-in-law, Kenneth Lowe; and many aunts and uncles.

The family will honor and commemorate his life privately. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Robert's name may be made to The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter online at <https://www.thearc.org/donate>.

Tribute Wall

SI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sister - November 14, 2024 at 05:19 PM

MK

“ It so pains me to learn of the loss of Bobby ... My condolences Robin and Roxanne ... I have a lifetime of special memories with and of Bobby ... He lived down the street when we met at 6 years old ... He was our well known and well loved manager of our John F. Kennedy High School football and basketball teams ... He was known by even more as the wide smiled and well liked bicyclist as he peddled absolutly everywhere in North Utica ... He was an incredible friend ... He was the best tenant I ever had when his mom told me about ARC's need for rental housing ... It seems like just yesterday we were kids and now after a lifetime lived we have to say goodbye ... Until we meet again old friend.
Mike Koperda
Utica & Rhode Island

Mike Koperda - October 28, 2024 at 04:54 PM

MP

“ So sorry for your and so many of our loss. I remember so fondly the so many times I see Bob at the Little League field or basketball court. He was ALWAYS friendly and cheerful, and ready to play in a pick up game. Prayers to his whole family

Matt Pasick - October 26, 2024 at 12:05 PM

SS

“ *My sincere condolences Robin and Roxanne, many fond memories of Bobby. David S.*

Susan Shepardson - October 26, 2024 at 10:59 AM



Barbara Ann

“ *Very sorry for your loss, Offering prayers of comfort. I remember Bobby 🙏 From the Kehrl Family ☐*



Barbara Ann - October 26, 2024 at 08:50 AM

KA

“ *I grew up in North Utica and fondly remember as a child seeing Bobby walking or riding his bike. Always smiling. Rest in peace Bobby.*

Karlene - October 26, 2024 at 07:47 AM

JM

Bobby was an icon in north Utica,rip Bobby❤️👊

Joey Moore - October 26, 2024 at 02:06 PM