



Mr. Robert W. "Bob" Lewis

May 2, 1946 - August 31, 2023

ORMOND BEACH, FL/NEW HARTFORD – Mr. Robert W. “Bob” Lewis, age 77, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 31, 2023 in the comfort and dignity of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Ilion on May 2, 1946, Robert was the son of the late Robert E. and Mary (Prokop) Lewis. He was raised in Frankfort and New Hartford, and was a graduate of New Hartford Senior High School. Robert furthered his education at St. Lawrence University, receiving his master’s degree in education.

Robert secured a position at the New Hartford Jr. High School as an English Teacher, a position he held for many years until his retirement. Not willing to hang up his teaching hat even after retirement, Bob still enjoyed and made it a point to correct his children’s papers through their college years and into adulthood. He was known for his sarcasm and correcting everyone who said “these ones,” “them,” and “those,” especially when he was out dining; these corrections came purely from his precision with the English language.

Those who knew him, knew he was on “Bob time,” and he touched the lives of many with his caring and generosity. Robert was an avid fly fisherman and spent summers guiding fly fishing at the Delaware Fishing Club. He also enjoyed yearly trips to Montana to partake in the sport. Additionally, Bob loved basketball. He played through high school and into college at St. Lawrence

and later enjoyed being a referee for youth basketball. He especially took pleasure in watching UConn Women's Basketball. Robert also delighted in his walks at the Switchbacks at Valley View with his children, grandchildren, and his canine companion, Maggie. A man of many interests, Bob was also fond of photography in his spare time. Robert held a deep faith in God and was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in New Hartford.

Robert is survived by his beloved children and their spouses, Brittney and Kevin Voce, and Lynn and Gabrielle Brunk; grandchildren, LiliAna Brunk, Lynn Brunk, Jr., Raymond Lux, Hayden Lux, Penelopy Brunk, and Connor Brunk. He also leaves to cherish his memory his nieces and nephews, Karen Coulter, Michael and Tiffany Lewis, and Michelle and Christopher Passage; many cousins, especially acknowledging John Tierney, with whom he shared a close bond and traveled to Florida annually; friends, Frank Audino, John Pitarresi, and Jerry Pitarresi; and his neighbors, John and Amanda Sullivan, who were great friends and of much help to him.

Robert's family would like to extend their deepest thank you to Dr. Adly and the staff at AdventHealth for their care and compassion during his hospital stay. They would also like to offer their gratitude to Hospice Care for their careful attention to Bob's needs.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Robert's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 66 Oxford Rd., New Hartford. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. Inurnment will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frankfort at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Robert's honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association online at <https://act.alz.org/donate> or to

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>;
envelopes will also be available at the service.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery - Frankfort

Elizabeth Street
Frankfort, NY 13340

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
60 Oxford Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 732-8521

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I have so many great memories of my Uncle. He was always snapping photos or helping with my jump shot! I will miss you, it's hard to say goodbye so soon!

Michelle Passage - October 02, 2023 at 12:08 PM

PR

“ Robert was a true gentlemen and excellent guide and instructor in the sport we all loved, fly fishing. We spent man days on the water in the :One Bug" over the many years it as held and he was always a champion to help and guide for the love of the sport. I truly will miss him and his red colors on the Upper D, thanks for being there for all of us, condolences to the family.

Paul Robino

PAUL A ROBINO - September 26, 2023 at 02:04 PM

LB

“ I just learned this dreadful news. Over the years I often met and spoke with this wonderful gentleman, a skilled guide and delightful angler. He often engaged with me as a guide as well; a first class superb angler and assistant. I certainly will miss him badly. Leonard S. Baum

leonard s baum - September 23, 2023 at 08:42 PM

ED

“ For over 10 years Bob and I enjoyed fly fishing together at the Delaware River Club. Bob was often my guide and taught be how to be a better angler. We shared a number of glorious summer evenings fishing side-by-side at Home Pool. Bob was a true gentleman with a quick wit. My condolences to Bob’s family. Ed DeSalvio

Ed DeSalvio - September 18, 2023 at 06:40 PM

SB

“ Bob and I taught together years ago when I was starting my teaching career. He made me feel welcome and would always have a story to share. I was greeted daily with a friendly hello and a smile...a teacher and friend that I'll always remember. Shelley Bartolotti

SHELLEY BARTOLOTTI - September 16, 2023 at 05:01 PM

CB

“ I played college basketball with Bob at St. Lawrence. He was an intense fierce competitor.

Christopher Brooks - September 14, 2023 at 09:08 PM

CP

“ Bob and I were good friends despite the fact we were separated by many miles. He taught English to my oldest daughter and he regularly amused her with stories of the old days. Before moving to Florida, we would run to each other and it was as if we’re back in high school. Truly a great friend. My sincere condolences to his family.

Carmen Putrelo, The Villages, FL

Carmen Putrelo - September 13, 2023 at 09:31 PM

EP

“ I am very sorry to hear that Mr Lewis has passed away. When I was playing basketball as a New Hartford student, he was our biggest fan. Later, as a colleague of his, I learned how dedicated he was to his students and how he would always go the extra mile to help them. We played basketball together for years as we aged. He was a great educator and a great friend. He is missed. Again, my deepest condolences to his family.

Ed Prue - September 12, 2023 at 07:23 PM

DD

True, Eddie. Thanks for recognizing his excellence.

Deborah Dowling - September 12, 2023 at 09:21 PM

LF

*COULD NOT HAVE SAID IT BETTER, ED.
MISSING A GREAT GUY!*

LEO FADEL - September 14, 2023 at 05:59 AM

JT

“ *My first interaction with Mr Lewis was as my English teacher in Junior High.*

But Mr. Lewis's impact on me wasn't confined to the academic realm. He took me fishing, an experience that may seem simple on the surface, but was layered with life lessons. Patience, perseverance, and the beauty of nature were all wrapped into these excursions.

Our paths intersected again when I had the privilege to work alongside him at New Hartford Schools. Witnessing his dedication, passion, and the deep bond he forged with each student was truly inspiring. It was evident that his mission went beyond just imparting knowledge; he was in the business of shaping futures.

Outside the realms of school and fishing, Mr. Lewis trusted me with the task of fixing his computer. It was an honor and a testament to the trust he placed in me. Those interactions, often filled with laughter over some tech mystery, allowed me to see a different side of him – one that was humble, ever-curious, and appreciative of the changing world around him.

Time may pass, and the intricacies of our experiences may blur, but the essence of Mr. Lewis's influence remains clear. He was more than just a teacher or a colleague; he was a mentor, a guide.

Jason Tallman - September 12, 2023 at 12:02 PM