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Mr. Robert “Bob” J. Stearns 85 of Decatur Illinois departed this life November 13, 2019 at Decatur Memorial Hospital after a brief illness, with his family and friends by his side.

Robert was born November 15, 1933 in Carmi, Illinois. The son of John H. Stearns and Wilma (Ritsch) Stearns. Robert is an Alumni of Stephen Decatur High School. Robert is a veteran of the United States Air Force. On January 29, 1955 he married Patricia L. Marohl. He was a chief QC inspector for Raytheon, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge. Bob has always been an old car enthusiast. He owned his own Hudson and participated in many car shows, winning several awards and trophies. Bob was a Nascar fan all the way to the end, waking up in the hospital at race time to watch racing one more time. His favorite Nascar driver was Martin Truex. Robert was an amazing person and a loving person with a Heart of Gold. He was little in stature but had a huge heart full of love for his family and friends. His love was unconditional and forgiving. He worked hard all of his life to ensure that his family was taken care of. He wanted the best for everyone he knew as did all that knew him. Robert leaves so many fond and loving memories to all that knew him.

He leaves his family: Terry Joe Koontz (Sharon) of Decatur, IL: George Koontz of Las Vegas, NV: Robert “Doug” Stearns (Kathy) of Orlando, FL: Timothy “Scott” Stearns (Lesa) of Mt Zion, IL: and James “Pat” Stearns (Amy) of Decatur, IL. He also leaves loving memories to his 11 grandchildren: Jil, Tara, Dylann, Terry, Michelle, Wesley, Bobbie, Karla, Tyler, Whitney and Brynn. He has 20 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. He also leaves his companion MaryAlice Wrone and a host of other family, friends and neighbors who will miss him greatly.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM, Friday, November 22nd, 2019 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 11 AM Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the



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funeral home. Burial will take place at Macon County Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be left to Cancer Care Specialist of Illinois, Cancer Center of Decatur.

Robert's Family would like to thank Dr. Damarla, and the 5th floor nursing staff at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Also a special thanks to Storm (Kim), Vince, Steve, Gary, Ron, Sam, Jamie, Rick, Chad and Gary who spent much time together in the "Man Cave".

Condolences may be left to Robert's Family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com



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TM

Thomas And Marta Myers posted:

So sorry for your loss. Bob was great neighbor and a joy to be around. We will miss him.

November 19 at 2:13 PM

SM

Sharon Mcbroom posted:

Dear Doug, Kathy and family, We want to extend our deepest sympathies to all of you. Our thoughts and love are with you at this difficult time. Charlie knew your Dad quite well and for many years. I only met him a few times. We have fond memories of him. He was a wonderful man and will be sadly missed. God Bless You all and may your memories bring you peace. Love to all, Charles Fair – Doug's Father-in-law and Kathy's Father Sharon McBroom – Cousin

November 17 at 3:05 AM

DO

Doug posted:

Happy Birthday Dad, from all of us boys and families. I'm sure mom was there to greet you and with cake. Would like to thank all that have commented and will be commenting.

November 15 at 7:40 AM

JB

Judy Barker posted:

Hold on to your memories. We will never forget the laughter and how kind Bob was to us during difficult times. Our thoughts are with you. Larry, Kelly, Judy and family.

November 15 at 5:18 AM

DN

Deb Nelson posted:

Doug, Kathy, Bobbie and Karla, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Bob was such a personal, fun man. I always enjoyed seeing him and talking with him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers,

November 15 at 3:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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