



Robert Eugene McMahan Jr.

July 10, 1956 - January 22, 2023

Age 66, of Braidwood, IL joined the Lord peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at Lightways Hospice Home in Joliet, IL after a courageous two and a half year battle with cancer. Born July 10, 1956 in Joliet to the late Robert Eugene and Donna Jean (nee Collins) McMahan, Sr. Robert graduated from Joliet East High School with the class of 1975. Soon after graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving from 1975-1979. He married his high school sweetheart, Beth McClain on July 24, 1976 in Joliet. After Robert was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps he gained employment with Exxon Mobile Refinery in 1979. He first began in operations, then became the Captain of the Fire Brigade, and he eventually retired in 2014 as a heavy crane operator. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Morris. His faith was a very important aspect of his life, and he was committed to spreading the word of the Lord. When he was younger, he was fond of motorcycles and throughout the years became known as “Bob the Rebuilder” working as an accomplished handyman. He had an infectious and unique laugh that he will forever be remembered for. Robert was a selfless man, always willing to lend a helping hand, even when we didn’t realize we needed one. Out of all of his accomplishments, he was most proud of being called Papa from his four loving grandchildren. Surviving are his wife of forty-six years, Beth McMahan of Braidwood; three children, Michael McMahan of Joliet, Crystal (Jen) McMahan of Braceville, and Courtney (Kyle) White of Braidwood; four

grandchildren, Brayden and Makenna White, Ariaiah McMahan, and Eythyn Rossi; three brothers, Dan (Ellen) McMahan of Braidwood, Steve (Mary) McMahan of New Lenox, IL, and Curtis (Tammy) McMahan of TX; brother-in-law, Randy Reiter of TX; sister-in-law, Victoria (the late Les) Marjai of Joliet; mother-in-law, Alice McClain of Joliet; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families; many cousins and friends. Preceding him in death were his parents, Robert and Donna; sister, Leslie Michelle "Micky" Reiter; and father-in-law, Lee McClain. Visitation for Robert will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Friday, January 27 from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will also be at the funeral home Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 11:00 with the funeral luncheon to follow. Family and friends are invited to gather at the funeral home parking lot, Monday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m. to go in procession to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood where he will be laid to rest. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/>. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Procession to Cemetery

JAN **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

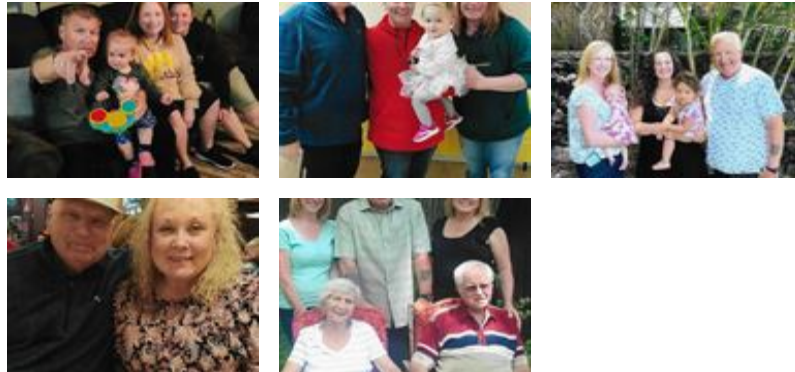
AH

“ I was privileged to get to know Bob and Beth at Lincolnway Christian Church. We served in many of the same ministries. Both of them made me feel like a part of the family. There was a couple of weeks where it was discussed if I could live with them. It didn't happen but they were absolutely willing to help me in any way that I needed. Bob was a rock. I was really struggling with some personal issues but Bob met with me and prayed with me. He offered me Godly advice. I thank God for the privilege of knowing Bob and Beth McMahan. I will miss you Bob. Your heart, your prayers, your encouragement and your laugh. Praise God that Bob is in heaven worshipping God with everything he has. Beth I am here if you need to talk or prayer. Please know that we are here. Love you guys,
Andy Hudson

Andy Hudson - January 27, 2023 at 12:52 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - January 27, 2023 at 09:32 AM

MC

“ We first met Bob and Beth at prayer service, it was such a joy to spend that time with them as well in bible study, in the short time we that we know Bob his smile and such a humble sweetness about him and his love for the Lord and others would always shine through, his prayers and his walk with God were so evident of a godly Christian. Thank you Bob for the time that we got to spend with you. You will be missed so much but we also rejoice knowing that your in the presence of Jesus. Love and prayers Beth for you and your family.

Martin & Sharon Caruso - January 26, 2023 at 02:10 PM

MN

“ Got to work with Bob at ExxonMobil and had alot of good laughs. It was always a good time spending lunch and break time talking and laughing with Bob. He definitely made the time more enjoyable.
We'll miss you Bob.
"Mickey " Mike & Barb Nice

Michael Nice - January 26, 2023 at 07:52 AM

CS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob at the Exxonmobil Joliet Refinery. Bob worked with us in the fire and safety department as a fire and safety advisor. Bob provided safety guidance to fellow employees and contractors as well as leadership to emergency responders. Bob's friendship will be missed. Our sympathy and prayers are with the entire McMahan family. RIP Capt McMahan and Godspeed! Chuck and Arta Snyder

Charles Snyder - January 25, 2023 at 09:58 AM

SK

“ Bob was the kindest friend and neighbor to my husband and I over the years. Helping us when we needed him, and so often without being asked. He was a Christian man who was never ashamed of his faith in God. Today you earned your wings and are safe in Jesus' s arms. Thank you for being such a blessing on earth.

Stacy Kman - January 24, 2023 at 03:35 PM

KL

“ RIP Bobby, I remember Bobby would drive Dale Gray and I to school when Dale and I were freshman at Joliet East ,good guy .sorry for your loss Beth and family.

Kirk Lindquist - January 24, 2023 at 11:20 AM