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Robert “Bob” Michael Finch, 71, of Clinton, Iowa passed away after a long battle with MS on Friday, November 3, 2017 at Mercy Living Center-North. A celebration of life for Bob will be held Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 4 to 7PM at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Robert was born May 14, 1946 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Robert and Jennie (Popdan) Finch. He received his associate’s degree from Clinton Community College and attended the University of Iowa for two years.

Bob had been employed as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service and had been a longtime musician and entertainer, playing guitar with various bands. He loved his music, was a longtime CUBS fan, and a beautiful photographer.

Survivors include his sister, Kathy (Jerry Hines) Swanson of Morrison, IL; niece, Jenna (Brad) Weets of Morrison, IL; great niece and great nephew, Claire and Jeg Weets; Nephew, Joshua Swanson of Davenport, IA and great niece, Averie Swanson.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents and a great niece.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.



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EL

Erin Gentry Lamb posted:

I knew Bob when I attended UI in the mid to late 90s. I would meet Bob for dinner a couple times a week to help him eat, and to soak in his wisdom and his fun-loving personality. He was able to find true pleasure in the smallest things. His joy for living changed the way I see the world, even if I didn't realize it at the time. I am now a college professor, and I teach about aging and disability and try to help students move past their preconceived notions and imagine the possibilities of lives that seem unfathomable to them. I am grateful to Bob for his friendship, for his grace, and for all that he taught me.

April 11 at 4:50 PM

AE

Angie Vander Eide lit a candle in honor of Robert.



November 10 at 4:26 PM

AE

Angie Vander Eide November 10 at 4:27 PM

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SP

Stan Petersen posted:

Played with Bob a few times and he left a lasting impression on me because he was such a good guitar player.... a great guy.... my condolences to the family....

November 7 at 8:54 AM

DC

Doug Christensen lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I only met Bob a couple of times but I could see right away why people loved him. Peace to all who's lives were touched by him.



November 6 at 3:36 AM



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Samantha Humke posted:

I used to work for Bob many years ago. I would walk two miles each way with my baby Mikhail who is now grown and just married. We became friends and would sometimes walk around Iowa City or watch Mikhail play at the park by the library. I could feel he was protective of us. He was humble and good. He knew what's important and what's not. I don't know how he endured his MS the way he did but was so brave and strong. Be at peace dear Bob and thank you for being our friend.

November 5 at 8:36 PM



Marji Watkins lit a candle in honor of Robert.



November 5 at 12:37 PM



Marji Watkins November 5 at 12:38 PM

My thoughts and prayers are with you Kathy at this time of sadness. Streams of love flow your way.



Jenna Weets posted:

My favorite memories of my Uncle Bobby are from when he lived in Iowa City. We would walk downtown from his apartment and enjoy the art and beautiful weather. I can remember playing on the playground and I would look over and see him reclined in his wheelchair with his eyes closed, taking in the sunshine. He loved being outside. Knowing how much I loved to read he took the time one Christmas to go to a little bookshop there and have the lady working pick out a book for me. I know how hard it was for him to get in and out of stores alone and for him to do that for me was the best. I still have that book. I love you Uncle Bobby and I'll never forget you or your cheesy smile. You were the best Uncle I could have ever had. Love, Jenna

November 5 at 10:17 AM



Jennifer Palmer lit a candle in honor of Robert.



Thinking of you Kathy and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you!

November 5 at 10:12 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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