



Robert Powell

April 1, 1958 - December 7, 2020

Robert William Powell, Jr. was born on April 1, 1958 in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his loving parents Robert W. and Mary Carolyn Powell and infant sister, Mary Carolyn. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Marcia, whom he cherished. Boog was blessed with two wonderful children, daughter Madeleine Tatarzyn (Jeremy), and son Robert W., III (fiancée Rachel) of whom he was very proud. He was grateful to be part of such a wonderful family and leaves to cherish his memory seven siblings: Mary Ann (Mitch), Margaret L., Nancy E. (Renata), John G., Thomas J., James C. (Eric), and Richard S. (Laura).

He was embraced by and welcomed into Marcia's large Tortora family and will be sadly missed by his sisters- and brothers-in-law, as well as several nieces, nephews and their children.

Robert graduated from Ohio University, where he acquired his nickname, "Boog" as a Sigma Chi fraternity brother and president of the chapter. He was a well-known and respected employee of State Auto Insurance for 30 years. He was a lover of all music by Santana and enjoyed the attention created by his Jerry Garcia tie collection. An avid reader he devoured the newspaper each day, watched Jeopardy nightly, embraced traveling and was a true history buff. Bob and Marcia enjoyed "thrifting" and he was a true aficionado of the best stores in town; a stylish dresser. The University of Notre Dame and the Fighting Irish continued to be a part of his life, following a proud tradition in the family that has continued for over a century with four generations, most recently with his daughter Madeleine. He followed the Cleveland Indians and the Columbus Clippers in baseball and remained a loyal fan of the Cleveland Browns. He lived his life dedicated to serving others: a kind, loyal and generous man.

Marcia and Bob were married on July 20, 2019, after being together for eight years. Although time was not in their favor, they were grateful to have found in each other a loving spouse, a true friend and an enduring love, that will never be diminished by his untimely death.

A private memorial service will be held for the family. Friends who wish to view the memorial service may do so as streaming will begin at 7:00PM Sunday December 13,2020. Click on the link below. <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86943410341?pwd=SC9pK3FwOCtxdW5DQ1VkWTVvZDdBQT09> Password: Remember

In lieu of flowers, friends may donate to Toys for Tots (click on link below) or to your favorite charity in Robert's memory.

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rutherford Funeral Homes - December 11, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Wonderful memories!
With love to all, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Zimmer - December 13, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ Nancy Powell is following this tribute.

Nancy Powell - January 16, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ Bob was one of the first people I met when I started working for State Auto. His bigger than life personality always energized whoever he was around. You were never in doubt as to how Bob felt about anything or anyone. He was a truly genuine person. I'm saddened by the news. My sympathies and prayers to Marcia and the rest of Bob's family and friends. - Scott Jones

Scott Jones - December 16, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ I always knew where I stood with Bob, one of the most Genuine people I ever met. His interests were so wide-ranging as I discovered when we had discussions covering so many different topics. Mostly, I remember that wonderful laugh and his ability to put virtually any emotional situation into perspective. My Heartfelt Condolences to Marcia. — Jim Dooley

Jim Dooley - December 14, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear that Bob had passed. I'll never forget the time he stopped by my office for a nice long conversation about the Serenity Prayer. I had it hanging on my office wall and he noticed it and thus the conversation began. Rest In Peace, Bob. And, Marcia, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know how much you two loved each other.

Julie Krouse

Julie Krouse - December 14, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ I didn't work directly with Bob but I know he was way too young to leave us. Marsh my friend-I can't imagine what you're going through but you know he's with you so stay strong. Keep making him proud.

Judy Conner - December 13, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Remember when Bob introduced me to his mother for approval. She was afraid of his new college friends especially his new fraternity brothers. Being a good Catholic school boy as well as an altar boy I was immediately accepted. Specially after I mentioned that I had nuns in my family. We had a great laugh after that.

I still remember nominating him for the Margaret Deppen award and writing his acceptance speech. We were so proud of that.

Boog will always be a part of cherished memories RIP BROTHER. IN HOC

Bill Herringer - December 13, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Boog shared a story. He spoke of it only once or twice, but I knew this was something special to him. When he would travel around Ohio for work, he would see a small church along the backroad, pull over, go in and spend some time there. For years, when I saw one of those little churches, I would drive by and wonder if Boog had stopped at this one. I believe he found something in those sanctuaries by the wayside and has been sharing it with us for a long time. Maybe I will start pulling over; instead of just driving by.

RH - December 13, 2020 at 02:33 AM



“ I am so sorry Marcia! My prayers, hugs and love to you in this difficult time. KB

Kathy Studebaker KN - December 14, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Boog, you always had that perspective that shit would work out and I can only think of one time when you let the pledges set fire to the quarry machine when it didn't work out. I think that's why we loved you so much at Sigma Chi. I am pissed that we lost touch, but that is as much my fault as yours. You were one of a kind, and the world needs more like you. In Hoc.

Bill Purmort - December 12, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Marcia, and the rest of Bob's family. I didn't work with Bob closely at State Auto, but got to know him in our many years as colleagues there. A good man, gone too soon. Mark Eakins

Mark Eakins - December 12, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ The first time I met Robert he spoke first, saying “Hello. I’m Boog Powell. I responded,
“Pleased to meet you Boog. I’m Roger Maris.”
And so we were off-and-running.
Boog was an original as we all know from his advice, comments, and service to us.
He
could always be counted on for passing on his experiences which made him
someone
I enjoyed sitting next to, trading stories, doing crosswords, sharing a joke or two, and
Showing us the blueprints of Marcia and his new home addition.
Our dear Marcia, you have our sincere empathy and understanding of your sudden
loss.
If you need assistance, please feel free to call.
John Jacobs

John Jacobs - December 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ I knew of Boog by a mutual friend of ours, Bill W. Seen him several times, always
had great things to say. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family.

Heath J - December 11, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ We shared many laughs on the way to and from the golf course, and even more
when we made it out onto the links! I will always be grateful to Boog for his selfless
service to me, and many others. He was devout in his commitment to his fellowship,
and his God. He walked humbly with a purpose, and although quite crafty and
humorous with his words, Boog was a leader by example. He showed me, and many
others just how cool it is to be another bozo on the bus! I will deeply miss his
friendship, his story telling, and his laugh. Rest well, my friend.

Andy Pride - December 11, 2020 at 10:23 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear that your journey on this earth has come to an end. I appreciated your wisdom, steadfastness and laughter, you will be missed. May God Bless and Comfort your family. Enjoy your new journey Boog



Shelley Scherer - December 11, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Boog, you were someone I looked up to when I began my college experience. I will always remember you. Rest in Peace, Brother.

David Disher - December 11, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ LA Financial Group, Lance, Rob, Cindy and Laura purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert Powell.



LA Financial Group, Lance, Rob, Cindy and Laura - December 11, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ there is so much I will miss about Boog. The sound of his voice, his relentless optimism, his deeply ingrained habits of never being late, never saying no to a request from a friend (and I had a lot of requests) always making sure there was plenty of flavored coffee creamer around, his hearty bear hugs, his passion for frugality. He was an original and he was real. We won't forget him.

Tammy Crawford-Parker - December 11, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Prayers for the Family. RIP Robert. I really enjoyed the time I spent with him.

Debbie Levstek - December 11, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I know his wife Marcia and I know how much she loved him. My condolences to her and his family, I know he will be missed by so many. Deb Smith Stokes



deb smith stokes - December 10, 2020 at 11:42 PM



“ I will miss you my friend. Your laugh was special and always welcomed. I will remember our great times doing our anniversary dinners and the many hours you stood behind the grill. I will also remember the many years you gave back to those in need by helping us at the Fire Fighters 4 kids program. To many memories to put down, but I will treasure the memories forever, Rest In Peace my friend. Marcia my heart goes out to you, I wish I could change the way happen, but we know only God can do that. Specials hugs to you. You made him very happy these last few years ,he truly loved youwith all his heart.
Dale Miller

Dale Miller - December 10, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ You will be sorely missed. Thank you for being part of our journey. Rest In Peace.

Deborah Lee - December 10, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ I am heartbroken to hear the news of Bobs passing. Bob always had a smile with a warm greeting. I know he loved his wife Marcia with all his heart. My prayers go out to Marcia and family. Rest In Peace Bob. You will be missed.

Karen Terry - December 10, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ R.I.P. Boog. My heart goes out to you wife, family and friends. Thank you for sharing your experience, strength and humor with us all! You were a true and faithful servant and will be missed. Bet Gary, Charlie and quite a few others were there to welcome you to the big meeting in the sky!

Sharon Swanson - December 10, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear about the passing of our friend, Boog! We first met Thursday evenings and became “family” at Wendy’s afterwards. Gary, Stan, and Charlie were our mentors. I’m sure they were there at the Pearly Gates waiting for you with a hug and cup of coffee! Until we meet again, you will be missed by many!

Janet Essey - December 10, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ I have many memories of spending time with Boog on the golf course or out for dinner and at Group get-togethers. His special sense of humor and booming laugh were good cover for his genuine concern for the well being of all who were around him. He will be sorely missed.

Jim Cassady

Jim Cassady - December 10, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Boog. I have many wonderful memories from OU and the Sigma Chi House. Loved you then and loved you in recent years, helping me in my recovery from alcohol addiction. In many ways, I owe my life to you. Boog was an incredible man, servant of god and helped many people along the way. I miss you, but I have peace knowing your in his kingdom.

Carl Dyas

Carl Dyas - December 10, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I worked with and for Bob at State Auto. He was a wonderful boss, always stood up for his employees. He had a great sense of humor, always loved his stories. My deepest sympathy to his wife and my dear friend Marcia who I have known for many years and worked with. Sending you love and hugs Marcia.

Robin Duncan - December 13, 2020 at 05:16 AM



“ I too worked with bob at State Auto. Bob was one of a kind. He was so very caring and positive. There are so many things about him I will never forget. I was so thankful that he and Marcia found each other as they both deserved some happiness in their lives. My heart breaks for you Marcia.

Laura Robinson - December 14, 2020 at 09:39 AM