

Robert Karl Jonassen

April 22, 1964 - April 2, 2023

Robert Karl Jonassen was a pilot, a handyman, a Christian, a gamer, and a music lover. He believed in God wholly and fully and gladly thanked the Lord for his blessings and asked for help with his shortcomings. He was always a help to those around him, helping with things as simple as lifting a box to replacing brake pads on a car. He loved involving himself in DIY projects, from gardening to home renovation to building guitars.

Bob was born on April 22, 1964, in Long Island, NY, and shortly moved to Germany, where he spent the first two years of his life. They returned to New York for a year in 1966 and moved to Hollywood, FL, in 1967. He was a world traveler, spending several winters and summers in his father's home country of Norway and visiting several more countries. In 2006, Bob got his Contract working on the Ohio OAKS system, at which point he moved part time to Ohio, traveling to and from his apartment in Hilliard, OH, and his Home in Plantation, FL. After his wife was laid off from her job at American Express, the couple and their two children moved to Ohio in full, settling in Powell, OH, where he lived until his death.

Throughout high school, he got into typical high school shenanigans: lighting fireworks, collecting recycling for change, and running a newspaper route for the mob (or so he told everyone). During his school days, he was hit by a car on 3 separate occasions, recovering from each hit fully. He played the trumpet

in the South Broward High School Band and started his first real job as a Package Sorter for UPS. After leaving high school, Bob went to several colleges, those being Tennessee Tech, University of South Florida, and Broward Community College (where he met his lovely wife).

His first pet was an Irish Setter named Clancy. His first “girlfriend” was in College: a girl named Cindy, who he dated for a short period of time before falling for the love of his life Julie.

He collected records, numbering in the thousands, but could name each one and tell the story of how he acquired it. His wife believes he married her for his Groovy Ghoulies Album. He took great care of his guitars, including an acoustic guitar he inherited from his grandfather and a red electric guitar he named Sparkle. Bob’s first forays into music collection were a set of 45” vinyl and some 8-track tapes. Bob would eventually open a Record shop in 1995 for a limited time before closing it. Bob continued to collect records and CDs throughout his life, sharing a small portion of his collection with his children to encourage in them a similar love for music.

He studied the Bible and reflected on how he could use its lessons in his everyday life. He was a part of several church groups, from a two-year group of intensive reflection and study known as The Journey to a weekly men’s Bible study. He was also involved with the musical section of his church, helping with the establishment of the bell’s section of his church choir. Bringing his bevy of bells experience from his church in Florida to share with the burgeoning bell choir at his church. Robert Karl Jonassen (58), died 4/2/2023 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, OH. He is preceded in Death by his Father Olav Jonassen (91) Jan 21, 2022. He is survived by his Daughter Sarah Jonassen (23), his Son Michael Jonassen (Morgan) (26), his Wife Julie Jonassen (58), his brother David Jonassen (Renee) (62), and his mother Joan Jonassen (88).

Cemetery Details

Oller Cemetery

5459 Riverside Drive
Delaware, OH 43015

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

APR 7. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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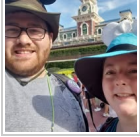
“ I had the privilege of hiring Bob at my last employer. I worked with him for a short time before his diagnosis. His work ethic was exemplary and his attitude was even more so. He refused to take time away during his fight and it brought about a deep admiration that sits with me to this day. I got the news early this week and I was sad to hear it. It's been almost a year since I was away from that company, but I reached out to Bob a couple times to see how he was holding up. Much like when we met while working together his responses were incredibly optimistic and rooted in faith. I would not normally interject comments for someone that I didn't know very long. But, I had to post and share my deepest condolences to the family and friends of this amazing human. You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you navigate this loss. ~Paul Boslet (aka Boz)

Paul Boslet - April 07, 2023 at 01:23 PM

RJ

“ Always fond memories of sharing a traditional Scandinavian Christmas Eve dinner here in Florida with Bob and Julie. We saw Bob this last December and I was amazed by his cheerful always positive attitude. He was making plans to visit Norway this year and invited us to go, how could I imagine that it was the last time we would see his smile. He was an example for us all to always be the best!! Love to Julie, Michael and Sarah. Love Aunt Robin

Robin Jensen - April 07, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ MICHAEL Jonassen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Robert Karl Jonassen's Funeral

Time: Apr 7, 2023 09:55 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85047117043?pwd=VWxxa0tQM2xxSFhITFza3dmQ2luZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 4711 7043

Passcode: 427339

Michael Jonassen - April 06, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ Your friends and colleagues at ODOT purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Robert Karl Jonassen.



Your friends and colleagues at ODOT - April 06, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ Jim, Ken & Pam Barritt and Ray Nadeau purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Karl Jonassen.



Jim, Ken & Pam Barritt and Ray Nadeau - April 05, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Karl Jonassen.*



April 05, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Karl Jonassen.*



April 05, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Karl Jonassen.*



April 05, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Bob was more like a brother than an in-law. I absolutely loved him as such from the day he married my twinner. There are so many memorable things about him - from his strong faith to his quirky humor to his deep love for a sack of White Castle. He loved his wife and children and pets deeply and totally. There is definitely a void for us who remain behind.*

Carolyn - April 05, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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“ Great memories of Bob and Julie when we lived in Powell!
Enjoyable dinners together with wonderful fellowship. Bob always
had a smile and was a light! Wish we had made it back to Powell for
another visit sooner!
From the Umbenhowers

Christine Umbenhower - April 04, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Robert Karl Jonassen.



April 04, 2023 at 01:23 PM

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“ I loved having Bob as my ushering buddy. Thoughts and prayers to
everyone
Grace Gushue

Grace Gushue - April 04, 2023 at 10:26 AM

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“ *Bob and I were related by marriage and also were coworkers. Knowing Bob for all of the years he and Julie were together and then working together for the past 1.5 years as been a pleasure. Bob was the kindest, strongest, and most courageous man. His strength and stoic demeanor while he underwent treatment will not be surpassed any time soon. Bob was so dedicated to doing a great job at work that he took calls and did work while he was sitting in his a chair getting his chemo treatment; he didn't want his illness to interfere with his job performance. He worked up to the end. As a cousin in-law and a coworker, I will miss him. Rest in peace, Bob. You're with your heavenly father and your earthly father; both were waiting to welcome you with open and loving arms.*



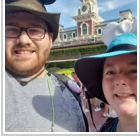
Cynthia Dixon - April 04, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Karl Jonassen.*



April 03, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Photos With Bob and You*



Michael Jonassen - April 03, 2023 at 09:42 PM

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Bob was a good and Godly man. He loved his family. I knew him as a friend and colleague. Deepest sympathy to the Jonassen family. Praying for all.

Theresa Harris - April 07, 2023 at 06:42 AM

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My deepest condolences to Julie, Michael and Sarah. Family was everything to Bob. He truly loved with all his heart. He was kind to everyone and believed in the basic good of humans. He went ahead to Heaven and will greet family and friends as they arrive with his warm hug and hearty handshake. Bob was one-of-a-kind and will be missed. Love to his family, Marianne Maggio

Marianne Maggio - April 11, 2023 at 08:31 AM