



Robert Joseph Bilbrough

February 14, 1954 - May 23, 2019

Robert Joseph Bilbrough, 65, of St. James, Missouri, passed away peacefully in his sleep early Thursday morning, May 23, 2019, at his home with his wife Judy by his side. He was born February 14, 1954, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then moved to Pine Hill, NJ as an adolescent; and relocated to Owensville, MO as an adult in 1990 to accept a job at Custom Printing where he met so many wonderful people that became his friends. He is the son of the late Paul Bilbrough and Elizabeth (O'Brien) Bilbrough. He was a graduate of Overbrook High School in Pine Hill, New Jersey, served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Era and attended Camden County College where he majored in Art. On May 29, 1993 Robert was united in marriage to the love of his life, Judy (Jones) Bilbrough, who survives at their home in St. James, MO

Robert's career began at a young age, where he worked with his lifelong friends, Steve and Greg Politowski, at Clementon Park in New Jersey. Billy Hooey, Jimmy & Sue Briggs, and countless others from Pine Hill were a big part of his life from the teen years and throughout his adult life and he cherished each and every one of them. He later made a living as an Ice Cream Truck driver, Counselor at Archway School, Postal worker, Bookbinder, Carpenter, Barber and Caregiver. His hobbies included pottery, artwork, riding motorcycles, fishing, attending classic car shows and spending quality time

with family and friends. He was an honest, open, outgoing person who loved life and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. His friendly personality and huge smile made him easily approachable and allowed him to make friends easily everywhere he went. He will be missed by all who knew him and his presence and love of life will live on through his wife, children and grandchildren who were his reason for living. His life was one that was truly worth celebrating and in the end when he had to leave this world, he did not want there to be sadness and tears but rather laughter and joy remembering all of the wonderful times spent with him.

Robert is survived by his siblings Sister Pauline Bilbrough, Mary Balchunas (husband Ted) and Bud Bilbrough (wife Lee), his children Dori Yip (husband Jeffrey), John Bilbrough (wife Nikki), Eric Bilbrough (wife Meghan), Beth Ann Cash (husband Brandon), his grandchildren Kane Benton, Braden Glenn, Kayli Roberts, Iris Cash, Mark Harrison, Calvin Hunter, Sarah Bilbrough, and Viola Bilbrough, and one great grandchild, Jonathan Verkamp. Robert was preceded in death by his brother John Bilbrough.

Friends will be received from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at the James and Gahr Funeral Home on Hwy. 72 in Rolla, Missouri. A Memorial Service will follow at 6:00 pm. The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Rolla Animal Shelter in Rolla, Missouri to honor Bob's love of animals.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Joseph Bilbrough*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Robert Joseph Bilbrough*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Judy - I was saddened to hear of the loss of your husband. My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

deb taylor - June 05, 2019 at 01:44 AM



“ *I've got many happy memories of Bob and I know he will be sorely missed by all of his family, especially his wife Judy, his children & his siblings. I'm so sorry for your loss but so blessed to have known Bob.*

Ann (Bilbrough) Dooley - May 31, 2019 at 08:42 AM

PS

“ Bob I remember so well the day you took over Gabe's route in West Berlin Township NJ Mr. Mailman in the 1970's & then Married my little sister Judith Eileen Jones (Bilbrough) & what a wonderful marriage. You and Judy took great care of Mother as she grew older, Doris A Jones (RIP) you were a big part of her care giving. When I visited Mo then you took me to lunch in town for a special hamberger & then a ride up the mountains to show me the view of the snow ! We chatted on FB in the morning. Judy reminded me I was supposed to be in your Christmas stocking, but never made it back to MO. And the handsome picture you drew of your Father, you were a great artist & a good man. I will forever miss you !! <3 but I know you are not suffering anymore ! RIP in the arms of God. on my 72nd Birthday May 23, 2019
I Love You,
Patty

Patricia Jones Sacco (Judy's Sister) - May 30, 2019 at 11:51 PM

PP

“ I remember a whole Bunch of us went to a 3 dog night concert (my first concert) I didn't know how to dress,. So bo being the gentleman that he is, picked me up, in a suit and red, white and blue tie. We laughed all night. What a great guy., I will remember his very kind heart and great smile. The last time we talked we spent an hour on the phone talking about chick flicks. Who knew!!!!!!
Gone but by all means, never forgotten
Love ya big guy. Peggy Green.(Pratt)

Peggy Pratt - May 29, 2019 at 11:51 PM

LM

“ Love, Jeana & Randy Murray purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Joseph Bilbrough.



Love, Jeana & Randy Murray - May 29, 2019 at 03:55 PM

NB

“ Nan and Ron Belloir purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Joseph Bilbrough.



Nan and Ron Belloir - May 29, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Bilbrough.



May 29, 2019 at 02:14 PM

SS

“ I'm very sorry about Robert passing. My prayers with family and friends during this hard time.

Shane Sturgeon

Shane Sturgeon - May 28, 2019 at 12:45 PM

WD

“ With loving prayers and thoughts, Mary Ann & Don purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert Joseph Bilbrough.



With loving prayers and thoughts, Mary Ann & Don - May 28, 2019 at 12:12 PM

MM

“ In 2003 Dick & I had a brand new Motor Home and drove up to spend Thanksgiving with Bob & Judy. Rocking and rolling through the Arkansas mountains was a little more than we expected and when we went to show off our RV, I opened the Bedroom closet and the aluminum clothes pole had snapped in half! Bob made a sturdy cedar pole the next day! This is only one of the many times we were welcomed by Judy and Bob and every trip is a precious memory to me. He will be sadly missed.

Mary Ann (Jones) McMurray - May 28, 2019 at 12:03 PM

DB

“ He always had a kind word or a funny joke to share. Wish we had gotten to meet in person but at least I got to know you on Facebook. RIP my friend. Sending love and prayers for your family and friends.



Diana Bilbrough - May 28, 2019 at 09:40 AM

MB

“ So sad I didn't get the chance to meet Robert, we had so much in common, sense of humor, love for family, and love of riding, served in navy same time same place, I think of Robert as a cousin I didn't know I had,
I lost my aunt, my dads sister in england last week and Roberts passing affected equally
My condolences to your family

Martyn Bilbrough - May 27, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Bilbrough.



May 27, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Bilbrough.



May 27, 2019 at 12:57 PM