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Robert (Bob) Broge passed away unexpectedly in Las Vegas, NV on July 22, 2021 at the age of 84.

Bob was born on May 12, 1937 in Wyandotte, Michigan to Ruth and Carl Broge. He grew up boating and swimming on the Detroit River, lovingly referred to himself as a "river rat." His childhood home was located on the canal where Portofino sits today. His mode of transportation was a row boat but he also enjoyed scuttling larger ships as he grew older. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1955 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1956. He married Judith Klunge from Allen Park, MI in 1961 and founded AAA Wire Rope in 1962. Bob and Judy raised three children, putting them to work at the shop before child labor laws were enforced! He enjoyed many successful years running the company and retired in 1999.

Bob spent time flying planes and traveling the states with his kids in tow. He enjoyed racing boats which eventually became his lifelong passion, passing the tradition down to the next two generations. As captain of the BS Racing Team he took great pride in watching his kids and grandkids succeed in boat

racing. Skiing, snowmobiling, and motorcycling were also skills he passed on to his kids with frequent weekend trips to Caberfae in Northern Michigan where many memories were made. "The cabin" remains in the family today.

In 1990 Bob remarried Joan Shensky and they enjoyed splitting their time between Las Vegas and Michigan. After retirement, they built a vacation home on the Gulf of Mexico in Sargent Beach, TX. The cowboy life was nice but the hurricanes were not desirable. Over the years he hosted many Super Bowl parties and loved getting together with family and friends for most any occasion. Anywhere he went, he met people and made new friends. His laugh was loud and authentic. That laugh may have gotten him into trouble every once in a while but he used it well in telling the many stories of his life.

Robert Broge was preceded in death by his father, Carl; his mother, Ruth; his sister, Sharon Stepaniak; and wife, Joanie. He is survived by his three children: John Broge, Robert Broge Jr. (Geraldine), Jennifer (Broge) Voss and his grandchildren: Nicholas Voss, Dallas Broge (Rachel), John Broge Jr., Leland Broge and his first wife, Judith Broge. He is also survived by his step children: Mike Shensky (Carol), Michelle Silva (Christian), grandchildren: Tyler (Alyssa) Shensky, Callie Shensky, Grace Silva, Danielle Percy, and great grandchildren Aspen, Sawyer, Aria, and Hunter.

A private celebration of Bob's life will take place at Portofino in Wyandotte on August 29, 2021.

# Tribute Wall



“ *May God's promise found in John 6:40, of the hope to see our loved ones again, comfort your heart and give you peace, strength, and hope in the days ahead.*

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September 03, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *There are no amount of words I could say that would do you justice in this post Gramps because of the impact you had not only on me but everybody around you! I wouldn't be where I am today without you and it's painful to think I don't have you on the ride with me but I do know you are with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ alongside with your wife Joanie. I find joy knowing your in heaven looking down on all of us! Rachel & I love you more than you'll ever know. You sure did set the bar high for being the glue to the family, a grandparent , a father, a husband, and a friend to many, I have some big shoes to fill! Love Rachel & Dallas Broge*

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**Dallas Broge** - August 27, 2021 at 03:42 PM

NV

“ How do you sum up someone's life with just a few words? I dunno how to, so this is going to be how I remember Grandpa, and to try to live up to his legacy. Grandpa was a magnet; he always brought us together. Whether you were related by blood, or by marriage, or just a good friend; you were family to him. He gave so much to everyone around that we are all better for having him in our life (especially the men from his lineage, goddamn we're a bunch of good lookin dudes). Most of all, he showed us to enjoy life. Have some fantastic experiences and tell others our stories to bring joy to them as well. We can also enjoy the little things, like the wings at Hooters in Cincinnati and the sarsaparilla in the Aladdin General Store and throwing your cousin off the dock into the Michigan River before he left for the Navy. Lastly, the family kinda got the crazy gene. Some of us race boats, others went for motorcycles, some of us even jump outta airplanes... We all miss you Grandpa, and remember our greatest traits were yours to begin with. Thank you for passing them down. If you're looking down on us, we hope to make you proud of the life you left behind and to continue to make everyone else better for it.

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**Nick Voss** - August 23, 2021 at 11:54 PM

GP

“ I met "Uncle Bob", as I affectionately called him, years ago. He called me "Air Force One" because I retired from the AF. He was extremely proud of his grandson who joined the AF...and boy did he have questions for me about the AF. He proudly spoke of his family and loved visiting them. I will miss "Uncle Bob". Rest in Peace Sir, you earned it.

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**GG Patera** - August 17, 2021 at 01:23 PM

JK

“ *Bob was a great guy. I enjoyed his many stories. He was a good neighbor and friend.*

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**Jim King** - August 15, 2021 at 10:37 PM

VK

“ *Bob was a great neighbor. He always had a story that could make you laugh.*

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**Vickie King** - August 15, 2021 at 10:33 PM

JK

“ *Rest in peace, Bob. My sympathies are with your family in this time of sadness.*

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**Jennifer Klunge** - August 15, 2021 at 12:33 PM

CM

“ *Through my friendship with Robert's daughter Jennifer I know how much Robert was loved by his family. God Bless Robert and his family in this time of loss.*

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**Chris Marchand** - August 13, 2021 at 04:27 PM

HW

“ *Remembering Robert Broge's wonderful soul will forever remain in our hearts. May he Rest In Peace and live on within the memories of his loved ones. Holly & Joe White*

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**Holly White** - August 12, 2021 at 10:15 PM

LB

“ Papa or "Bobby bones" as my brother and I refer to him as. He was always the center of attention when he'd walk into a room or pit at the races because he'd always have some great story to share that'd make everyone laugh or cringe no in between but everyone enjoyed his presence and contagious laugh (most the time at his own jokes). papa was also one who pushed me to follow my dreams and made things possible in many ways. but most recently after joining the Air Force he made home feel not so far away with his multiple phone calls a week just to talk for a couple minutes about anything and everything from stocks to my job or his most recent trips and the crazy plans he had always made my days a little bit better. Rest in piece devil dog, Love you.

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**Leland Broge** - August 12, 2021 at 05:55 PM

CK

“ We met Bob ten years ago when we moved to LV, and shared many meals with Bob and the Baldwins. We enjoyed his stories and appreciated tips on what to do, where to do it, and what to skip that he often shared when we were newbies on the block and that continued over the years. A closed door at his house always meant he was away visiting his kids. We're going to continue to think that for a while--that he's off enjoying himself with his family, visiting or watching a game or a race. Bob was a great neighbor and he'll be missed.

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**Carl and Patricia Keller** - August 12, 2021 at 11:41 AM

JB

“ Fair winds and following seas. Thank you for the life lessons, and the calls to talk about what everyone was up to. It still doesn't feel real that you're gone, but you will be remembered and missed by many. Love you Papa.

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**John Broge** - August 12, 2021 at 03:43 AM

SG

“ I'm sad I never got to know Gramps, but I am fortunate to know his laugh and love of life through his grandson, Nick. Wishing his family and friends peace through their memories of him.

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**Sarah Greene** - August 11, 2021 at 10:49 PM

JB

“ Dear Bob, We miss you so very much. After 20 years of being the best of friends we were your Nevada family. We enjoyed so many meals together and shared crock pot dinners. Oh, and the stories and laughter was never ending. Your laugh was the best, straight from the gut and contagious. We miss not seeing you every day on your rounds and sharing the latest news. We are so thankful to have known you. You will always be remembered and sorely missed. We love you. To Bob's Family, Each and everyone of you were his pride and joy. The stories he told and your accomplishments he shared with us were always very special to him. We mourn with you. God Bless and know he does not leave us without great memories.

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**John and Kathy Baldwin** - August 11, 2021 at 06:07 PM

TB

“ To my beloved Broge/Klung family, your dad and grandpa was an amazing and loving man. He loved you kids and his grandkids and great grandkids more than anything! I am grateful to have spent time with Bob over the years. He was always full of energy and wisdom. He will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to you all. I pray the peace of God that passes all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, now and forever.

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**Terre and Bubba Barbin** - August 11, 2021 at 05:31 PM

EP

“ *Bob was a great guy. His kids and grandkids loved him dearly. He had a great many stories to tell and an interesting life. He will be missed by many.*

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**Elaine Pelletier** - August 11, 2021 at 01:16 PM

JV

“ *I love you dad* ❤️

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**Jennifer Voss** - August 11, 2021 at 12:17 PM