



Robert John Laas

August 26, 1937 - December 18, 2023

CPO Robert (Bob) J Laas USNR

Sunrise August 26, 1937

Chicago, IL

Bob Laas arrived in Las Vegas in 1961, playing with Johnny Puleo, and his Harmonica Gang at the old DI, wanting to continue playing professionally. after he worked at the Stardust as a bartender for 32 years, retiring in 1999. He served in the Army for two years, later reenlisting and retiring from the Navy Reserve. He stayed in contact with some of his Navy buddies.

He is survived by his wonderful wife Maggie. Also surviving are his children Pete (Pam), Susan (Sam), Bobby (Mariana), Diane (Chris), Eva (Shane), and his stepson Jeremy (Geneva). Also surviving is a sister Jean (Bob), and brother Ron (Nancy). His sister Shirley, and parents Dorothy and Peter preceded him in death.

He enjoyed scuba diving, playing the harmonica, traveling adventures with his wife and family, a game of gin with a cigar, sails with his wife or family, and breakfast with his buddy. He was especially proud to share his sailing skills with his children, teaching them how to sail. He attended concerts, sporting events, plays, graduations, baking and playing Sorry with grandchildren or trading the "who's recipe is it". Seeing his 16 grandchildren, plus one great grandchild at family gatherings gave him pleasure. Knowing that he was "My

Grampa" filled his heart. He also enjoyed his time with a bountiful group of in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sail on angel's wings, with fair seas, playing the harmonica with the boys.

You are not gone but loved in our hearts and memories forever.

Sunset December 18, 2023

Las Vegas,,NV

Interment date at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City to be determined.

Tribute Wall

SO “ Robert John Laas

Susan Owens - June 10, 2024 at 01:12 AM

SO “ Robert John Laas

Susie Owens - May 27, 2024 at 01:24 AM

SO “ Robert John Laas

Susie Owens - February 20, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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DB

“ Dad, among my most treasured memories are with you at the lake. We spent our summers on the boat, swimming and sailing. When we got old enough we could sleep outside on the boat. The mornings were pure magic when the sun made its first appearance. The calm water and beautiful glow on the mountains. I remember sharing a Pepsi with my brothers and sisters in those classic orange cups, while you made us sandwiches with your weird mustard and bread. I can still taste the stale Cheezits you'd keep on the boat. There were no worries or cares with you at the lake except the time I fell into the lake before I could swim, and the time Eva busted open her foot on the rusty nails on the dock, and the other time she got hurt at the lake and required stitches, but hey it was a tall order to take 5 little kids to the lake. Mostly, I just remember the pure joy I felt being out on the water, in your happy place. I think of you and talk to you every day. I imagine you and grandma Laas telling jokes and laughing. I miss you and I love you ❤️

Diane Barber - February 11, 2024 at 09:57 PM

EW

“ Dad. I miss you. I think about you daily. You always bring the fun! I'm reminded of you in so many ways! I can still taste the weird pipe tobacco essence of your ice cubes! Ha! I love you!

Eva Williams - February 06, 2024 at 02:17 PM

RO

“ I'm going to miss you brother you inspired me without knowing , I looked up to you at three yrs of age not having a father .I'll see you soon and we'll jam a few tunes ..

Ronnie - February 05, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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“ Robert John Laas

Susan Owens - January 21, 2024 at 04:28 PM

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Pamela Laas - January 21, 2024 at 10:32 AM

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Susie Owens - January 16, 2024 at 09:24 PM

SO

“Dad, you've given us so many special memories. I especially like the ones hiking or at the lake on the boat. You encouraged my sense of adventure and fun, my love of the water and the outdoors. You made me feel like I could do anything. I wish I had more of your sense of humor and loving nature. You always made me feel like the most important person in the room with your insistence of an immediate hug and kiss hello (and goodbye, too!). I love that you loved to perform and were dedicated to the Navy and that you earned your Bachelors degree when I was in high school. I also loved that you explored different hobbies, cherished your friends along with family, and enjoyed adventures with Maggie. Sailing with you was my absolute favorite. Thank you for it all! And to answer your questions for one last time: No, I'm not Susie poo-poo pants. Yes, I'm going out like that. No, that is not your recipe. Yes, I woke up dry, and no, I did not hear that duck. I love you dad!

Susie Owens - January 16, 2024 at 09:24 PM

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PN

“May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. RIP Bob.

Peggy / Margaret Nolan - January 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM

AG

“I have so many happy memories of Uncle Bob and Aunt Maggie growing up. There are so many to name. My favorite trip with him and Maggie was going to San Diego. He always was someone I could share a good laugh with. We will miss your smile Bob!

Amanda, Josh, and Harley Gradwell - January 05, 2024 at 03:08 PM

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“ Many memories of Bob and Maggie's visits to Iowa.

Marcia Moran - January 04, 2024 at 06:19 PM

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TD

“ When I first met Susie at 17, she lived with Bob and attended the same high school as me. We were attached at the hip from day 1, so I spent a lot of time at her house. I would get all ready to go either to school or for a night out and he would ALWAYS (jokingly) say, "You aren't going like THAT, are you ?" Or "you aren't wearing THAT are you ?", knowing my 17 year old brain would completely rethink my attire For all the almost 40 years I knew him, whenever I'd see him at a family event or if Susie happened to be on the phone with him, he would continue to ask me that it was funny and endearing to me. It always made me feel a special connection with him and reminded me of being a teenager. I've always admired and appreciated the closeness of the entire "Laas" family and their connection to Bob, sailing and each other. Bob was loved deeply and will be missed

Tammy Desmarais - December 30, 2023 at 02:08 PM

MH

“ Thinking of you all ❤️ We hope you are blanketed by the memories you shared with your Dad! Sending our sincere condolences to you and your families. Love, Monica Hyder & family

Monica Hyder - December 29, 2023 at 07:46 PM

PS

“ We are so sorry to hear about your Dad. May he rest in peace ❤️ we love you all very much and hope the fun boating and good memories remain with you always. With Love and prayers Ed, Peggy, Amanda and Mark Sebetka (the Florida fam)

Peggy Sebetka - December 29, 2023 at 06:19 PM

CM

“ Our sincere condolences dear friends ❤️

Charity MolitoriS - December 29, 2023 at 04:20 PM

PI

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Peter Laas IV - December 29, 2023 at 03:23 PM

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IL

“ *He was known to the family as Bob. Bob was very talented and led a very interesting life. What I will remember most about him was his sense of humor. He could be irreverent at times but he was always funny. He could have you giggling at the most solemn events. He will be missed!*

Irene Laas - December 29, 2023 at 01:09 PM

PL

“ *Robert John Laas*

Peter Laas - December 29, 2023 at 09:23 AM

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Peter Laas - December 29, 2023 at 09:23 AM

PL

“ Good bye Dad, I cherish the memorable adventures we had. The good times and bad, the happy times and sad. Teaching us how to enjoy and respect the outdoors. The red clay hills, rock climbing, snow, and more. Laughing until we cried about silly things in life, Your good nature with most and very little strife. Spending time on the boat sailing, laughing, or talking, Swimming, fishing, shooting, or just simply walking. Good bye Dad, I miss you so much. Your humor, antics, demeanor, and such. Finding the prison (school) on the way to and from the lake. Your constant Dad jokes for goodness' sake. Playing gin rummy until time for bed, Your final hug and the things you said. Your perfect smile and happy face. I know you are in a better place. Good bye Dad, I love you so much

Peter Laas - December 29, 2023 at 09:23 AM

PL

“ Bob was the 1st person, along with his son Pete, to take me sailing- what an adventure that was. He's also the one to take my 3 children sailing as well. I remember trying Chicago style pizza on our trip to Chicago. I have fond memories of an oversized yellow hoodie that he bought for his 1st grandchild, Samantha. There's also a plastic poop story or two. He's also dazzled the family with his harmonica playing in family talent shows and most recently at his birthday 2 years ago. I loved fighting with him, over the last deviled egg at family gatherings, there's so many moments over 40 years of being in my life, being part of my family that I will cherish, but most of all I will never forget how proud he was of his children, and grandchildren, how much he loved them all, their presence would always bring a smile to his face. He will be missed but he will be remembered fondly.

Pam Laas - December 28, 2023 at 12:46 PM

DR

“ We were in the same unit in the Naval Reserve, CHB14. We always had fun kidding each other about our names. I called him Rob, he called me Dave. We had many good times in the Reserves. Although we haven't seen each other in quite a few years, you will be missed.

Dale O Rood - December 22, 2023 at 04:45 PM