



Robert Emmett MacGregor

June 19, 1951 - May 26, 2024

Cohoes, NY

Robert (Bob “Cowboy”) Emmett MacGregor died at home on May 26, 2024. He was born on June 19, 1951 in Cohoes, NY to the late Robert MacGregor and Ruth Flynn MacGregor.

After earning degrees in Metallurgy, Welding, and Engineering, Bob worked for Pinkerton Boiler Works, McCleary Machine Works, Aquatic Development Group, and in construction. He was responsible for supervising a variety of projects including water rides at amusement parks, swimming pools for the Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA, and preservation of historic buildings. Bob also helped light up the Cohoes Falls one year.

Bob was a volunteer for the Cohoes Rescue Squad. He was also a rescue diver and certified scuba instructor. He had a talent for designing and building, and a lifelong love of learning. There was no construction project he couldn't tackle and one of his nicknames was “Bob the builder.” In his younger years, Bob enjoyed rebuilding late 1960s muscle cars; in later years he built model cars.

He loved life and spending time with family and friends, and was always the life of the party. He enjoyed hunting and spending time in the Adirondacks

with his close friend Dick Carroll.

Bob is survived by his sons, Robert Jr. (Thiphawan), Joseph (Laura), and Michael; his grandchildren, Charlotte, Danielle, Harrison, Michael II, Gavin, and Logan; two great-grandchildren; his beloved nieces and nephews, Shawn, Shelly, Kristie, and Thomas, and his ex-wife, Pamela Rider Murphy. He was predeceased by his brothers, Frederick and Emmett; his daughter, Leah; his niece, Maria; and his first wife, Laurie Gendron.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 12pm, calling hours will be from 10am to 12pm prior to services. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a contribution to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 237-0206

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Bob. I want to thank you for always being there for me. You always let me vent and never judged me for anything. You made sure to alway let me know how proud you were of me as a Mother, daughter and friend . You brought so much joy to those around you that just needed a laugh. You stepped up when my Dad passed and encouraged me to just be happy and enjoy life in the moment. You always told me life was to short to be mad all the time. You called it how you saw it whether anyone liked it or not. You didn't sugar coat shit!! That was one of my favorite qualities about you. I'm going to miss telling you my secrets that I couldn't share with anyone else. I love you and I'm going to miss you dearly. Kristie



Kristie Kerr - May 30, 2024 at 10:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Emmett MacGregor.



May 30, 2024 at 12:42 PM

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“ The Pinks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Emmett MacGregor.

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Pamela M. - May 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM