



Bob Williams

April 19, 1955 - January 25, 2019

Bob Williams, 63, of Esko and Prairie Lake, formerly of Rochester, died unexpectedly Friday, January 25 doing one of the things he loved-- skiing at Big Sky, Montana.

Bob was born in 1955 to Helen and Harold Williams. His childhood was filled with dirt biking, track building, diving, and fixing and building things. Even as a child, Bob had unending curiosity and abundant energy.

Bob graduated from John Marshall High School in Rochester in 1973 and Winona State in 1978. He was proud of his careers at FedEx in Rochester and as an RN in Pediatrics at Essentia Health, Duluth.

Bob was passionate about everything--skiing, gardening, making maple syrup, fishing, building, cooking, baking, hiking, cleaning, organizing and cherishing his loving wife, Suz. He was up before dawn with a NY Times crossword, 2 cups of coffee, and his first question everyday was "What's the plan?" He had a contagious joy for life and infectious energy. He loved being the first-- the first on the lake, the first run on the ski slopes. He loved seizing the glassy moments on the lake to water ski. His favorite shirt said "Carpe Diem".

Bob loved adventures, but loved them the most with others-- he couldn't wait to follow the stories and lives of his family and friends. He was humbled to have known so many people, and couldn't believe how blessed he was. He was smart, loving, giving, funny, had an unbelievable memory and was committed to living the life God gave him to the fullest, and sharing it with everyone. Bob loved his family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and sister-in-law, Linda.

He is survived and will be sadly missed by his wife, Suz; children, Drew (AJ), Colin (Annie), Hope (David), Hillary, and Brock (fiance' Maija); grandsons, Tucker, Huck, and Silas; granddaughter, Marie; and mother-in-law, Marge. He loved his sisters Nancy and Barb (Bob); and his nieces, nephews and great-niece and great-nephews; Suz's brothers

and sisters--Cynthia, Connie, Patty, Jim, John, Becky and their families; brother-in-law, Ron and his family; and all of his Rochester extended family.

Visitation: 9 to 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 1st, 2019 in St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Esko. A Celebration of Life will follow at 11:00 a.m. in St. Matthews Lutheran Church Family Life Center. Refreshments will follow. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

Events

FEB **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Matthews Lutheran Church
4 Elizabeth Avenue, Esko, MN, US, 55733

FEB **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Hope, Suz, Hillary, & Brock
My sincere sympathies to all of you. I just heard this terrible news, and am so very sad.
May God carry you through this darkest time and into the peace and healing of your hearts.
Hope, if you're ever around town, give me a call.
Take care and once again, deepest sympathy

Hugs
Maggie Sunnarborg

margaret sunnarborg - February 03, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ Bob hired me at FedEx almost 30 years ago. We became good friends and had many great conversations. He was always one to look at things in a different way and made you think. I really enjoyed working with Bob and know his bubbly personality touched many. I'm so sorry he had to leave so soon, such a vibrant energetic person. Heartfelt thoughts and prayers for the family. Melodie Finley

Melodie Finley - February 01, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ Happy hillclimbing from John at G&M cycle sales sad to have left us so soon

John Campbell - January 31, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ I worked with Bob at Fedex. It was always good to see him before work. We would have coffee and discuss the world problems. He was such a positive person in all he did. I was so impressed when he got his nursing degree and brought his positive attitude to all he cared for. I'm so sorry for your loss. Colleen Anderson

Colleen Anderson - January 31, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ Hiller's purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bob Williams.



Hiller's - January 31, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 31, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ . purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Bob Williams.



. - January 31, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 31, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 30, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 30, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 30, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ I was shocked to hear of Bobs passing! We had good times at JM high school. Please accept my sympathies to Bob's family. I always held a special place in my heart for him and will continue to do so.

Mary (Hoppa) Coleman
Rochester, MN

Mary (Hoppa) Coleman - January 30, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 30, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 30, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 30, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Colin and Drew. Anne Tucker Huck AJ. So sorry to hear of your loss. I've only met Bob a couple of times but he sounds like an adventurer who lived life to the fullest and I now understand where you crazy boys get it from! I'll be praying for you all as you honor Bob. Wish i could be there for you. Love Uncle Pat.

Pat Tupper - January 29, 2019 at 11:40 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bob Williams.



January 29, 2019 at 10:21 PM



“ That very curious and energetic little boy — who once put an oil can in his ear and on another occasion decided to crawl into the laundry chute for an amazing ride to the basement — became an incredible man. With deep condolences to my cousin Bob’s family and friends,

Susan (Crawford) Mewborn

Susan Mewborn - January 29, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ Heartbroken to hear the news of Bob's passing. He made everyone around him better. Always a smile, a willingness to help, a loyal and hard worker and a absolute heart of gold. He was loved and respected by everyone at FedEx in Rochester that worked with him. Prayers and condolences to his family.

Jeff Schaefer - January 29, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ I was blessed to be a co-worker of Bob's in Pediatrics. He was one of the kindest and most gentle people you would ever meet. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of working with or knowing him. My nephew had Bob as a nurse quite a few times while going through Chemo therapy. He sent me a picture of the two of and asked if I could share it with Bobs family.



Jen - January 29, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Oh Karen, I am so sorry for your loss. Your husband sounds like he was an amazing husband and father. God's peace.

Roxi Ahlgren Bijold

Roxanne Bijold - January 29, 2019 at 05:32 PM