



Robert W. "Bob" Lacock

February 28, 2025

Robert William Lacock, 73, of Mukwonago, Wisconsin, died on his birthday early on Friday morning, Feb 28, 2025 at his home.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on Thursday March 6, 2025 at Salem United Methodist Church (541 Hwy WI-59, Waukesha, WI 53186) where he was a member, with the Funeral Service at 5:00 PM. Reverend Paola Benecchi and Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin will be officiating.

Bob was born on Feb 28, 1952 in Pekin Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents (Edith) Musetta (Clary) and Robert J. Lacock of Kingston Mines, Illinois. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Sharon (Keith) Stolp of Vinton Iowa, and Regina (Susie) (Greg) Faulkenberry of Peoria Illinois and one brother Rex (Kim) Lacock of Chillicothe, Illinois; his daughters Cheri Ann (Nick) Grachek and Ginny Maria Lacock. He is survived by his wife, Rev. Dr. Michelle Oberwise Lacock; his brother James (Shirley) Lacock of East Peoria; and his children Robert E. Lacock of Peoria Heights, Candice Lacock (Aaron) Cunningham of Peoria, Illinois, and Nicole Frank (Jenn) of Yorkville, Illinois; Two grandchildren Savannah Grachek and Noah Cunningham. He is also survived by his brother-in-law's Michael Oberwise (Diana) and Andrew Palmer (Ruth), many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Bob worked for Caterpillar, Inc for 43 ½ years. He started his career in 1970

as a deburr Operator in East Peoria building W while waiting for the next four-year Machinist Apprentice Program cycle to begin. Upon graduation from the Apprentice program, he was assigned to the East Peoria Planning Department in building X2. In 1978, Bob accepted a three-year assignment at Caterpillars Sao Paulo Brazil facility where he implemented CNC machining on the shop floor. Upon returning to East Peoria, Bob spent several years as a supervisor in Manufacturing before moving to the IT environment. He progressed through various leadership roles with increasing responsibilities, achieving the highlight of his career as the IT manager at Joliet, TBU and Cat Work Tools. In 2012 as he was ending his career, Bob was the Portfolio Manager in the Global Information Services Human Resources Division where he was responsible for successfully managing a suite of infrastructure and security to integrate the legacy Bucyrus Corporation (Cat Global mining) into the Caterpillar environment.

Bob graduated from Glasford High school where he was part of the wrestling team and band. Later he graduated from Illinois Central College with an Associate Degree in Applied Science. Bob worked with Scouting Troop 56 in Glasford, Illinois for over 20 years. He had his own business called Sleepy Hallow Enterprises. He was an active member of Kingston Mines United Methodist Church and served for many years as Lay Leader and liturgist of the church. As a young man he enjoyed playing taps with his coronet for veteran services, fishing, gardening, raising chickens, restoring old cars with his last one being his 1957 Ranchero and loved working on his 1980 Chevy dump truck. He took many trips with his family out west (Las Vegas, South Dakota, Salt Lake City, Disneyland, Kansas) and enjoyed most recently going to Mackinaw Island and Door County. After moving to Wisconsin, he became an avid Brewers and Packer fan.

Memorials may be given to Salem UMC or MorningSky Initiative, Inc for a Native American ministry project entitled, Healing with Dignity. Special thanks

to the Town of Mukwonago Police, Mukwonago Area EMT's and fire department, and Waukesha Medical Examiner for their compassionate and professional care.

A second service will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Kingston Mines United Methodist Church (405 3rd St, Kingston Mines, IL 61539) with a Memorial Visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 AM followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services
Mukwonago Chapel
262-661-5213

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
541 Hwy. WI-59
Waukesha, WI 53186

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
541 Hwy. WI-59
Waukesha, WI 53186

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Michelle and family -
I worked with Bob on a number of IT related projects at Caterpillar.
He was enthusiastic and hard working - and solutions focused.
His glass was always had a "glass half full" attitude.
I remember at a world wide IT managers meeting - we had play time
at the Cat test center. While most of us fumbled with the machines
we had been given to operate - Bob took a backhoe loader and dug
a perfect hole! This not only amazed the other IT managers - it
astonished the test center staff - as in many other occasions, Bob
received an A+ grade.
Peter Barclay

Peter Barclay - March 06, 2025 at 11:30 AM

DT

“ David Turner purchased the Pretty Please for the
family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



David Turner - March 06, 2025 at 10:09 AM

DT

“ David Turner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. "Bob"
Lacock.

David Turner - March 06, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.*



March 06, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ *I hired into Caterpillar in 1971 and my first job was replacing Bob on the demurred station so he could start the Apprentice program. It started a friendship that would last our careers at Caterpillar. Bob was always there to lend a helping hand at work and home. Bob you will be missed. My prayers go out to your entire family. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Ron Griffith - March 05, 2025 at 08:59 PM



Demurred station

Ron Griffith - March 05, 2025 at 09:00 PM



Deburr Station

Ron Griffith - March 05, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.*



March 05, 2025 at 07:48 PM

YR

“ Your friends at Illinois Roofing purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



Your friends at Illinois Roofing - March 05, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SK

“ Soomee Kim purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



Soomee Kim - March 05, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



March 05, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.

March 05, 2025 at 01:50 PM

BR

“ Bonnie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.

Bonnie R. - March 05, 2025 at 01:25 PM

YF

“ Your Case IH Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



Your Case IH Family - March 05, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



March 04, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.

March 04, 2025 at 05:07 PM

RL

“ Dear Michelle, and family, we send our condolences on the passing of Bob. My mother, Annabelle (Lacock) Sweeney, was a half-sister to Robert Harper Lacock, his dates (5/17/1888-6/19/1966). We traveled as a family to Illinois, in the early 1960s, and we were able to meet my mom’s half brother, and also Bob & Musetta. My mother stayed in touch with all of those family members over many years. We met several other Lacock family members, at a picnic that we attended at a park in Pekin. My mother visited Pekin and Peoria several times, before her passing in 1987. We send comfort and peace to you, and all Lacock family members. Rest in peace, Bob
Rebecca (Sweeney) Lowe and family

Rebecca Lowe - March 04, 2025 at 04:41 PM

NW

“ Michelle- I am so sorry to hear of Bob’s sudden death. Know that you are held in prayers for peace and comfort and for all that is needed for you and your family.
Nancy Wigdahl

Nancy Wigdahl - March 04, 2025 at 12:42 PM

VL

“ Our sympathy, love, and prayers to you, Michelle.

Victor Long - March 04, 2025 at 09:53 AM

JV

“ Michelle: I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. I hope you have the support from family and friends that you need to move forward with your grief. My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you. May God’s peace be with you. John Valentino, ACPE colleague

John Valentino - March 03, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MT

“ MCL Staff and Trustees purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



MCL Staff and Trustees - March 03, 2025 at 02:30 PM

MM

“ Mary & Keith Stambaugh, Wendy Meichtry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



Mary & Keith Stambaugh, Wendy Meichtry - March 03, 2025 at 01:44 PM

MM

“ Mary & Keith Stambaugh, Wendy Meichtry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.

Mary & Keith Stambaugh, Wendy Meichtry - March 03, 2025 at 01:44 PM

DV

“ This picture was taken at his man cave in late September 2025. This is when I first meet Mick and Bob. He instantly became my favorite person with his witty comments and scene of humor. Rest in peace My deepest condolences to Mick, family and friends.



Diana Valentin - March 03, 2025 at 12:41 PM

PK

I am very sad to hear about the loss of Bob he was quite a character and he always made me laugh. Condolences Michelle to you and your family for Bob will be truly missed. Trish

Patricia Kinnavy - March 03, 2025 at 07:24 PM

BH

Bob & I road to work together at Caterpillar.

Bill Hill - March 04, 2025 at 12:34 AM

DF

Michelle, I am so sorry to hear about Bob's death. Please know that I am sending strength, courage, and forbearance your way as you navigate the days ahead. My prayers are with you.

Donna B Farrar - March 04, 2025 at 02:08 PM

TE

Bob interduce me to the love of my life! Thank you. RIP great friend. Tom Ekvall

Tom Ekvall - March 04, 2025 at 05:29 PM

DH

“ Desmond H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.

Desmond H. - March 03, 2025 at 08:28 AM

SS

“ Deepest sympathy to the family of Bob Lacock he will be missed prayers to all.



Sandra Pye Smith - March 03, 2025 at 12:19 AM

WZ

“ Wendy Zadeh purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Lacock.



Wendy Zadeh - March 02, 2025 at 07:59 PM