



Robert Wayne Eaton

June 18, 1946 - February 19, 2016

Robert Wayne Eaton of Crown Point, age 69, passed away Friday, February 19, 2016, in Tampa, Florida. He was born June 18, 1946, in Gary, Indiana to the late Wayne and Leitha (Trout) Eaton.

While in the Coast Guard in the Vietnam era and stationed in Alexandria, Virginia, he met and fell in love with a nurse, Patricia Bunyak. The couple married August 29, 1970, in Hawk Run, Pennsylvania. They settled into married life in Virginia, Maryland, and later in Indiana. Seven years later they were blessed with a son, Robert W. Eaton. The couple enjoyed 45 years together.

After 28 years, Robert retired from the Lake County Sheriff's Department in Crown Point, Indiana. He was a former member of the Chris Anton Fraternal Order of the Police Branch # 125 and Blue Knights. In the Coast Guard, Robert earned the following military honors: National Defense Service Medal, Antarctica Service Medal, and First Coast Guard Good Conduct Award. After his wife retired, the couple enjoyed criss-crossing America in their red corvette visiting family. On his Harley, Robert traveled the back roads and scenic byways with his motorcycle friends. The couple recently enjoyed wintering in Florida.

Robert is survived by his wife- Patricia (Bunyak) Eaton; sister- Roberta (George) Cozens; and the following family members- Mary Ann (Harold) Raymond, Loretta Greenfield, James (Elizabeth) Bunyak, Michael (Etsuko) Bunyak, Kathleen (Ralph) Scalzo, John (Dawn) Bunyak, and Theresa

(Richard) Stensgaard. Numerous nieces and nephews will miss the stories Uncle Bob entertained them with over the years. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and his son Robb.

Committal services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016, at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, 8178 Cline Ave., Schererville, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association or your favorite charity. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, in charge of arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens
8178 Cline Ave
Scherville, IN 46375

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Uncle Bob you will be truly missed and it was a joy to see you at many Thanksgiving's. I will miss the hunting, firearm's and truck talks. We celebrate your life and appreciate your service to our country. You will be missed greatly!

Sam Barr - February 29, 2016 at 10:47 AM

DD

“ I was sorry to hear of Roberts passing and regret I cannot attend the memorial service because of a doctors appointment at 10am. I often think about the many good times my brother Tom and I had enjoying the all night card games with Robert and Roberta at Aunt Margaret's apartment. Also the many visits later at your Mom and Dad's before both of you went East. Before my Mom and Dad finished their family there were David (me), Tom, Susan, George, Barbara, William, Joseph, Russell, Marjorie, Cynthia, and finally Dorothy. (Roberta) not sure how many of them you remember but from our family to yours and Roberts, God Bless all of you. Brother Tom ended up with 8 children and I think my Mom and Dad ended up with 46 grandchildren.

*Dave and Lu Dickerson
Crown Point*

David Dickerson - February 29, 2016 at 09:46 AM

LS

“ Pat,

I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I am not able to go to the committal service. I would like to see you sometime. Call me if you would like. Lynn Stephens 219-616-1616

Lynn Stephens - February 29, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Wayne Eaton.*



February 27, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *Uncle Bob, you were so much more than just an Uncle ..you've always looked out for me and wanted to see me happy just as a father would. 511 B&B will be so lonely without you.*



Michele Scalzo - February 26, 2016 at 06:32 PM



Bob- Im absolutely heart broken to hear of your passing, you were taken much to soon! You were an amazing man in many ways. I am really going to miss our heart to heart talks, our laughs as well as our endless conversations about cars and, your good advice when I needed someone to talk to. Thank you for being so good to Shelly and Brooke, your kindness will never be forgotten. We will all miss you! Until we meet again my friend~

Frankie

Frankie - February 27, 2016 at 12:17 AM

RS

“ *Two car guy buddies in this picture. Robert was a brother to me. Will miss all of our car talks and the laughs we had!*



Ralph Scalzo - February 26, 2016 at 05:07 PM

SD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Pat. So glad I could visit with you and Bob recently, and have a nice chat , and your delicious chocolate cake. May God comfort you now and in the days to come. God Bless*

Sylvia Dinges - February 26, 2016 at 03:41 PM

JU

Dearest Pat, I am so sorry to learn of Bob's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Trusting God to comfort and sustain you, now and in the days and months ahead, as only He can. Much Love Judy Dorman

JudithDorman - February 27, 2016 at 10:36 AM