



Robert Lee Puckett

August 1, 1951 - February 13, 2024

Robert Lee Puckett was born to parents, James and Gunda Puckett, on August 1, 1951, in East Chicago, Indiana. Robert passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on February 13, 2024. He was a lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana and a graduate of Merrillville High School class of 1969. In 1972, Robert married the love of his life, Donna Kay Puckett (nee Haskell), who preceded him in death. They spent 48 years together, traveling, gardening, raising chickens, planning and attending family reunions, and being a presence in the lives of their loved ones. He joined the workforce at Youngstown Mill in 1969, where he worked as a millwright, until he proudly retired with 50 years of service. Robert had a deep Christian faith and was a member of Deep River Church of Christ. He was a past Worshipful Master of Gary Lodge No. 677 F. & A.M. and M.L. McClelland Lodge No. 357 F. & A.M., as well as a member of the Orak Shrine of Michigan City. Robert was also a proud leader of the Steel City Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, where he spent several years mentoring young men who will always remember his unwavering dedication and commitment to the fraternity. Robert's other pastimes included fishing, relaxing on his front porch, enjoying chocolate shakes from DQ, listening to bluegrass music, and going to the casino to play one of his favorite games, keno - where he was always lucky! He was an avid jokester who was known for the great haircuts he gave his siblings when they were children and the affectionate nicknames he bestowed upon many. He loved his pets, especially his beloved dogs: Ralph, Tracey, Whiskers, Willie,

and Cocoa. Robert was an absolutely amazing son, brother, uncle, mentor, and friend; he loved his family and friends dearly. He will be missed by all of those who were lucky enough to have known him. Robert is preceded in death by his loving wife of 48 years, Donna (nee Haskell) Puckett; his father, James Puckett; and sister, Linda "Run-around Sue" Hicks. Robert is survived by his mother, Gunda Puckett; brother, Charles "Junebug" (Monita) Puckett; sister, Rose "Roz" (Bud) Osborne; sisters-in-law, Kathy (Rob) Gerlach and Renee (Randy) Wilson; brother-in-law, Jay Haskell; nieces, Rikki "Ikki" (John) Guthrie, Amy "Red" (Mike) Stalbaum, Becky "Lizard" (Dan) Rosenbaum, Josephine "Josabean" (Christopher) Chambers, Kathy (Kurt) Negele, Jaime "Jaime Baby" (Jon) Burchuk, Shelle (Ray) Clark, and Danie (Billy) Stewart; nephews, Joseph "Little Joe" Hicks, Vince (Sonja) Puckett and Phil Gerlack; several grand-nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews; special friends, Jason and Alley Coffman and Ethan Shinabarger; his DeMolay boys; and his furbaby, Cocoa. A visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, Indiana on Saturday, February 17, 2024, 1-3pm, with funeral services beginning at 3pm. Rev. Ron Buche officiating. www.BurnsFuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Baby brother, you will be missed. RIP. I Love you.* ”

Rose and Bud Osborne - February 18, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ *You were always a very dear friend. Like a big brother to Wayne. All the eggs you gave me. A great sense of humor. The only person that could get away with calling my son James "Jimmy" . You will always be remembered. RIP my friend. No more pain. Til we meet again. Carol (Wesley) Medlik* ”

Carol Medlik - February 17, 2024 at 08:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Puckett.* ”



February 16, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ *Stalbaum family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Puckett.* ”

Stalbaum family - February 16, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Puckett.



February 15, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ The Chambers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Puckett.

The Chambers - February 15, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Bubba was a great man. I have many fond memories from my time in Demolay with him. All the fun road trips and outings. Hanging out at his place watching WWF. Going to Monticello and camping out on the lake. Great laughter and jokester. All the lessons he, Donna and Ray taught everyone who touched their lives.

John Wright - February 15, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ Uncle bubba was so important to me. He was the most fair man and treated everyone the same. He made sure I was never left out of family gatherings. He would take me to the cottage, DeMolay trips , let's not forget all the wrestle-mania. Taught me how to garden and taught me forgiveness to someone that did me wrong. Say hi to mom , make sure Donna has slippers on and kiss her for me , please make sure Opa has some juice fruit and give him a hug for me. Until we see each-other again in Heaven.

amy stalbaum - February 15, 2024 at 10:52 AM

JH

“ *The time I spent with Uncle Bubba changed me for life. I'll always hold dear his outlook of viewing things through a lens of humor. He was serious when it was called for, but would laugh about it and make jokes afterwards to diffuse the tension. You'll be missed, but never forgotten.*

Joe Hicks - February 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM

RS

“ *My good friend and DeMolay brother Please pray for his family in their time of need. Bob and I were advisors for Steel City DeMolay for many years. He touched the lives of hundreds of young men. I'm proud to have him as friend and brother ❤️.*

Ray Simanson - February 15, 2024 at 09:04 AM

RO

“ *Robert you were a great brother. Such a kind and giving person. Bud and I will miss you. We love you. Rose and Bud.*

Rose and Bud Osborne - February 14, 2024 at 10:29 PM

SP

“ *Prayers for the family he was a great guy loved working with him*

Susan Palmer - February 14, 2024 at 06:57 PM