



Robert A. VanOsdol

March 16, 1949 - May 31, 2016

Robert A. VanOsdol, 67, a long time Rush County area resident, passed away May 31, 2016 in Long Beach, MS. He was born March 16, 1949 in Rushville to Robert & Maxine (Lee) VanOsdol. Bob was a 1967 graduate of Arlington High School. He obtained his Bachelor's in education from Indiana State University and his Master's in education from the University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne. He had also obtained his Administrative degree in education from Indiana University.

Bob spent his early life in the Arlington community where he attended the Arlington Christian Church. He began his career in Auburn in 1973. He continued his career path in the communities of Union City, Dunkirk, LaGrange, Portland and Huntington.

Bob was Assistant Supt. of Huntington County Community Schools for 10 years, retiring in 2004 and has lived in Long Beach, MS since then.

He is survived by a daughter, Amy (Alex) Brady of Long Beach, MS, a brother, David (Tanya) VanOsdol of Arlington, a sister, Betty Jane (Ed) Lyskowinski of Greenfield and grandchildren, Ashlyn, Alivia & Will Brady. He was also survived by 4 nieces & 2 nephews.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 5 PM Friday, June 10 at the Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Gary Holt will preside.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert A. VanOsdol*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *I am so sadden by the loss of this wonder man, that I have had the honor of being friends and calling him DAD for the past 10 years. I meet him through his daughter that I work with (Amy). There is nothing this man would have not done for us. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. I will greatly miss him! Prayers to his family and friends and all the new him.*



Bridget - June 09, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ *Betty Jane, & Ed, Lori & Family, Scott & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert A. VanOsdol.*



Betty Jane, & Ed, Lori & Family, Scott & Family - June 08, 2016 at 06:26 PM

CS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. The VanOsdols home was my second home as I was growing up in Portland. Amy and I were the best of friends. I will always remember the fun times spent with the family, either dinner after church on Sunday's, shopping at the mall, or just hanging out at their home. Bob always opened his heart and home to all of us kids. Even for a surprise 16th birthday party. Amy, I know we haven't been in touch for some time, but I LOVE YOU and I will try my best to be there on Friday.

Courtney (VanSkyock) Snell - June 07, 2016 at 06:19 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of "Bobby's" passing. What great times we had at AHS. My prayers and thoughts are with the entire VanOsdol family.

Jeanie (Beach) Shipley

Jeanie Beach Shipley - June 07, 2016 at 04:51 PM

SD

“ I'm in total shock to hear this! Of course my memories are of him being David's "little brother!" All of the VanOsdols are in my thoughts and prayers. Suzanne Sunman Dolson

Suzanne Sunman Dolson - June 07, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of his death. I have fond memories of "Bobby" from school days - he was a nice kid and I'm sure he turned into a delightful adult, although I never knew him once we left school. I'm sure that's my loss.

*Joyce Wire
AHS 1965*

Joyce Wire - June 07, 2016 at 01:59 PM

MW

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to all of Bob's family. Amy it has been a number of years since we spent many visits with your family when you shopped at University Mall in Mishawaka, In. You were quite young and so sweet. Your dad and my husband Marvin would talk school and basketball. I would like so much to be with all of you on Friday but it is not possible. Do know that I will be thinking of you. cousin, Mary Lou Wood

Mary Lou Wood - June 07, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ To all of the VanOsdol family, Bob was a treasured colleague for us in two different locations. We knew him in LaGrange and in Portland. He was a fantastic educator with passion and compassion for students and families. He was a great co-worker with a sense of humor that was well known by those who worked with him. He was a wonderful father and grandfather and a loyal and considerate friend.

We have many fond memories of our friendship. We celebrated our children's school successes from elementary through college. We each attended the weddings of our children and shared the news as our grandchildren arrived. We treasure all of the memories of times we spent together. We were so blessed by our friendship which spanned three decades. We will miss him, and send our love to Amy and the family.

Bill and Ann Smith

Ann Smith - June 06, 2016 at 06:28 PM

CN

“ I treasure Bob's friendship today as I recall the fun times we had. My school days at Arlington were memorable in huge part because of my friend, Bob VanOsdol. We were kindred spirits as we always managed to laugh, to talk (a lot), to plan and to even try a prank or two. These simple pleasures came easy for us as we enjoyed one another's company over and over. October and Teacher's Institute brings back those great days of no school which meant an opportunity for me to spend time at the farm. We just hung out, rode the tractor, looked at the pigs and most of all, talked and talked. I always enjoyed being there for that amazing big lunch Maxine fixed each day. Graduation came and we went off our separate ways, always glad for a time or two here and there to get together or chat on the phone. More recently, Bob drove over to Destin, Florida on my Spring Break to visit. I recall waiting outside our condo and surprisingly, here comes Bob in his convertible, looking the same as always. I just laughed and gave him a hard time!! And so we just seemed to pick up the conversation right where we left off years before, On one of my Spring Breaks, Brad and I took extra days off so that we could go visit Bob. He wanted to take us to New Orleans for the night and a day of sightseeing in New Orleans. It was a special trip we have not forgotten. Fortunately, I then saw him in November 2015 at Tanya and David's Anniversary party. We talked a bit and he asked me then if I would help him find all our classmates for next year's 50th High School Reunion. I laughed wondering how we would go about searching and yet not realizing we wouldn't get to undertake that task. To all of his family and friends, I share these wonderful memories of a great friend I have never forgotten. This is what I will keep close in my heart. And may he rest in peace.

Carla (Steffey) Newcomer - Nappanee, Indiana

Carla Newcomer - June 06, 2016 at 04:34 PM

DF

“ I only knew Bob a short while in Gulfport, but really enjoyed being in his conversations. He was a genuine person and he will be missed by all his friends here in Gulfport. You made it to Dallas Bob. See you again.

Dean from CrossPoint

Dean Freel - June 03, 2016 at 10:00 AM

JV

“ With deepest sympathy, we send our condolences to family and friends. We will always remember the wonderful week we spent with Bob last year on The Windstar cruise. We have many very happy memories of that trip .Bob was such a great friend for over thirty years. We know how much he loved his family.

The Viars

Jan Viars - June 02, 2016 at 09:15 AM

KB

“ Remembering Bobbie and growing up in Arlington....extending my deepest sympathy to all the VanOsdols. Love, Kenya

Kenya (Steffey) Beasley - June 01, 2016 at 07:54 AM