



Robert "Bob" S. Murakami

June 7, 1945 - February 17, 2021

Robert "Bob" S. Murakami, 75 of Cape Girardeau, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born June 7, 1945 in Little Rock, Arkansas to the late Ryojiro and Yaeme Nada Murakami.

Bob attended Campster School, graduated from University High and obtained a B.S. in Mathematics from Southeast Missouri State University. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army. He was head of the maintenance department at Nucor-Yamato Steel Company in Blytheville, Arkansas for over 25 years. Bob was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was very active and would always lend a helpful hand in his neighborhood. His pride and joy were his children and grandchildren and he loved spending time with them.

He and Christine Fraser were married November 8, 1967.

Bob was a member of Last Days Ministries.

Loving survivors include his wife of 53 years, Christine of Cape Girardeau; sons, Daniel (Dawn) Murakami of Scott City, Greg Murakami of Cape Girardeau and Doug (Laura) Murakami of Altenburg; daughter, Tara (David) Patterson of Cape Girardeau; sister, Betty Baird of Kansas City, MO; 11

grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; brother-in-laws, Mike (Rhonda) Fraser of Sedgewickville and John Fraser of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Roy R. Murakami; sisters, Bernice Sugiki and Ruby Harrison.

A memorial service will be Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with Terry McKee officiating. Full military honors will also be performed.

There will be a meal following the service at Mt. Auburn Christian Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ He was my papa I just found his obituary and I'm crying so hard but he was literally just the best person ever and I know no one's ever going to see this but I want him to maybe see it from heaven I want him to know I miss him so very much not a single day goes by that I don't miss him so much I want to hug him I want to hear his laugh or his voice one more time but I can't because of stupid sickness I just wanted to say this and I know there most likely no one who's ever going to see this but I needed to know that he at least got one message from me I still have drawing he never got they said get well which he didn't papa I love you and still cry so hard when I think about how I'll never hear your laugh your voice or your jokes again but I know your not hurting anymore you didn't have to leave me I was only 7 but just know you are my world I miss you so much and love you papa- Amaya your granddaughter by the way I'm 12 now papa I've made it but it just sucks you'll never see my graduation my wedding you'll never see my kids but know I'll make sure they know you papa I love you so much.

amaya - November 16, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MC

“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends.

marc and cheryl cook - February 22, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TK

“ Bob was the nearest neighbor kid living about a quarter mile from our family farm on Bloomfield Road when we were young and Bob was my first friend. Bob was about three years older than me and with Pat Suzuki, who lived only maybe thirty yards farther away from me than Bob and was a year younger than me, we became like the Three Musketeers. When I was about 5, my family bought our first TV. Bob would come over and he and I would somehow squeeze into a kid rocking chair we had, arms over shoulders and watch the faint images sometimes emerging from the interference from the nearest stations in St. Louis and Memphis. Bob and Pat's families rented ground from our friend Terry Juden's family and grew strawberries. They picked the berries and sold them from stands next to Bloomfield Road for 10 cents a quart box as I recall. I used to come over to "help" at the stand but I probably ate more than my help was worth. Bob loved to fish and hunt with his trusty .410 single barrel shotgun. When I was about nine we decided to hunt water snakes that lived in abundance in and around our pond next to our barn and we taught each other a valuable lesson. Bob had his .410 and I had my dad's double barrel 20 gauge. Bob was in the lead by about 40 yards on the path around the pond. All of a sudden a big water snake slithered onto the path between us and stopped to sun. I hollered at Bob and he turned around. He said, "You take it". I said, "No, you take it", and we did that a couple of more times. Finally I said, "OK, I'll take it", and I took the shot but completely missed the snake by a maybe a foot. I didn't think about ricochet. The pellets bounced off the hard path and Bob yelled out in pain. The shot peppered Bob's belly and it looked like he had the measles, but luckily we didn't see any that penetrated. We both learned a lesson that day but I suspect Bob remembered it the most. I was devastated when Bob and Pat's families both decided to leave the strawberry enterprise and pursue other opportunities and moved out of the Campster School district. I got to see Bob at College High again when we both went to high school there and overlapped for one year. We camped out a few times and cruised around in Bob's beautiful 1958 Chevrolet with a zippy 283 cubic inch engine. Bob used to tell me about some of the interesting classes

he was taking at SEMO before I got there. I remember him talking about how he liked his thermodynamics course. He had always been a mentor to me. I got to meet Christine before she and Bob married. Those were good times, but we soon went our separate ways, found jobs, and had families. I was hoping to have the opportunity to interact more with Bob now that I am retired. Farewell, my "first friend".

Terry Keller - February 20, 2021 at 02:28 PM

TK

“ Terry and Nanci Keller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.



Terry and Nanci Keller - February 20, 2021 at 10:08 AM

RS

“ Ray Keller and Ann Sutherland purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.



Ray Keller and Ann Sutherland - February 20, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.



February 19, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 19, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ *Please except my sympathy. I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I grew up further down Bloomfield Rd. & went to Pecan Grove,*

James Frank

James Frank - February 19, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 19, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *So many good memories, where to start? Guess when I first met Bob & Chris at SEMO! I was pregnant with Marty & Danny was just a little guy. I had a foster son. We were in a class together. The 3 of us instantly became friends. Bob and Chris both are such good and loving people. Always our friends and family 47 years and forever. Til we meet again !*

Sharon Ford - February 19, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 19, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Love -Haley, Karlee, and the entire Legends family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



Love -Haley, Karlee, and the entire Legends family - February 19, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *David, Claire, and Naomi Dean purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



David, Claire, and Naomi Dean - February 19, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 18, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 18, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 18, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 18, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Bob. We first met the family in the early 70's and any time throughout the years he was ready for a conversation. Chris, you and the kids { they will always be kids, just like mine are} have our deepest sympathy. Debbie Dalton, Christina and James*

Debra Dalton - February 18, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 18, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *Bob, you were such a wonderful person. Every time I came down to visit the grandkids, you and Chris welcomed me with open arms. I will never be able to express my gratitude enough for endless kindness. Thank you for all you did for Toby and Amaya. You will truly be missed.*

Steve Kuhn - February 18, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ *The last time I saw Bob was on Halloween when he brought the grandkids by our drive thru festival at church. He was always so nice & you could tell how much he loved his family. My prayers for his family.*

Janice Ham - February 18, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" S. Murakami.*



February 18, 2021 at 05:18 PM