

Robert Howard Wood

May 30, 1943 (Rockford, IL) December 10, 2019 (Rockton, IL)

After battling the effects of an Agent Orange spraying in **Vietnam** Robert "Bob" Howard Wood of Rockton, IL passed away, December 10, 2019. He was born May 30, 1943, in Rockford, IL, the son of Clifford A. and Florence M. (Kuczynski) Wood. In 1969 he married the late Beverly J. Hart with whom he shared his beloved son Corey J. Wood. Later Bob found his life partner in Sandy Leitz.

Bob is mourned by Son, Corey J. Wood of Rockford and Sandy Leitz of Rockton. Also surviving are Brother, Larry E. (Linda) Wood of Dahinda, IL; Sister-in-law, Darlene Wood of Rockford, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins from whom he derived much joy. He will also be missed by many relatives he shared with Sandy. Bob was predeceased by his Parents and Brother, Richard Wood.



Bob graduated from Rockford's West High School with the Class of 1961 and then proudly served in the United States Navy as an Electronics Technician and Petty Officer 2nd Class. He did stints in **Vietnam**, Japan, China, Thailand, Philippines and many other countries in southeast Asia. He served our country from 1961 to 1965 and then spent an additional three years in the Naval Reserves. He liked the variety of people he met and the many interesting experiences he had while traveling the world.

Bob went on to work at Barber-Coleman Company from 1965 to 1968 and then Sundstrand Machine Tool Company and its subsequent owners from 1968 to 2009, first as a Technical Support Engineer and then as Service Manager. Bob also held several supervisory positions in the areas of Quality Assurance, Technical Support, and Engineering.

Bob was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs. He and Corey were season ticket holders for the Bears for 34 years, attending all but one home game and many away games. In addition, Bob had a great interest in genealogy, motorcycling, boating, and water sports. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in South Beloit, IL. He was also a life member of the Roscoe VFW Post 2955, the **Vietnam/Viet Now** Rockford Chapter, an associate member of the **Vietnam Veterans Honor Society**, and a former member of the Belvidere Moose Lodge 295 for 18 years.



Cremation Rites have been accorded by McCorkle Funeral Home- Rockton Chapel, 767 N. Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton. There will be a private graveside service at Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, IL.

Reference:

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