



Robert Jay Haverdink

April 18, 1947 - November 4, 2015

Robert Jay Haverdink age 68, of Zeeland, died Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He was the son of Justin and Florence Haverdink and retired from GE Aviation, formerly known as Smith's Aerospace. Bob is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linnay; daughters and grandchildren, Amanda and Tim McIlwain (Taylor, Marcus and Justin), Molly and Kevin Benthem (Grace); in-laws, Steve Rankens and Mary Haverdink; nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St. Zeeland with Pastor James Karsten officiating. Visitation will be 4-7p.m. Friday, November 6, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland or the Alzheimer's Association. www.yntemafh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Jay Haverdink*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I am very sad to hear of Bob's passing. I first met Bob in his Lear Siegler days and subsequently we became colleagues within Smiths Aerospace. Latterly, before my own retirement, I headed the Customer Support team at Heathrow airport and both I and many of my colleagues relied a great deal on Bob to help us with Customer issues. We met often in the UK, USA and occasionally elsewhere around the world and enjoyed some good times together on these occasions. Bob was always positive, gave good council and was part of the solution to our problems, never part of the problem. He was also good fun to be around when work was done. I know that I can confidently give our deep condolences to Bob's family and friends on behalf of many of my colleagues (and friends), who may not yet be aware of this sad news, as well as my own appreciation of Bob as a valued colleague."*

Ian Dalton - November 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Linnay and Family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Bob was a great man, and was always so passionate about friends, family, and all that surrounded life's Sunshine! He will be MISSED! Take Care, Mark and Cin"*

Mark and Cindy - November 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PV

“Linnay and girls, I'm so very sorry for your loss. My sincerest condolences to you.”

Penny VanDyke - November 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“I knew Bob when I worked at Smiths Aerospace in Bishops Cleeve UK. I visited Grand Rapids many times and met Bob. He was always so helpful and supportive. I also have fond memories of a business trip to St Petersburg in Russia where we took time to visit the museums and sights as well as working hard to support our Airline Customers. May I send my condolences to his wife and family. Tony Whieldon (retired from Smiths) Cheltenham UK”

Tony Whieldon - November 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EA

“Linnay and family, Linda and I are keeping you in our prayers. We pray that God will give you His comfort and peace.”

Earl - November 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Linnay, Bob's passing was a complete shock to us. We had many good times together in Florida. He will be missed greatly. Our prayers are with you!! Gord and Marge”

A friend - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“Linnay and family- I am so shocked and saddened to hear about Bob's passing. I know the love and grace of our Lord will be with you. You are in my thoughts and prayers! Duane Joostberns”

Duane Joostberns - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“I worked with Bob at GE/Smiths. He was good at his job and a pleasure to work with. He will be missed.”

Phil France - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“Sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family. What a wonderful life you and Bob had together. I will be praying for peace and acceptance and that all your wonderful memories stay fresh in your mind in the coming months.”

shari - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Dear Linnay and Girls, Jim and I want to express our shock and sadness at your loss. We hold you up in prayer asking God to comfort and support you in the days ahead. Jim and Magda Kos”

A friend - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“Linnay we are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Our thoughts, sympathy & prayers are with you & your family during this difficult time. May you feel God's presence & He grants you peace.”

Sherwin - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *"Linnay and family.*

We send our sympathy , thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.

We have fond memories of Bob when living in our neighborhood in Hamilton. He always had a kind smile.

God bless each and every one of you .

Cal and Ardale Schrotenboer"

Cal and Ardale Schrotenboer - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM