



## Robert "Bob" Hinkley

May 17, 1940 - September 7, 2015

Robert Hinkley, 75, of Holland, formerly of Vicksburg, Michigan, passed away September 7, 2015. Bob was born May 17, 1940, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Genevieve (Munn) and Merle Hinkley. He married his beloved wife, Karen, in 1978. Together, they enjoyed art, music, camping and travel. He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen, in January, 2015, and his parents. Bob worked as a tool and die maker, creating toys for Kenner and other interesting projects. His interests in life were as well-rounded as the wheels of his sports cars. He played tuba and football at Vicksburg High School and loved auto racing, being a member of The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). He studied at the Chicago Art Institute, loved to paint and listen to blues music. He spent his 75th birthday with family enjoying the music of one of his favorite blues artists, Buddy Guy, on the shores of Lake Michigan. He loved his family and friends, and the grace, determination and strength with which he fought a lengthy battle with multiple system atrophy, showed everyone how to value every moment they are given. Bob is survived by his children and grandchildren: Lisa and Chris Kreutz; Bruce and Shelby Daniels (Christy and Steve, Robbie and Cheryl, Alex, Hudson, Eloise, Carson); Denise and Rob Brink (Max, Leah, Sarah); Yvonne and Dave Johnson (Aaron, Lacey); great-granddaughter Harper Daniels; and brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Nancy Hinkley. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, \*\*\*\*SEPTEMBER 19\*\*\*\*, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Main Street Pub in Vicksburg, MI 49097. There will be a private memorial for family at Hinkley's

restaurant in Marysville, OH. Donations may be made to the MSA Coalition either on-line at [www.multiplesystematrophy.org](http://www.multiplesystematrophy.org) or by mail at 9935-D Rea Road, #212, Charlotte, NC 28277. Arrangements are by the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland.

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Hinkley

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Just thinking of you as I often do. It's been hard for those who loved you and Karen to have you both leave us in 2015 - almost 3 years ago for you; over 3 years for Karen. Thanks to the many photos though, we can still 'see the both of you' and it helps. It also helps to come and visit 'you' here..... Diane (former wife)"*

**Diane Stevens Stirling** - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I still think of you as the young Bob that I see in the picture with daddy and Lisa. Your spirit surrounds us all. You are missed, thank you for the memories and your family."*

**Nancy Simmons** - September 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Hi, Dad: We have so many memories for which to be thankful, but I think my favorite ones were made in the past few months. Enjoying your dinner at Hinkley's and celebrating your 75th birthday at the Buddy Guy concert as a family showed all of us the level of strength you showed while fighting MSA. There was not one nurse that was not amazed at your perseverance and quiet determination not to let this disease stop you from living as fully as possible. I promise to be careful of the gorillas in Wyoming and to change my muffler belts regularly:) Chris, Hailey and I all love and miss you - save us a few seats - until we meet again...."*

**Lisa** - September 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *"The quality of a Father's life is measured by the children he leaves behind. Bob was rich beyond means... as can be seen in the picture of the naked daughter talking on "the red phone"! RIP and know you are loved by many."*

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**Willow** - September 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *"Love the picture of Bob with Lisa and my dad. I will always remember him like this, a gentle father, husband, son-in-law, former brother-in-law, and friend. Full of love and life regardless of his battle with a horrible disease. Good memories always...love and blessings to everyone in his extended family."*

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**Nancy M Simmons** - September 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *"Dear Lisa and Family - Sending you mental hugs and much sympathy during this sad time."*

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**Sandy Glenn Skinner** - September 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Bob and I were married in 1960 and blessed with two children (Lisa and Bruce) within 2 years of our marriage. Everything written in this memory of his life that I've read on this obituary reminds me of just how much he enjoyed and lived his life in his unique and very independent way. Bob also graduated from the Laguna Beach Art Institute in Laguna Beach, CA where he and his companion (Hope) spent happy years together - both with many common interests and both enjoying the excitement of traveling and taking part in the auto-racing/sports-car racing groups that were in abundance in CA. Even Bob and I enjoyed our music together; me as his accompanist on the piano - or listening to classical music if we'd just wound down from a day at South Haven in Michigan - hill-climbing with his close friends, or a motorcycle drag-race in Osceola, Indiana. When Bob moved from California in 1977 he met up with another man named Bob who owned a small machine shop. Together they were the first to design and hold a patent on manufacturing lens that were made of plastic and much less expensive than glass used for optical lens. In doing so, this made a great contribution to the industry - today we can buy those low-cost reading glasses for a few dollars without prescription costs, etc. We owe that 'thank you' to Bob Hinkley and Bob Campbell. Bob Hinkley was also the lead mold-maker on those wonderful Lego 'building blocks' we all see (or step on) and marvel at their quality and how do they manufacture these tiny little items - over and over; into the billions that exist today. Again, we can thank Bob Hinkley for that because after other molds were broken and cast away, Bob's designs were still working beautifully. I once held the award Bob got for that particular design and read the letter of thank you for his contribution. Space doesn't allow for all the accolades about Bob - simply said, he was a quiet genius and we love him! Diane (Hinkley) Stevens.”

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**Diane Stirling** - September 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM