



## Robert "Bob" Whitbeck

February 11, 1954 - April 11, 2017

Robert "Bob" Whitbeck, age 63 of Holland, passed away on, April 11, 2017. Bob spent most of his early life in Battle Creek and enjoyed water skiing and running. He was a passionate fan of the Detroit Tigers as well as his alma mater Michigan State. He taught science for many years in Michigan as well as in Texas, coached various teams, and retired from West Ottawa Schools in 2011. Bob was an inspiration to his students and the athletes whom he served. After retirement, Bob continued to serve his community as a volunteer for Hospice of Holland, American Cancer Society and Meals on Wheels. He was a very caring man, who enjoyed serving his friends and neighbors with no expectation of acknowledgement. Bob is survived by his wife, Deb Whitbeck; daughters: Amaren Whitbeck and Elaine Whitbeck; grandson Landon; father Calvin (Joyce) Whitbeck; siblings: Linda Jirous and Bill (Yavonne) Whitbeck; sister-in-law, Bobbi Whitbeck, parents-in-law, Bill and Earline Cheyne; in-laws: Bill (Kathy) Cheyne, Ron (Pam) Cheyne, Jane Cheyne, and Stan (Linda) Cheyne; as well as many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his mother Maren Whitbeck and brother Calvin Whitbeck Jr. A memorial service for Bob will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2017 in the Anchor at Harderwyk Ministries, 1627 W Lakewood Blvd. Holland, MI 49424. Memorial contributions may be given to CurePSP, 30 E Padonia Rd, Suite 201, Timonium, MD 21093 or to Hospice of Holland. Arrangements are by the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Whitbeck*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Debbie, I am so saddened about the news of Bob's passing. He was a special person to many people in so many ways. I am, like his other friends and co-workers, will always have a special place in my heart with Bob's memories. He truly was a gentleman among gentlemen. I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Bob and to know him as a true friend. God bless to you, Amaren, and Elaine as well as the rest of his family."*

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**Mike Atchley** - April 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Hi Debbie, So sorry to hear about Bob. He was an wonderful educator, friend & family man. We are all thinking of you & your family. Jill Fooshee"*

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**Jill Fooshee** - April 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I know we lost touch many years ago, but I will never forget the laughs and fun Bob and I had when we first met. My heart and prayers go out to you Deb and your family. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers."*

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**Cindy Robinette** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JU

“Debbie, my heart goes out to you, Amaren, and Elaine as well as the rest of your family. All in my thoughts as you go through this difficult time.”

Julie - April 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“Thoughts and prayers to Debbie, the girls and the entire family. So sorry for your loss.”

Bunny Barnard - April 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“Prayers for you and your family. I am sorry for your loss.”

John Letarte - April 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“To a fellow PSP journeyer, Bob, may you live gloriously in Heaven.”

DeVan and Debbie McArthur - April 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“Prayers for the Whitbeck family. I enjoyed the time I was able to get to know Bob when I came on board at Macatawa Bay Middle School.”

Mike Fine - April 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LK

“Bob and I both worked at Canyon Vista Middle School in the 80's. I respected him and his dedication to teaching. I appreciated his friendship during those years. You and your family are in my prayers as you go through this difficult time.”

Leigh Karnes - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ I am so sorry about Mr w passing. He truly was the definition as a amazing teacher. He was my 4th 5th and middle school teacher. He never gave up on someone he was their for me when my father died and helped me study my math. He was my hero, and all time best teacher. He touched many lives. Thank you Mr w for everything you've done for me. You will truly be missed. I would not be were I a. Today if it wasn't for you!”

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**Allyssa Jacobusse** - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ So sorry to hear that he left you so soon!”

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**Carolyn Gundrum** - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Bill & Yavonne, So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. May the Lord Bless You and your family in these difficult times and comfort you all.”

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**Beverly Hansen** - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM