



Robert "Bobby" Henry Gonzales Jr.

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Born in Jacksonville, Florida to parents Mary Louise (Balboa) and Robert Henry, Sr., Bobby spent most of his childhood in San Antonio, Texas, where some of his fondest times were being the bat-boy for his father's baseball team. As a pre-teen he moved to Hazel Park, Michigan a suburb of the "Motor City" a place he'd call home for the majority of his life. He became a big brother a few times over, his mother going on to have his sister Phyllis (Stephens) and his father and step-mother Molly (Palacios) going on to have his brother Roland and sister Lisa (Marques). He was a father to his three girls, Mellisa (preceded in death), Nicole (Glazer) and Stephani. As a dad he was one of a kind. One of the things he found most joy in was canoe trips with his daughters on the Rifle River. He lovingly referred to his girls as "J1, J2, & J3" (if you'd like to know, just ask). Bob was a proud grandfather to Christian, Tyler, Nicholas, Elijah, Ashlee, Nevaeh, Angelo and Ian, he was also an uncle to four nephews and one niece.

As a teen he was passionate about sports, gaining notoriety as a wrestler. After graduating Hazel Park High School he became a sailor in the US Navy. He served his country in the Vietnam War aboard ship USS Brownson and was honorably discharged after four years of service in, 1974. Throughout adulthood he remained interested in sports and was always on a baseball team and known for his shenanigans on the golf course. A highlight in his life was going to the annual "cousins golf outing" in northern Michigan every late July where he spent a long weekend with all his cousins and extended family partaking in debauchery that kept them all in stitches.

In his professional career Bobby spent early years working in the Fleetwood assembly plant producing Cadillacs. Later in life he worked as a semi-truck driver, up until just a few years ago.

Bob spent his final years in Sterling Heights with his long-time partner, Robin Dopp. He enjoyed hanging with all his buddies at their local corner bar catching whatever game was on and giving all



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the waitresses strife. He lived a full, spirited life. After battling a brief illness in the hospital he passed peacefully while surrounded by loved ones. He will be missed immeasurably.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Bobby on March 1st from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Pub 1281, located at 1281 Gratiot Ave, Clinton Township, MI 48036. The family will make a formal announcement.



Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, March 1, 2026

 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Pub 1281**
1281 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township MI 48036





Tribute Wall

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Gerry Smith posted:

Golf, conversations, and friendship. This man valued me always. I thank him for the good times.

February 19 at 11:23 PM



Tracy Trella posted:

I've known Bobby for 10 years and he loved my desserts I always shared with him ❤️❤️ He also started feeding the squirrel that we now call Bobby because we are feeding him now ❤️❤️ great guy and will truly be missed ❤️

February 17 at 9:15 PM



Christie Johnson Williams lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bobby".

Our Heartfelt Condolences to Nicole, Stephani and their families. Our Primo will be missed by so many. He will live on in our hearts forever. We have so many great memories. I will always remember that handsome Saylor with the beautiful smile. Rest easy Cousin until we meet again. Love, Hugs and Prayers Larry, & Christie

February 15 at 6:20 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert "Bobby" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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