



Robert "Bob" Lawrence Easterbrook III

January 31, 1933 - February 20, 2022

Robert "Bob" Lawrence Easterbrook, age 89 of Troy, passed away peacefully at Beaumont Hospice on Sunday, February 20, 2022. He was born on January 31, 1933 to Robert and Lillian (Brasch) Easterbrook.

He was husband of 60 years to Dorine B. (Mensing) Easterbrook, father to Robert [Bob] (Colleen) Easterbrook IV and Neal (Vickie) Easterbrook. Loving grandfather of Robert [Robbie], Kaitlyn, Kyle, Ryann and Trevor Easterbrook.

Being raised on the rough side of Chicago, Bob found his escape during a lone trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula with his father, as a teenager. He did not return to Chicago on that trip. The welcoming locals who took him in taught him love and appreciation of the outdoors and opened his eyes to a new way of life. By the time he graduated Cedarville High School, most of his old gang were dead or in jail. The outdoors and rural living saved his life. He spent the remainder of his life passing that opportunity on to all the people that he could. Especially the kids.

After high school he attended Michigan State University for a couple of years before being inducted into the U.S. Army, serving from 1953 to 1955 and being awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He then moved to Detroit and became involved in the steel treating industry. In 1976, he founded, and was President of, East-Lind Heat Treat, Inc., now in Madison Hgts. He never did retire from the family business, just hung around enough to dabble and stay involved. He was always looking out for his treasured employees, many who were like family to him.

Outside of being a successful businessman, husband, father and grandfather, Bob was many things. He was an avid outdoorsman, a conservationist, an adventurer, a storyteller, a visionary, a volunteer, a leader, a philanthropist, a mentor, and a special friend to many, young and old. Oh yeah, plus a prankster and sly troublemaker right to the end. When a water fight broke out in the kitchen or the boys' cabin was toilet papered by the girls at kids' camp, it was always the oldest camper on the grounds behind it all. Like they say,

you may have to grow old, but you don't have to grow up. That was him.

In 1979 he became very active in Safari Club International, a world-wide hunting and conservation organization, eventually serving as the organizational President in 1996 and receiving many distinguished awards. In 1984, he formed the Wildlife Education Foundation to help fund a kids' camp in Caseville, MI where he facilitated getting over 60,000 kids out of doors and into nature. He started "a little carp shoot" then to raise funds for the camp. 38 years later, the Great Lakes Bowfishing Championship is considered nationally "prestigious" (for the slimy sport it is) and the largest of its kind in the world. In his later years, he enjoyed raising deer and elk in northern Michigan and several adventurous hunting safaris in Africa.

During his lifetime, Bob exhibited loyalty, integrity, foresight, and the gift of wisdom. Many people sought his guidance when faced with major decisions or adversity in their lives. The respect so many had for him, and his opinion, says a lot about the type of man he was. He touched many lives and left a proud legacy to be certain.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Wildlife Education Foundation by mail at 32045 Dequindre Rd., Madison Hgts., MI 48071

Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 27th from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm with the Funeral Service on Monday, February 28th at 11:00 am at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights
31145 John R. Road
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hopcroft1948@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (est)

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ *There was only one Bob that's for sure. Always charming. I knew him through archery and my mother, Ann Clark. I'm sure they are having a chats as we speak. My prayers and Gods blessings to his family Especially Doreen, who has become a dear friend. Debbie Clark Ohl*

Debbie Ohl - February 27 at 11:23 AM

CJ

“ *Bob was one of the good guys ! We will always keep him in our hearts. Will always remember. Our love sent to his family and will mourn with them on Monday.*



Chuck and Judy jordan - February 26 at 01:11 PM

CB

“ *Carol Brady lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Lawrence Easterbrook III*



carol brady - February 26 at 10:15 AM

LH

“ *Bob was an outstanding individual. He didn't get involved with the politics of a problem, issue or project but simply worked to resolve and/or complete his goals. He was one of my biggest supporters in SCI for projects in which I was involved because I wasn't about politics either; we simply worked .."to get it done". I enjoyed working with him and listening to his stories and I will miss him. Larry Higgins*

Larry Higgins - February 25 at 03:47 PM

SZ

“ I am so very sad about Bob's passing. There will never be another person that will be able to replace Bob. He was such a wonderful kind and loving friend. I worked for Bob for quite a few years at the outdoor center, kid's camp. He was always fixing everything up and helping all the "kids" at the camp. Also doing the Great Lakes Bowfishing championship in Caseville for 38 years to help the kids go to camp and helping out all the businesses in town. Bob always had jokes to tell and playing goofy tricks on everyone. Bob will surely be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May God bless the family at this time and always.



Sharon Zollner - February 23 at 05:55 PM

JS

“ Hello to all,
May the spirit of God be with your entire family during this time of loss. Our faith tells us that Bob is in a better place, and he is at rest. Wish I could be there for you in person, but simply can't make the trip at this time. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers, and Bob is no longer to suffer. Take care, and stay well, Jim and Cindy Shutt, from da U.P., Eh!

Jim & Cindy Shutt - February 23 at 03:49 PM

RR

“ Such a gifted man of life ... if you ever met him you know why his handshake and smile was the gift of life .. missed in this life but admired for eternity...

Rick Russell - February 23 at 07:12 AM

JD

“ i have been in the glbc tournament along time i have known this great man all those years he would always have a good story to tell he would give little gifts to kids sitting at tables at the dinners he will be truly missed prayers to bob and colleen and the family god bless you all RIP Bob sr.

jeff diamond - February 22 at 10:36 PM

MR

“ The obituary was spot on as far it related to the Bob Easterbrook I came to know, respect and love. He was always encouraging me to continue to help mentor kids that were fatherless or had things rough. He never forgot how he started out and who had lifted him up . I admired his never say never attitude and even when his best days had evidently gone by he was planning to go elephant hunting with a crossbow! A leader by example, a loyal friend, a continuing supporter of kids in the outdoors. Bob will be sincerely missed.

Michael Ritchie - February 22 at 07:52 PM

GB

Thank you for your years of friendship and support! RIP! ❤️🙏

Gary F Bogner - February 23 at 02:27 PM

DB

“ Our relationship goes back almost 50 yrs. Bob purchased my art/taxidermy when I was about 17. His kindness, generosity, and most importantly his friendship was beyond compare. Bob was the first to encourage, support, and give me confidence to continue on in my passion for the outdoors. There were plenty of “wacky fun” times to go along with the serious ones for sure. Bobs legacy will live on through his family, friends and organizations he planted good seeds in. Look forward to seeing you again Bob. God Bless.

David Bollman - February 22 at 07:44 PM

DS

Very nice obituary! Well done . He did a lot for SCI and wildlife conservation! He will be missed! Condolences to the family for there loss . A lot to be thankful for, a long and successful life. Sorry I will miss the service i am in Florida. God bless!

Donald Van De Steene - February 23 at 10:48 AM

RC

I will miss Bob Sr. so much, he would always give me a hard time and I would return the favor the best I could! He took me under his wing when I joined the Bowhunter Chapter and Bob Jr. became my best friend and hunting partner. The Easterbrooks are my extended family and I love them all. He was always about the kids and SCI. He was one of the founding members of our SCI Southeast Michigan Bowhunters Chapter, always supporting us and helping out whenever he could. A truly fun guy to be around, a loyal friend and a fine example of what a real man should be!
Ralph Cagle

RALPH Nelson CAGLE - February 24 at 10:51 AM

DM

The archery world has lost a great friend this week. The Archery Hall of Fame sends our prayers to the Family.
Diane Miller CEO

Diane Miller - February 24 at 03:53 PM