



Robert "Bob" L Smith

May 4, 2023

Robert Lawrence "Bob" Smith, 74, of Fairhope, AL, passed away at home May 4, 2023, of complications from prostate cancer. His wife of over 55 years, the former Jan Licko, was at his side.

Bob was born to Dolly and Larry Smith, the oldest of three sons, March 11, 1949. He grew up in Harper Woods, MI, graduating from Harper Woods High School in '67, where he and Jan were sweethearts, marrying soon after. They raised three sons of their own, of whom Bob was extremely proud.

Joining the Detroit police Department in 1970, Bob was first assigned to the 5th Precinct, later transferring to the Tactical Mobile Unit for 13 years, followed by undercover work again in the 5th precinct. He was well-liked and respected by his peers and regarded as fair on the street, making multiple high-crime arrests during his career.

After retiring from service, Bob and Jan moved to Siesta Key, FL, where Bob managed a resort condo and he and his wife owned and operated a local realty firm. They retired a second time, frequently moving between Florida, ALabama, and Michigan.

Over the years Bob enjoyed family vacations and camping trips, watching MI football, pro hockey, discussing business, sports, and politics, and working on

home projects. Bob had a friendly smile for everyone, loved to talk, and would often regale others with police stories. He was much loved and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife, Jan, sons Dave, Greg (Tina), and Rick (Tana), grandchildren Megan, Alexis, Paige, and Peyton, and great-grandsons Rowan and Baylor.

Also survived by brothers Ron and Rog. Cremation, with family memorial at a later date. Donations to Southern Care Hospice, Daphne, AL

May he rest in peace in God's good care.

Tribute Wall



“ So many memories growing up next door to Bob. Going ice skating at the state fair grounds, movies at the Woods Theater and playing in the street under the street lights. I will miss him such a great guy.

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