



Robert Wayne Lerner

September 21, 1943 - November 29, 2024

Robert "Bob" Wayne Lerner, 81, of Charlotte, a proud Navy man and beloved father and grandfather, died on Friday, November 29, 2024 in Lansing. Bob was born September 21, 1943 in Charlotte, the son of William Wayne and Ivaletta Elizabeth (Lloyd) Lerner. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1961 before enlisting in the U.S. Navy and serving the majority of his tenure as an aircraft mechanic in Corpus Christi, Texas. Upon his release from the service, he returned to Michigan and married the love of his life, Sharon Louise Brown on December 9, 1967.

Bob worked on the line at Oldsmobile, later General Motors, and retired after several years of service. He and Sharon moved to Tennessee, where Bob felt truly at home in the mountains. They moved back to Michigan seven years later to be close to their granddaughters, but Tennessee always held a special place in Bob's heart. He enjoyed his later years with his grandchildren, and recently, great-grandchildren. He loved to talk, tell stories, and impart his own brand of humor to his friends and family. He loved everything about food, including talking about it, sharing it, and was known to have some peculiar tastes. One of his final meals was spam tacos. Many will remember Bob for his outgoing nature and his enduring love for his family.

Bob is survived by his son, Chad (Kimberly) Lerner; daughter, Nicole (Ryan DeNeen) Dezelski; grandchildren, Megan (Alex) Chittenden, Natalie Lerner,

and Louis Dezelski; step-grandsons, Brendan, Noah, and Phoenix DeNeen; great-granddaughters, Josephine and Sophia Chittenden; and sister, Joyce (Robert) Sherwood. He was predeceased by his loving wife 45 years, Sharon Larner, and their daughter, Lesa Marie Larner.

Friends are encouraged to support Bob's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Duane Royston officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Bob's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Robert Wayne Lerner*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 04, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Wayne Lerner*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 04, 2024 at 02:37 AM



“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 03, 2024 at 09:34 PM

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“ Chris and Melissa Chittenden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Wayne Lerner.



Chris and Melissa Chittenden - December 02, 2024 at 08:58 PM

BH

“ I've wondered for years where Bob has gone. Last I saw him was when he and Joe Woods worked at Meijer in Charlotte. He used to pick me up for school on his dad's Indian motorcycle when Wayne would let him. Inclement weather he had a 52 Ford. I think I paid him 50 or 75 cents a week for taxi service lol. I think that he and Loy Nash went in the Navy together. Bob was a great human being that never said a mean word of anyone as I remember. My family didn't have a TV at the time so he invited me to his house to watch Ike take the oath of office.

Bruce Hicks - December 01, 2024 at 02:08 PM

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♥♥♥♥ love this so much! Thank you, Bruce!

Nicole Dezelski - December 01, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JO

Bruce, one of my favorite memories of Bob involved you. We were on our way to the high school and you were regaling us with your dating exploits from the weekend. Bob told you to knock it off and be quiet because his little sister was in the backseat. I remember thinking, "gosh, he really does love me".

Joyce - December 02, 2024 at 11:08 AM

PP

“ I remember your Mom and Dad so well when they worked at Rickman School. Such precious sweet people. We all loved them. So so sorry!
Penny Peek

penny peek - November 30, 2024 at 10:40 PM

HN

We loved Bob and Sharon and always enjoyed visiting with them here in TN. Love you Chad and Nikki.

Helen Norrod - December 01, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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We love you Penny and Helen! ♥♥♥♥ — Nikki 🤗

Nicole Dezelski - December 01, 2024 at 06:45 PM