



Robert Edward Keezel

March 2, 1958 - December 10, 2018

Robert (Bob) Keezel (60) of Fort Myers and Longwood, FL passed away surrounded by love on December 10, 2018. He was the eldest son, born on March 2, 1958 to Robert F. and Lois (Demberger) Keezel. Within a year, Bob convinced his parents to move from the cold winters of MA to sunny Winter Park, FL. Bob graduated from Winter Park High School and is a proud graduate of Rice University in Houston, TX. Thereafter, he earned his JD/MBA from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

After graduating from Vanderbilt, he moved to Miami where he met Ana (Asper) Ward. They married and had their daughter, Mary. She was his pride and joy and greatest accomplishment. Bob often said, “blessed with one, so glad I got the best.” When Mary was a little girl, she was enrolled in dance, but dance quickly changed to soccer at the age of 6; when Mary found out that her dad was going to be the coach. Shortly after donning the “coach” shirt, Bob met his best friend, Michelle, who later became his wife. (To this day, that shirt still hangs in Bob’s closet). Bob was a constant presence at Mary’s school events, both at St. Andrew’s and at Bishop Verot. He traveled with her during her soccer years with the Cape Coral Cyclones and was at every single game.

If you knew Bob, he was never without a book, a cup, a koozie, and a good story. While he may not have had the best sense of time, you knew that he was a good man with a great heart. Bob never knew a stranger – he was kind, gentle and never had a harsh word for anyone. Bob always made time for his

family and he never turned his back to a friend. While he had a large family, the numerous WEISS Rice University buddies held a special place in Bob's heart. Bob was an avid music fan as well and loved attending concerts that included Rock Boat Cruises with Sister Hazel, Toad the Wet Sprocket, and several Suwanee music festivals in Live Oak, FL.

Bob also loved to travel. His most recent trip took him to Mexico, where he taught English to university students in Tehucan. He was fluent in Spanish and loved speaking the language.

Preceding him in death are his father, Robert, and nephew, Max Chambers. Surviving him are his daughter Mary; his mother Lois Keezel of Altamonte Springs; his brother William (Stephanie) Keezel of Longwood and their children Karey (Josh) Abolafia with little one Abigail and Devin of Jacksonville; his sisters Karen Keezel and Nancy (Scot) Chambers and their children Jake and Amelia of Orlando; his brother Ottie (Suzanne) Keezel and their children Ben and Jack of Winter Park; and his brother David (Melissa) Keezel and their children Sarah and Sophia of Orlando.

In addition, Bob is survived by his beloved best friend, Michelle; father-in-law, Mario Perrino and Lisa Riegel of Springfield, IL; mother-in-law Sue Perrino; sister-in-law Marie (Pat) Quigley and their son, Michael of Chicago, IL; brother-in-law Greg (Sandy) Perrino and their children Joe and Nikki; and sister-in-law Lori (Rob) Hamilton and their daughter Lauren.

What about Bob? That's not something anyone that knew Bob Keezel would say – Bob touched more lives than one could count. Endless memories have been formed to continue his legacy.

Arrangements handled by Gendron Cremation. Please visit their website to share your fond memories of Bob. Memorials can be made to Lee Health Foundation, Compassionate Care Fund, 16451 Healthpark Commons Drive, Suite 200, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Note in memory of Robert Keezel. A Celebration of Life is being planned at a later date in Fort Myers and Orlando. Hawaiian attire is required. Surf's up!

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Edward Keezel*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Robert Edward Keezel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Mary Vanwy lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward Keezel*



Mary Vanwy - October 12, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *From Mary Vanwy former employee for years. I'm very saddened by hearing this news. He was a wonderful boss very funny human being. I will truly miss you. Fly with the angels. All the best to Michelle and his daughter.*

Mary Vanwy - October 12, 2021 at 01:12 PM

BC

“ I just heard that Bob died, almost 2 years after your loss. We were in law school together and kept up for many years after, but obviously fell out of touch. If anyone who knew Bob is following this or gets updates, please call me!

Brooks Cowles
404-723-7032

Brooks Cowles - November 06, 2020 at 10:55 AM

RE

“ Rest in peace, Bob; you departed far too early. You shared four years of your life with me, and I will always remember your brilliant mind and how we laughed until we cried. I hope you enjoyed the Ping clubs and Taylor guitar until you couldn't play any longer. You brought good cheer and laughter wherever you went.

Rhonda E.

Rhonda Edwards - April 08, 2019 at 05:43 AM

MK

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Michelle Keezel - February 02, 2019 at 04:00 PM

DG

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Our first memory of Bob occurred at the soccer field. He brought 5 or 6-year old Mary to her 3 v. 3 soccer practice/game at Pelican field. He arrived dressed in his beloved Hawaiian style/print shirt, book in hand, and a chair and told Mary 'go have fun.' He always had an encouraging word for the less than excited soccer players. At the end of the season, he had a little participation ceremony and gave each player a medal. His sense of humor provided us with many years of gut-busting laughter and fond memories, especially during the soccer season. We will always remember Bob's generous spirit and sense of humor.

*Fondly,
The Giles
Dave, Bambi, and Cricket*

Dave Giles - January 04, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ We met briefly last year in our trip to see the solar eclipse but I could tell right away you had a giving soul and a great sense of humor. I just wished we could have hung out more. Rest in peace my friend.



Rafael Garcia - December 30, 2018 at 03:00 AM

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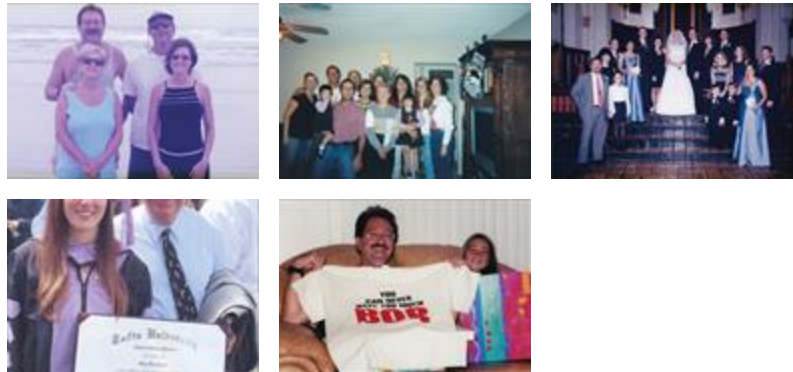
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marc parsons - December 20, 2018 at 04:24 PM

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Michelle Keezel - December 19, 2018 at 06:16 PM

CR

“ *Mary and Michelle, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. There are so many memories and laughs over the years. One memory I'll never forget is the "Cat in the Hat" Halloween costume Bob wore when he came to pick up Mary from the Matfeld's Halloween party! He sure knew how to entertain a crowd of friends and keep us laughing, and laughing some more. So long ago, but never to be forgotten. Sending hugs and love to you all. ❤️❤️❤️*

Connie Ramos-Williams - December 16, 2018 at 10:58 AM

MK

“ *Hi sweetheart! Mary arrived from Jacksonville and we wanted to send you a post together! We love you and miss you immensely! You & Mary are the best things that happened to me! It brings us peace and comfort that you are reunited with your dad and all loved ones who have passed before you. All our love, Michelle & Mary*

Michelle Keezel - December 15, 2018 at 02:22 PM

LH

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Lori Hamilton - December 14, 2018 at 09:00 PM

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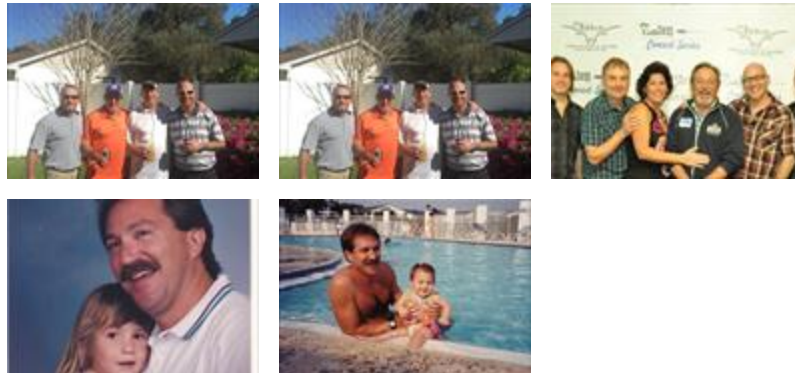
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Michelle Keezel - December 14, 2018 at 07:04 PM

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Michelle Keezel - December 14, 2018 at 06:26 PM

MF

“ These pictures and words capture Bob so well. I was a friend in law school and although I did not see him often afterwards whenever we all got together at reunions it was if the years had not gone by. So generous with such a big heart - Bob will be missed. Take Care Mary and Michelle, you both will be in my prayers.



Mary Lou Fry - December 14, 2018 at 04:57 PM

JM

“ Jack and Elaine McGrail purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Edward Keezel.



Jack and Elaine McGrail - December 14, 2018 at 02:34 PM

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Michelle Keezel - December 14, 2018 at 06:02 AM

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Mike Brady - December 14, 2018 at 01:52 AM

GM

“ *Michelle and Mary - thinking of you at this difficult time. I want you to know that you are in our hearts and our prayers. Bob was a sweetheart and he will be sorely missed. Sending you lots of hugs!*

George and Robyn Mitar - December 13, 2018 at 08:10 PM

DB

“ It is with great saddening to hear about the passing of Bob. Worked with Bob about 27 years ago. We were a good team and he made it fun to work with. He taught me a lot. If Bob knew someone was going on vacation somewhere he would always request a T-shirt. Mary and my daughter went to pre-school together. You were one of a kind Bob and the world is a sadder place now that You have left this world. Rest in piece. To Michelle and Mary, my heart goes out to the both of you. May you hold on to the good memories and keep them close to you hearts. ❤️❤️❤️

Diane Bedell.....

diane bedell - December 13, 2018 at 05:34 PM

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Marc Parsons - December 13, 2018 at 02:27 PM

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Bob rocks out on the guitar

Marc Parsons - December 13, 2018 at 02:26 PM

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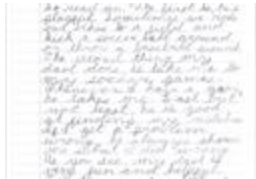
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Marc Parsons - December 13, 2018 at 11:24 AM



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Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - December 13, 2018 at 11:18 AM

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Marc Parsons - December 13, 2018 at 11:17 AM

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Photo courtesy of Ken Hill, from Ken and Chloe's wedding,

Marc Parsons - December 13, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Bob was a true jokester and always met you with a smile. His eyes lit up when ever you spoke of Mary and her accomplishments, which are many. You could not meet Bob just in passing. He had a personality that drew you in. The next thing you knew, there was a drink in your hand and you were laughing. He is adored by Mary, Michelle, and everyone that was lucky 🍀 enough to meet and spend time with him. His smile and laugh it what I will miss the most. Born in the North, Raised in the South, and oozed the Hawaii lifestyle. Safe travels my friend, give Jerry a hug for me. RIP*

Scot Goldberg

Scot Goldberg - December 12, 2018 at 07:42 PM

KW

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He filled a place in our hearts. Thoughts and prayers go out to Michelle and his daughter.*

kaye wallace - December 12, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this news. Bob was definitely one of a kind. Always quick to light up a room. Condolences to the family. ~ Shantel*



Shantel Jilani - December 12, 2018 at 02:18 PM

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Lori Hamilton - December 11, 2018 at 06:39 PM

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Lori Hamilton - December 11, 2018 at 05:12 PM