



Robert L. Kingry

July 18, 1948 - July 3, 2017

NEW PALESTINE - Robert L. Kingry passed away unexpectedly on July 3, 2017 while vacationing in Utah. Robert (Bob) was born in Fremont, Nebraska on July 18, 1948, son of Larry W. Kingry and Mildred (Carlstrom) Kingry. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Rebecca "Becky" (Strothmann) Kingry; daughter, Jennifer (Mitchell) Zacharias; son, John (Gretchen Cook) Kingry, mother, Mildred Kingry; siblings, Connie (Mike Hill) Kesterson, Larry K. (Carolyn) Kingry, Nancy (Donald) Yoder, Terry (Vida) Kingry, Wally (Cindi) Kingry, and Melodee (Dwayne) Thompson; many nieces and nephews; and his adoring golden retriever, Ginger. He was preceded in death by his father, Larry W. Kingry and brother, Joel Kingry.

Robert grew up in Roseburg, OR and graduated from Roseburg High School in 1966. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army who served during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1970. He moved to Indianapolis in 1970 and met his wife, Rebecca in 1971. They married in June 1974 and moved to New Palestine in 1979. He was a service specialist with AT&T and retired in 2011 with 41 years of service.

Robert was considered a legend in Hancock County for his magnificent and immense Christmas light display. He took great pleasure in watching cars full of viewers pass by. He was proud to be a finalist in WTHR's 2016 Battle of the Bulbs contest.

He enjoyed his flowers and landscaping and fondly referred to his yard as "Kingry Park." He logged many miles on his road bike. In July 2015, he rode 3,418 miles in a single month, ranking him 2nd in the nation in the National Bike Challenge. He rode over 16,000 miles in 3 years. He enjoyed completing jigsaw puzzles up to 9,000 pieces. He had many additional passions throughout his life including slow pitch softball, league bowling, the Indiana Hoosiers, the Indianapolis Colts and most of all his family.

Robert was truly a remarkable man.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 7, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Erlewein

Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the mortuary. Pastor Jason Taylor will be officiating. Burial will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis with military rites presented by the Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, Attn: Donor Ministries, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, by website at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/donation-items/operation-christmas-child/> or Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue, Inc., 5990 E. 71st Street, Suite G, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Cemetery

Events

Washington Park East
10612 E Washington St
Indianapolis, IN, 46229

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Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

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Comments



“ Becky

Jenny and I were so sorry to read of Bob's passing. Our condolences and prayers are for you and your family. It doesn't seem possible that we all are in our late 60's. I think we were in our late 20's when we met and had several great parties together. We moved back from San Antonio, TX in 2013 and reside in Noblesville. Give us a call if you are ever in the area.

Mike and Jenny Witsken

Mike Witsken - July 08, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ Becky, It's hard to put into words the sadness we felt at the office when we heard of Bob's unexpected passing. We looked forward to seeing him at the office . He was always such a joy and had such a passion for life, for his family, his dog, his number of miles biking, and especially his Christmas lights for everyone to enjoy. We will miss him. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Sheri McKeever, Dental Hygienist

Sheri McKeever, RDH - July 08, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ Becky, JK, and John and family, We were so very sorry to learn of your loss. We made wonderful memories through NPHS Marching Band with kids and parents alike. Your Dad was also very kind when he serviced us with AT&T phone service. But absolutely the Christmas Lights will always be the most poignant memories of all. I used to drive a CSCSH School Bus route thru the Villiage and the kids on the bus loved the Light Show every year, and we would honk and He would never fail to wave with a BIG GRIN. We lovingly dubbed him " Mr. Christmas." The world will be a lot less sparkling place without him. You all will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Carla Lynch and family

Carla Lynch - July 07, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ Christmas will never be the same. Bob definitely put his heart into his display and it was so beautiful and appreciated by all! I would love to check on his progress (beginning in October, I believe) while on a morning run. It was so fun to see what was being put out next and his meticulous placement of everything. And - if that weren't enough - he did the entrance to the neighborhood as well!!! So much cheer he delivered through his decorating !! I will always remember him as a sweet, giving man!

- Diane Webb

Diane Webb - July 06, 2017 at 04:15 PM



“ I worked with Bob at AT&T for many years. He was a hard worker, a smart man, and just a great person to be around. I enjoyed the opportunity to hear about his family, his dogs, and of course, his Christmas lights! He loved them all. Please know my prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. I know the stars will shine a little brighter in the Heavens when Bob gets done "changing the display".

Carol Wyss



Carol Wyss - July 06, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ When Jane and I built in Ivy Dale in 1987, are phone installer was Bob. When he finished making the final connections he introduced himself as our new neighbor. Good man. Sorry we can not attend the service. Thinking of all of you. Fred and Jane Miessen

Fred Miessen - July 06, 2017 at 01:32 PM