



Robert H. Giles

March 24, 1932 - April 24, 2021

Robert (Bob) Harry Giles, age 89, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away on April 24, 2021. He was born in Green Island, New York, to Harry Giles and Ethelyn Hakes Giles. Bob received his undergraduate degree from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio and then entered the U.S. Navy where he served for two years in the Hospital Corps. Upon honorable discharge, he taught biology and chemistry in the Clintondale School District and then at Oak Park High School, later earning a Master of Science degree in biology from the University of Michigan. He met Lorraine Weibel in a work carpool, and they married in 1960 at the chapel in Pine Mountain, Kentucky. Bob and Lorraine made their home in Royal Oak where they raised their three children and where Lorraine passed in 1996. Throughout his lifetime, Bob enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and woodworking. He had a passion for inventing, creating, and repurposing materials and processes to make everyday tasks more convenient and economical. With his young family, he enjoyed cross-country skiing in winter, and camping in summer, including a summer-long road/camping trip through Canada and Alaska. Later, Bob met Sharon McCormack, also a teacher at Oak Park High, and they married in 2002 at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church.

Bob was the beloved husband of Sharon Giles and the late Lorraine Giles; loving father of Karen Giles-Smith (Mitchell Smith), Kimberly Giles-Hill (Paul Hill), and the late Kevin Giles; and proud grandfather of Alyssa Bernardi,

Georgia Smith, Wesley (Heather) Smith, Jackson Hill, and Alexandra Hill, and great grandfather of Madilyn Smith, Connor Smith and Everly Smith.

Visitation Wed, May 5th, 3-7 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Please note that per Covid restrictions, masks are required to enter the funeral home, and a maximum 25 people may be in the chapel at a time. Due to family allergies, no lilies please.

IMPORTANT UPDATE (April 29)

Private funeral Thurs, May 6 by invitation only due to Covid restrictions. Masks are required to enter church. Due to family allergies, no lilies please. Service also live-streamed from the church www.rofum.org/funeral and recorded for later viewing, available at SullivanFuneralDirectors.com. Private burial with family only. Memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated: StJude.org/donate.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Tribute Wall

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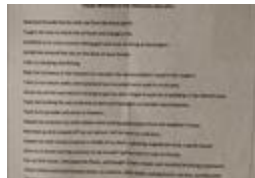
“ *Dad's great-grandkids with their Papa Mitch.* ”



Karen - May 07, 2021 at 08:52 AM

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“ *More from the visitation.* ”



Karen - May 07, 2021 at 08:48 AM

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“ *Photo boards* ”



Karen - May 07, 2021 at 08:22 AM

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“ *The Orion Staff Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert H. Giles.*



The Orion Staff Team - May 05, 2021 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Dad and great-granddaughter Madi around age 4. Madi knew her great-grandfather would never turn down the chance to read to her, so she would just hand him a book and hop up! :)*



Karen - May 03, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Christmas 2005. Mitch took the photo. Back row, L to R: Daughter Karen, daughter Kim, Bob Giles, granddaughter Alyssa, and wife Sharon. Middle row L to R: Son-in-law Paul and granddaughter Alex. Front row: Grandson Jackson.*



Kim - May 02, 2021 at 11:44 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kim - May 02, 2021 at 11:31 AM

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Dad and Kim! :)

Karen - May 02, 2021 at 06:47 PM

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“ Alan, Bruce, Barb, Sharon and Jim and girls purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert H. Giles.



Alan, Bruce, Barb, Sharon and Jim and girls - May 01, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Dad and Sharon's (Sherry's) wedding in 2002. Back row, L to R: Grandson Wes Smith, son-in-law Mitch Smith, daughter Karen Giles-Smith, nephew Cam McCormack IV, nephew Andy McCormack, and son-in-law Paul Hill. Front row L to R: Granddaughter Georgia Smith, granddaughter Alyssa Bernardi, Bob Giles, wife Sharon (McCormack) Giles, sister-in-law Karen McCormack, brother-in-law Cam McCormack III, grandson Jackson Hill, daughter Kim Giles-Hill, and granddaughter Alexandra (Alex) Hill.*



Karen - April 30, 2021 at 09:43 PM

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“ *Dad and granddaughter Alyssa at Kim's wedding -- this is the photo that Dad's home page pic was taken from.*



Karen - April 30, 2021 at 09:44 AM

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“ We are the in-laws of Karen and have many fond recollections of Bob! We attended many family doings at Mitch and Karen's when Bob was there. It was always a happy time. He was pleasant to be around. John remembers the several clay pigeon shoots they attended with Mitch and how much he enjoyed visiting with Bob. We send our condolences to the family He will be missed by all that loved him. John and Loreen Smith



Loreen smith - April 29, 2021 at 06:41 PM

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Thanks so much, John and Loreen! Love you! 💕

Karen - April 30, 2021 at 09:53 PM

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“ There's that curl again! Granddaughter Alex has the very same one.



Karen - April 29, 2021 at 02:58 PM

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“ We have very fond memories of our deep associations with Bob and Lorraine and their children Karen, Kim, and Kevin who were our neighbors three doors down on Clawson Avenue in Royal Oak. We can certainly validate the sentence in his obituary which reads: "He had a passion for inventing, creating, and repurposing materials and processes to make everyday tasks more convenient and economical." Bob could aptly have been called "The King of Reusing, Recycling, and Repurposing". His passion for science made him a great protector of Mother Earth. When we were having our oil furnace replaced with a gas furnace, the company doing the job said they would be removing the old oil tank. Bob asked if he could have it. The tank was dutifully hauled down to the rear end of his back yard. I believe he used it to house spent oil when he himself changed the oil in his car and other machinery. His passion for science made him a great protector of Mother Earth. The world is a better place for his having been here. We are so grateful that our paths crossed. Kathy and Larry Howell

Kathy and Larry Howell - April 28, 2021 at 04:04 PM

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*Hi Mr and Mrs Howell!
A few weeks ago, Dad and I were reminiscing about neighbors living here when Kim and I were growing up. We wondered if you might still be living in the metro-Detroit area. It's so good to hear from you! I have never forgotten, Mrs Howell, how you helped me with math homework in 8th grade when Mom was in the hospital--thank you! Kim and I love the story you shared about Dad's repair/restore/reuse antics, and your sentiment that the world is a better place! ❤️*

Karen - April 29, 2021 at 08:30 AM

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“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Giles



Karen - April 28, 2021 at 01:47 PM

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“ Kim lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Giles



Kim - April 28, 2021 at 01:42 PM

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“ Dad, You will always be with us. We love you! Karen and Kim

Karen and Kim - April 28, 2021 at 01:39 PM

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Karen - April 28, 2021 at 01:30 PM

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There's no record of Dad's age in this photo (that I'm aware of). Maybe two?

Karen - April 28, 2021 at 01:49 PM



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Kim - April 28, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Red Rose Reverence Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Robert H. Giles.*



April 28, 2021 at 11:58 AM