



Mr. Robert L. Payne

September 19, 2015

Beloved husband of Lois for 34 years. Loving step-father to Dena (Eric) Taylor.

Proud grandfather to Nicholas and Aaron Taylor. Dearest cousin of Jean (Lowell) Mills.

Bob found his calling at the age of 6 and remained an avid fisherman throughout his life.

He will be remembered fondly by the many fishermen of Lake St Clair and deeply missed by his devoted golden retriever Mack.

Farewell Captain, a safe harbor awaits you.

Memorials appreciated to The Michigan Humane Society.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held, Saturday, October 3, 2015. Please contact the funeral home at 586-731-2411 for further service information.

Tribute Wall

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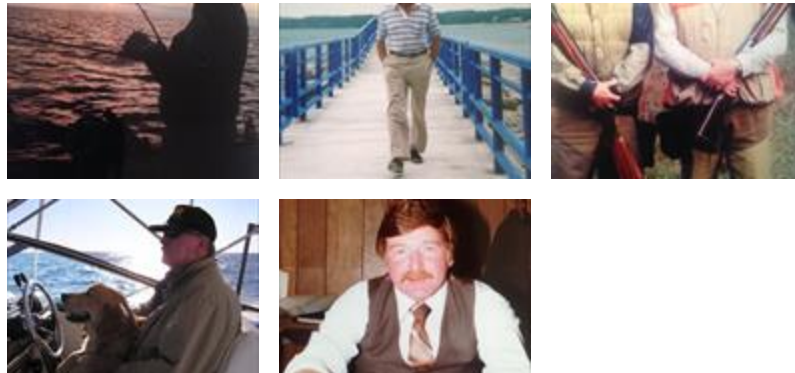
“ I met Bob & Lois when they moved in across the street from my parents. I was just a kid maybe 13 and I remember being intimidated by this tall (at least to me) red headed man -- as I grew into my teens I grew to know Bob a little at a time in my early 20's I learned 1st hand that Bob was a fabulous cook and that he could fry up the BEST fish I had ever eaten and I remember hoping that I would get that invite after the big catch! In my 30's I was absolutely thrilled when Bob came with Lois to my wedding because the only thing I knew that he did was work, fish, cook and maybe have a cocktail or 2 or 3 :) As I started my family and had less and less contact with Bob & Lois I enjoyed the times I did get a chance to talk with him- we talked fishing (what little I knew) and family. My son was seriously ill when he was little and the thing I remember about Bob was that whenever I seen him he ALWAYS asked about my son and how he was doing. And then there was the time I got the ultimate compliment from him...yes Bob gave me a compliment...One day I had dropped off some venison chili for Lois & Bob and he actually wanted to know what I had in it and said it was GOOD! That about knocked me over. To me growing up across the street from him and because he always was himself - he never wavered and never changed he sort of became like an icon. Even though I really didn't get to see him too often I will miss him asking me how my family is and when was I coming over to see Lois!



Doreen Buric - October 05, 2015 at 09:17 AM

LP

“ 13 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Lois Payne - September 27, 2015 at 08:41 AM

BP

“ *Was very sad to hear about bob passing although I have only known him a few short years. He will be deeply missed . I always looked forward to him pulling up at boca grande marina watching him tinkering on his boat. Bob always was happy to see me and always told me Your doing a good job,we always joked about the boats I was working on everyone I got I liked and told him I was keeping it . So whenever he seen me with a boat he would say let me guess your keeping this one I would always say yep signed*

brian perri - September 23, 2015 at 08:02 PM

RS

“ We became neighbors of Bob, Lois and Dena in 1984.

For 24 years we enjoyed having them as great neighbors. We always felt comfortable & appreciated Bob & Lois watching our house when we were away.

Our first awareness of Bob's fishing prowess was having a 5-gallon bucket full of perch appear at our door. We were impressed at his dedication to the sport and with the many friends that benefited from his expertise.

We watched Dena grow & remember Bob & Lois walking her down the aisle. We were touched by the pride & emotion on Captain Bob's face.

We have fond memories of Bob & his parade of great Golden Retrievers.

It's fun to picture the excited reunion with Sandy and Benny.

Ron & Lois Sinner

Ron & Lois Sinner - September 23, 2015 at 03:57 PM

RD

“ 22 years ago after spending 18 years of my life on board sailboats nearly 300 days per year, a friend asked me to go "fishing" with some "guy" he just met and installed an autopilot for. Catching a fish was something I had spent many hours and days trying and finally gave up on, but my buddy insisted this would be different so I thought I'd give it one more try. What happened on that day wasn't "fishing" it was nearly biblical in abundance and not to be believed unless one were there, we caught more than 300 perch and the "guy" asked me to come back to do it again tomorrow and wouldn't accept a dime in return. It was nearly 17 years until I even boarded a sailboat again.

The guy was of course Bob, and he and Lois very soon became two of the best friends the Lovely & Gracious JeriLynn and I have ever had. Our lives were forever changed for the better. Jeri and I soon bought our own fishing boat and began winning Perch Derby's. We passed on the things Bob and Lois taught us to as many kids as we could fit on our boat, and for many years we've done our best to live up to the extraordinary standards of seamanship and fishing expertise we learned from the lakes premier couple, Bob and Lois. Now we must carry on without his ever enlightening advise, usually barked out in some flopping fish landing frenzy of nets, lines, outdrives, and hooks, and our prayer is that we learned enough to get the big ones on board again and again as only the master himself could.

Bob and Lois changed our lives. We have a hobby we love, we're pretty good at it, and like them, we strive to take as many as we can, teach as much as we can, and do it for them just for the fun of it. If not for them, there never would have been a Bearhooks nor a Bearhooks II.

We will surely miss Bob; we shall continue to love Lois.

Love: Ron & JeriLynn

Ron & JeriLynn Draper - September 22, 2015 at 05:51 PM

DK

“ Bob was a great guy and one of the best neighbors anyone could ask for, how many people do you know that will invite you over for a cocktail (or 3) and send you home with 2 bags of fresh Perch fillets? I will always remember Bob for his kindness and willingness to show me how to do something on the boat, or answer a question for someone that was new to living on the lake. He was one of the few people to completely win Maggie over, I suspect it had something to do with the treats that were always in his pocket, I assure you that she will miss him dearly, and that you'll still find her sitting in front of your fridge from time to time waiting for a snack. Lois, the reason that Bob and Mack have been inseparable for as long as I can remember, is that Bob was training Mack to look after you after in his absence, you're in good paws.

Dave Kowachek - September 22, 2015 at 04:08 PM

LP

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Lois Payne - September 22, 2015 at 08:22 AM

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last photo of Bob

Lois Payne - September 22, 2015 at 08:24 AM

PP

“ BOB WAS A PILLAR OF STRENGTH TO OUR SUB. WHEN IT CAME TO FISHING BOB WAS THE BEST ///// AND ALWAYS SHARED SOME GREAT STORIES, WITH GENEROUS PORTIONS OF THE CATCH. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED AS A FRIEND AND A GREAT NEIGHBOR. OUR HEART FELT SYMPATHIES TO LOIS AND ALL THE FAMILY.////////// LOVE JOANN AND P.J

P.J PREISZ - September 20, 2015 at 01:59 PM