

Bakus, Robert Julius

March 27, 2023



Robert Julius Bakus

Robert Julius Bakus, 69, of Swift Current, passed away on March 21, 2023 surrounded by his loved ones.

Rob was born in Herbert, Saskatchewan on October 20th, 1953. He graduated from Morse High School and began working various jobs, eventually starting at the Department of Highways in Ernfold. There he met the love of his life and soulmate, Nancy Behm, who he married in 1977. They remained in Ernfold until he took a job in Val Marie, where they made their home for the next 25 years. Nancy and Rob made lifelong friends that became family and were always welcome in their home. In 1978 they had their son Aaron and three years later their twin daughters, Randi and Rikki. Robert retired from Highways and moved to Preeceville, where he lived his lifelong dream of buying a ranch and having more time to hunt and do taxidermy for the next 10 years. Once his

grandchildren were all born, Rob and Nancy moved back to the Swift Current area to be closer to family. They built a home on the acreage, where Rob worked tirelessly to make it their own.

Rob was a humble man who enjoyed nothing more than a good visit with a friend and a cup of coffee. If you couldn't catch Rob visiting or helping someone out, he was more than likely working outside or tending to his pets. Rob's sense of humor and ability to make anyone laugh in any situation was a true gift. He lived life to the fullest and even after his stroke in 2021, he continued to fight daily and see the positives in every situation. No one fought harder the last couple years. Rob left a lasting impression with everyone he had conversations with. He was truly one of the most dependable, sincere and humble people and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Some of Rob's greatest joys were hunting, taxidermy and being outdoors. His attention to detail made him one of the best taxidermists and he enjoyed creating masterpieces for everyone to enjoy. In 2019, he was able to fulfill his hunting dream, taking a hunting trip to Africa along with his son-in-law, Randal. He forever spoke about it as the trip of a lifetime.

Rob had many titles in his life but his favorite was being a father and grandfather. He loved nothing more than spending time with his kids and grandchildren and being their biggest fan. His children called their dad a superhero, and even as adults still saw him that way. He was always there for them and taught them to enjoy every moment of life. His grandchildren loved their Papa and there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. The true love of Rob's life was Nancy, whom he was married to for 46 years. They had a bond that many could only wish for. There will forever be a void in our hearts but we will never forget our father, papa, husband and friend..

Robert is survived by his wife **Nancy**, son **Aaron** and children Tess, Aftyn and Ryer; Daughter **Randi** (Devron) and children Brytten, Burke and Brynn; Daughter **Rikki** (Randal) and child Bentley; His brothers and their families; Many Nieces, Nephews, Brothers and Sisters in law. He was predeceased by his parents Heinz and Lena, sister Maryann and brother Rodney.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held at a later date. In

lieu of flowers the family requests a donation be made to the Stars Air Ambulance 2640 Airport Road Regina, SK S4W 1A3. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Andrew Pratt Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Bonnie on March 27, 2023 at 12:40 pm

Nancy I am sorry about Rob, he was a great guy. Gone too soon.

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2.



Larry Penner on March 27, 2023 at 12:43 pm

I'm so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed running into Rob and the conversations that followed. He will be missed.

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3.



Mette Ducan on March 27, 2023 at 12:49 pm

Sincere condolences to the entire family from the Ducan family.

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4.



Miles on March 27, 2023 at 2:08 pm

So sorry. Robert was a great guy which we got to know with our kids in hockey together.
Our condolences to the family and prayers.

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5.



Reg Penna on March 27, 2023 at 2:14 pm

My Condolences...

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6.



Darlene & Luke Jeanson on March 27, 2023 at 3:37 pm

So very sorry to hear that Rob has passed away- we were not aware that he had health issues. We remember him so well from ValMarie days – he was an avid sportsman & all around great guy. Our condolences to his family & friends.

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7.



Doreen Lamb on March 27, 2023 at 5:06 pm

Deepest sympathy Nancy and family

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8.



Cindy and Barry on March 27, 2023 at 6:09 pm

Rob was a Man of Men he was a great friend a devoted family man . Any time you talked to him that was always the first thing he spoke of was his family !

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9.



Ed Lowenberger on March 27, 2023 at 8:30 pm

It is with great sadness and shock I learn of the passing of Robert. I first became aquanted with Robert many years ago when he worked at Hwys in Ernfold. I worked for Hwys Swift Current at that time. No matter how long we went without seeing each other we always got caught up over a coffee somewhere. His loss will be felt by all who knew him. My sincer condolences to his family.

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10.



Cathy Appelgren on March 27, 2023 at 9:30 pm

Nancy and family, I am so sorry to hear about Rob. My

thoughts are with your family.

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11.



Carol Borneman on March 29, 2023 at 10:23 am

I consider myself blessed that we crossed paths in this life. Good bye Bobby Bakus.
Prayers and hugs to the family.

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12.



Debbie and Tom Matthews on April 14, 2023 at 5:48 pm

Our Deepest condolences to you Nancy and families on the loss of Robert. I remember we were in the Swift Current Hospital having our baby girls. Take care and may God help you in your time of sorrow.

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13.



Edna Trotter Cyrenne on May 17, 2023 at 7:19 am

Our condolences to all the family!!

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14.



Heather KlassenWindover on June 8, 2023 at 7:46 pm

It is with great sadness that I send you my condolences and sympathy! Rob was a great man will be sadly missed

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