



Robert Michael Reneau

July 11, 1953 - February 8, 2019

Robert Michael Reneau, 65, was born in Visalia, California on July 11, 1953 to Margaret Ella Williams Reneau and Marion Owen Reneau, and flew into the arms of his Savior on February 8, 2019.

Son of a Southern Baptist preacher in home missions, he lived in California, Washington state, Texas, and Arkansas. His class was the first to graduate from Parkview High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. He obtained licenses as a Master Plumber, Water Distribution Operator, and Commercial Driver. He cofounded Independent Plumbing with his longtime friend Edwin Loftis and later started his own company, Honest Plumbing, before going to work for Central Arkansas Water, retiring in 2016 after 21 years. His talents included drawing, cooking, carpentry, poetry, mandolin, gardening, fishing, plumbing, joking, and praying.

In 1988 he embraced the Roman Catholic faith, which guided him through the next 3 decades of his life and into eternity. His actions embodied the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Bob often said people asked about him only because they knew his wife, but the support of family and friends in his final illness evidenced a life which touched many who understood the treasure hidden in his earthen vessel (2 Corinthians 4:7).

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Kathleen Chrestman Reneau, and infant son, Jeremy Michael Reneau. His legacy includes his children: Shannon Brown (Kevyn), Lisa Hinshaw (Robert), Sparrow Reneau, Monique Reneau; grandchildren: Nancy Merayo Southerland (Shane), Anna Reneau, Bailey Merayo, Romeo Schumacher, Megan Brown, Nicole Hinshaw, Carlito London, Katherine Hinshaw, and Owen King; great-granddaughters: Saxxen and Kenzie. Bob also became a nurturing father figure to many others. His widow, Carol Hodges, will miss his generosity and humor, as will his brother, Richard Reneau (Sharon), nephews Christopher and Kevin (Christina) Reneau, and "Papa Ken." If anyone's name has not been mentioned, please recall that obituaries are written by people still quivering with shock and grief; thus, any omissions are not intentional.

A Rosary will be said at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, followed by visitation from 6-7:00 p.m. with a vigil service from 7– 8:30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1321 S. Van Buren, Little Rock. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 15 at Good Counsel, followed by interment at Pinecrest Memorial Park in Alexander.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Water For People, 100 E. Tennessee Ave., Denver CO 80209 (<https://www.waterforpeople.org/about>); Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center P.O. Box 25413 Little Rock, Arkansas 72221 (<https://www.pregnancylittlerock.com/donate>); or Arkansas Hospice, 14 Parkstone Circle, North Little Rock, AR 72116 (https://www.arkansashospice.org/foundation/donate/donate_now.aspx)

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501) 224-2200. Robert's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Pinecrest Memorial Park

7401 Highway 5 North
Alexander, AR, 72002

Events

FEB **Rosary Service** 05:30PM - 06:00PM

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
1321 S. Van Buren, Little Rock, AR, US, 72204

FEB **Visitation** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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FEB **Vigil Service** 07:00PM - 08:30PM

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FEB **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Carol Hodges is following this tribute.

Carol Hodges - Yesterday at 12:13 PM



“ Bob was one of the sweetest people we have EVER met. We don't believe there was a mean bone or cell in his earthly vessel. He radiated joy and he definitely brought out the best in his wife, Carol. They were the epitamy of a couple on a continuous honeymoon, at least from our perspective. Carol was my very first (and dearest lifetime friends) that I made when my husband, Jim, and I moved to Little Rock from Appleton, WI, 30-years ago. It has been hard to be separated by such a great distance over the past 23- years after we returned to WI and we both had families that kept us busy, but thankfully we never lost touch. My favorite memory was, after hearing Carol tell me several times that she was never getting married or becoming a mama, watching her melt after meeting Bob and all the while they courted. She suddenly and bravely became a wife, a mama, and shortly thereafter a grandma, all at once, and did an amazing job with this vocation, all things considered. The four of us were pro-life cohorts together along with so many other faithful people. Earth was blessed by Bob's presence for 65-years and heaven will be eternally more joyful and blessed upon Bob's arrival. We will be forever grateful that God allowed our paths to cross. Hugs and prayers for all of Bob & Carol's loved ones!

Jody & Jim Geenen - February 17 at 02:19 PM



“ Thank you for the lovely tribute. We were indeed blessed by God with the kind of True Love as in "The Princess Bride." He loved receiving your Christmas newsletters with the doings of your active family.

Carol - Yesterday at 12:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Carol Hodges - February 15 at 11:42 PM



“ Our thought and prayers are with Robert's (I always knew him as cousin Mike) family. Gary & Deb Reneau

Deborah Reneau - February 14 at 06:44 PM



“ Thank you both for your expression of love. We appreciate it!

Carol - February 15 at 12:01 AM



“ I remember Robert from a management class I facilitated for CAW and from a prayer group we participated in as a guy that was always full of fun and eager to learn. Robert, Carol and his family are being remembered in my prayers. God's Blessings, Terry Hill

terrance g hill - February 14 at 12:08 PM



“ Terry, thank you so much! Bob truly loved and admired you!

Carol - February 14 at 11:44 PM



“ Carol, I'm sure when the dust settles and the kids have gone to their home, this will come full circle for you. Please know I'm here for you any time you need a shoulder day or night. My prayers and the prayers of my church family are with you and your family during this hard time. Words may not get you thru this but know that God has sent his son for this very reason. While Jesus is carrying you thru this, Bob is in his forever home rejoicing and waiting for the rest of us to join him in the heavenly kingdom of GOD. Your friend, Teresa.



Teresa Mathis - February 13 at 04:18 PM



“ Thank you so much! And thank you for coming to the vigil. {{hug}}

Carol - February 14 at 11:45 PM



“ Carol, you and your family are in my prayers. I pray that the Holy Spirit will bring comfort to you and each family member during this time of grief, and yet I rejoice with you because your husband has reached his true home. In John 14:1-2 Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Dianne - February 13 at 12:40 PM



“ Thank you, dear prayer warrior!

Carol - February 14 at 11:45 PM



“ I never had the pleasure of meeting this gentleman, but I have known Carol for many years. Carol, if you don't have my e-mail and there is anything I can do to help, Del Garrett knows my e-mail and he can give it to you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers, my friend.

Carolyn Boyles - February 12 at 09:19 PM



“ Thank you, Carolyn. I appreciate the offer of help and the expression of sympathy.

Carol - February 14 at 11:46 PM



“ Washington Irving said it so beautifully: “There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.” Carol, our hearts are with you as you pass through this very difficult time. We love you and continue to pray for you and your family. Jude DiMeglio Trang & John M Trang



Jude DiMeglio Trang - February 12 at 05:50 PM



“ I appreciate the quotation, thoughts, and photo. Bob enjoyed meeting y'all and knew how special y'all are to me.

Carol - February 14 at 11:55 PM



“ Robert you have been a good neighbor for 40 + years and we will always remember our kids growing up and playing together. They never lost touch with each other and us. You and Carol did a great job with them. We will still be her for all of you. We love you like our own. Just remember Carol we will be right up the street if you need anything. Love. James E. and Peggy A. Weaver



James E. and Peggy Weaver - February 11 at 03:10 PM



“ Thank you both for all the kindness you have shown, especially this week. It will be a while til I can write old-fashioned thank you cards, but please know how much it meant to me to see y'all and Rodney at the vigil and to receive the condolence card.

Carol - February 14 at 11:58 PM



“ Prayers for Bob, Catol & family - Bob will be missed by many may all find comfort in this time of loss.

Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Petrey - February 11 at 09:23 AM



“ Thank both of you so much, and please thank Jason for the flowers too.

Carol - February 14 at 11:59 PM



“ REST IN PEACE MR ROBERT RENEAU

Lesa Overton Jordan - February 11 at 07:52 AM



“ Thank you Lesa, and thanks too for coming to the vigil service!

Carol - February 14 at 11:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Michael Reneau.



February 11 at 01:49 AM



“ Prayers for Bob & his family - he is a good man who will be missed.



Tammy Coney - February 10 at 05:43 PM



“ so true, Neighbor! He will still pray for his godchildren.

Carol - February 15 at 12:00 AM



“ Life is real life is earnest and the grave is not the goal, dust thou art to dust returnith was not spoken of the soul. Safe journey Bob, may you walk with Him among the stars.

Jim Shelley - February 10 at 01:24 PM



“ We appreciate the uplifting words and your kindness in sharing them.

Carol - February 15 at 12:00 AM