



Robert Rowland

April 7, 1949 - June 17, 2014

His voice and his presence were unmistakable. Robert Rowland: storyteller, craftsman, staunch advocate and educator for the students of the Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center, and the iron fist to the boys who may be interested in his daughters, died Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

As a driven and strong willed Coordinator at the WMCTC, he dedicated 30 years to the young adults of eight school districts. A career he loved dearly. As Chief Disciplinarian, he reveled in his ability to reach out to the students and make a connection to who they were beyond their educational status.

Always an advocate for equal rights, he leaves behind three empowered daughters: Jennifer Rowland (Bryan Cano), Kellie Rowland (Bill Chesney) and Laura 'Lou' Rowland, who he taught to speak correctly, think critically, and throw a good punch.

Bob is survived by his sisters, Deanna Rowland and Donna (Michael) Canales, niece, Meaghan Hoffmann and His uncle Lloyd (Arlone) Rowland. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clifton and Jeanne Rowland, and brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Barb Rowland.

A graduate of the University of Michigan and a man of true character, he leaves behind a lifetime of inappropriate jokes and memories of strength,

stubbornness, and quick-witted humor.

A memorial service and sharing of stories will be held at 1PM, Friday, June 27, 2014 at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Guests are welcome to gather at The Party Bar following services. Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Healthcare Hospice of Owosso, Michigan. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

RF

“ My heart truly goes out to Bob's daughters and his sisters. I am so sorry that I wasn't able to reconnect with him through the years. His brother wanted to make that happen, but unfortunately, he was lost too soon as well. God bless you all. Bob was truly one of a kind and loved by more people than you will ever know.

Rebecca Freeman - July 14, 2014 at 11:34 AM

DM

“ Deanna and Donna, daughters, we are so sorry about Bob. May his light be shining on all of you and may he have eternal rest with God. He and our son, Robb now know each other and can help us on earth. It is all a mystery! Love to all of you.

Dr. Tom and Mary McDonald - June 30, 2014 at 09:46 AM

DH

“ I was best friends with Tom and Barb in Whitmore Lake. I was there when Robert's parents passed, then Barb and then Tom. So sad to hear of Bob's passing. I will keep The Rowland Family in my thoughts and prayers.

Debra Hirth - June 25, 2014 at 06:50 PM

AJ

“ A devastating loss for his girls. Too many losses for his sisters. His niece has had so much loss in her young life. His best friend lost her best friend. I lost a buddy who loved to share jokes and enjoyed picking on his sister with me. He will be missed. He was a character...and I mean that in the most loving and positive way.

Aleta Jackson - June 23, 2014 at 08:17 PM

DH

“ I remember the good times i spent talking to Robert. I graduated from school in 1986 from mesick school. I enjoyed his talks and enjoyed his jokes. My condolences to robert and his family. A great man he was.

Dennis Hughes - June 21, 2014 at 10:44 AM

DT

“ Deanna, so sorry for your lose.

Dave Thomas - June 21, 2014 at 08:06 AM

GB

“ There was never a dull day when you worked with Bob. He will be missed.

Gordon Baldwin - June 20, 2014 at 07:44 AM

MH

“ So sorry for the loss of your dad, brother, and my best friend! We know that his voice & presence will ALWAYS be with us! Love you.

Margaret Hickey - June 19, 2014 at 09:27 PM