



Robert Young

April 21, 2007

KINGSFORD - Robert "Bob" C.W. Young, 61, of 520 Wilson Ave., Kingsford, died unexpectedly on Saturday, April 21, 2007, at his home.

Bob was born Dec. 11, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio, son of the late Robert P.T. Young and Harriet (Messernecht) Young. He graduated from Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Fla., in 1965.

Bob went on to attend the University of Florida where he started for the Gators as an offensive lineman and won the Orange Bowl in 1967.

Later that year, Bob voluntarily joined the U.S. Navy and served for two tours in Vietnam with the Navy Seabees. He graduated from the University of North Florida in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He married Margaret Harper on Nov. 4, 1973, at Springhill Church in Ocilla, Ga.

Bob worked as a manager for the paper industry most of his adult life. He worked in paper plants in Georgia, Texas, Virginia, Louisiana, and Michigan.

In later years, he worked for the State of Michigan and most recently for United Abrasives.

Bob was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church where he and his son were altar servers. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and a former member of the Serra Club. He enjoyed fishing, spending time with family, and most of all his children and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his wife, Margaret; children, Aimee (Hans) Whitmer of Gladstone, Natalie (Michael) McWilliams Jr. of Janesville, Wis., Liz (Douglas) Black of Kingsford, and William Young of Kingsford; his mother, Harriet Young Thomson of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; sisters, Dr. Cy (Dr. Michael) Glasser of Potomac, Md. and Liz (Hayden) Abel of Port Aransas, Texas; and grandchildren, Madine, Cecilia and Nicholas and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert P.T. Young and a sister, Tina Weyenberg.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

A memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Michael Woempner will officiate.

Burial will be at Springhill Church Cemetery in Ocilla, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Robert "Bob" Young can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of

Iron Mountain with funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *I love you dad. I like to think you'd be proud of me. A lot has changed in my life, and I've finally found the career I think is meant for me. We miss you constantly.*

*Yours, forever,
Liz*

Liz Young - Kingsford, MI - Daughter - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *You are still our hero, every day Papabear.*

We love you and miss you now and always.

Take care of Gator and LeAnn, and they will take care of you.

Your devoted daughter,

Liz

Liz - November 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Oh my ... I just learned of Bob's passing and wanted to express my profound sorrow at your loss and to offer our prayers for your comfort. Bob and I were good friends, played football and life in highschool and shortly after, and spent the summer of '64 driving in my old VW beetle to the hardest job I ever had ... working construction at a chemical plant in North Jacksonville.

This was, no doubt, the hottest summer ever recorded on the planet ... and Bob and I would joke and solve the problems of the Universe every morning during the 45 min drive ... the afternoon drives home were spent moaning and groaning over the day's labor. One day we were given the assignment of digging out the bottom of some God-forsaken holding tank and, as I remember Bob best, he attacked the project - devastating smell, the worst odor I've ever experienced - with a zeal and enthusiasm which was his trademark that's probably what I remember best about Bob he was always bigger than life and brought an energy and enthusiasm into every situation. I also remember football at Fletcher ... and the one time one of the coaches came up with the idea of letting Bob RUN with the football ... he was so pumped up, so completely psyched that I thought he would bust ... and we laughed, and laughed and laughed. He was a great freind, a good man, and I know you all will all feel his loss, forever.

I lost my Mom a few years ago and struggled greatly with the emptiness. One day, a good frined from Texas came over ... a big, imposing Texan, and he got in my face, backed me up against a wall, and said simply: "You're damn lucky She left such a big hole." He came allthe way from Dallas to deliver that message. And somehow, it seemed to help. I guess the depth of our sorrow is guaged by the depth of our love ... can't have one without the other.

Live well. You all carry part of him with you. And laugh again, soon, and long. It is what Bob's wishing for you as he looks down from Heaven.

Rick and Ginger Still - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *To Margaret and family
I was a fellow classmate and football team member of Bob's. I can't tell you how saddened I was to here of Bob's passing. He was an outstanding football player and an even better person. I had lost touch with Bob through the years but his name came up in conversation often. He made a big impression on people in a very short time. Please know he will be in my thoughts and prayers often.
Spook Hulihan, Neptune Beach, Fl.*

Spook Hulihan - July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Dear Margaret and family,
Spike and I were sad to hear about Bob. We remember him fondly from Fletcher. We have kept up with you through his mother, Harriett.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Spike and Julie Cissel
Jacksonville Beach, Florida*

Spike and Julie Cissel - July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Margaret and Family, Bob was a wonderful young gentleman, an intelligent leader and a great friend. Our prayers go out to you and all of yours. Many of the Fletcher High Class of '65 and members of our fine football team, of which Bob was a co-Captain, have fond memories of him.
Love from Joe and Sandi Black, Dallas*

Joseph R Black - July 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Dear Margaret...I was shocked to see Bob's obituary notice in the Star! I have been out of town (and I guess, out of touch) for a couple of weeks and had no idea that he had passed.

My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May you remember all the good and wonderful times the two of you shared.

*Much love,
Martha*

Martha Henderson Yeager - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Margaret,
My mother told me about Bob. I cannot express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. What a kind, loving, gentle man Bob was, and he will be missed by all who knew him. He was just so sweet and loved his family so very much. That's what I remember most about Bob! He would do anything for anyone that needed help, and always with a smile.

Please know that I have been thinking about all of you, and wish that there was something I could do to make this less painful for you and the kids. All my love, prayers and sympathy to you. Please let me know how you are doing & know that I am always available to talk.

Sue Reiten

Sue Reiten - May 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ Margaret, It has been many years since we have been together but I have often thought of you. How well I remember you being the last Georgia person to see Jimmy of as he left Valdosta to join the Air force. You were a true friend. My heart goes out to you and your family during this time of sadness. Please get in contact with me. Love.

Freida Mobley Dews - May 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Natalie, I just heard about your dad, I am so sorry. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.

Angela Sparapani, Counter - May 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ To Lizzy, Will, and Margaret;
My deepest condolences, and all my love. Take comfort in knowing that his memory will live on in your hearts forever.

Candice Dionysus - April 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dear Liz, William, and family;

My deepest sympathy on the loss of your father and husband. From all the stories I've heard of him and even a photo that Liz shared with me, I can tell he was a sweet, loving man with a happy soul. My thoughts are with you and yours. Take care.

Laura Cole - April 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Dear Margaret, Aimee, Liz, and William

My heartfelt condolences go out to you. I know your children Liz, and William and though I never

met your husband, I feel as if I know him well.

You childrens strength of character, sense of honor, and sense of humor are an inspiration to many fine people, I am proud to call them my friends. The dear parents of my friends are now considered by me as loving and respected members of my human family. May GOD Bless you always, and keep you till we are all together again.

Alinda47 - April 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Natalie, Margaret, Liz, Aimee & William-

I can't begin to tell you all how much it saddens me to hear the news about Bob. I just want you to know that I am thinking of you all and praying for each of you to be comforted at this all too difficult time. I hope that knowing you've got this support brings at least a bit of peace to your hearts. God Bless!

Mark Derouin - April 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ MARGARET AND FAMILY- FRIENDS OF OURS IN IRON MOUNTAIN JUST CALLED US WITH THE NEWS OF BOBS PASSING. WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED AND SHARE YOUR LOSS. WE CERTAINLY HAD SOME GREAT TIMES IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN CHAMPION FIRST STARTED. BOB WAS ALWAYS SMILING NO MATTER WHAT. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE CHILDREN. GOD BLESS YOU. MELINDA AND GARY HOWELL, CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Melinda and Gary Howell - April 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Liz,
I just heard from Jon what happened, and I'm so sorry for your loss. If you need anything, contact me. Take care and again, I am so very sorry and extend my deepest condolences.

Aimee Weber - April 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Margaret and Family- Our deepest sympathy. Bob was a great guy who could really brighten up your day. We all enjoyed working with him.*
The 95th District Court

Travis Barlock - April 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *To the family of Bob Young, my family, the Buttons send our sincerest condolences to you. I worked with Bob at the pulp mill in Quinnesec during the mid 80s. I always knew him to have a warm smile and a positive attitude. He was a true friend and taught me an awful lot about woodyard operations.*

God Bless You

*David and Dianna Button
Lufkin, Texas*

David Button - April 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *I send my condolences to Bob's family. I knew Bob from when he worked for the District Court. I never saw Bob with out a smile on his face.*

Ed Mattson - April 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Margaret*

you have our deepest condolence to you and to your family as you know Bob and you have always held a special place in your hearts

Bob was a very dear friend and i will miss him deeply

God bless you all

Linda & Lou Costello

Memphis, TN

Linda & Lou Costello - April 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM