



## William Robert

June 30, 1938 - June 30, 2007

Norway - William J. Robert, 69, of 1608 Jansen St. Norway, died Sat. June 30, 2007 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. He was born on Dec. 18, 1937 in Reedley, CA, the son of the late John and Hazel (Holderman) Robert.

William graduated from Reedley High School. He lived in California, Washington, and Montana, before moving to this area in 1973. He was a truck driver for Smeester Trucking and a dispatcher and shop manager for KSR trucking.

He enjoyed working on cars and watching Nascar. Bill was a gifted musician, playing the trombone and singing. He was a member of a barbershop choir. Bill spent a lot of time working with wood, cutting it and chopping it.

He married Carol Carter in Youngstown, OH in 1984. She preceded him in death in Dec. of 1989. He married Becky (Gagnon) LaCourt in Dec. of 1990 in Iron Mountain.

Bill is survived by his wife Becky of Norway, his children Gail (Doug) Topjian of Norway, Jim (Rebecca) Robert of Olympia, WA, David Robert of Arizona, Ron Nesbitt of Yigo, Guam, Terry (Jennifer) Carter of Niagara, Tom (Veronica) Carter of Ocala, FL, Tim Carter of Arab, AL, Kathy (Ron) Kish of Lansing, MI, Kurt (Melissa) LaCourt of Columbus, IN, Kristy (John) Kelly of Marquette,

Debbie (Tim) Blucher of Olympia, WA, Kathy (Dennis) Taylor of Olympia, WA, Laurie (Dave) Sodeman of Struthers, OH, Jennifer (Joe) Williams of Niles, OH, Melany Vorass of Olympia, WA, Jamie Vorass of Bloomington, IL, and Mark Vorass of Jacksonville, FL, two sisters Mary (Pat) Manning of Denver, CO, and Hazel Cecil of Seattle, WA, two brothers Richard (Elena) Robert of Fresno, CA, and Mike (Reese) Robert of Anchorage, AK, 26 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Mandy Robert and his mothers-in-law Lena Johnson and Joyce Gagnon.

Visitation will be Tues. from 3-6pm at Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Kingsford. Funeral services will be at 6pm Tues. at the church. Rev. David Wilton will officiate. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the family.

Condolences to the family of William J. Robert may be expressed on line at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Bill:*

*I had the pleasure of working with Bill at Roehl Transport. He was the most kind hearted man that I have ever known.*

*Although I am deeply saddened by his death, I find comfort in the fact that he is with Jesus now.*

*Bill was one of the most devout Christians that I have ever met. He proved that each and every day by the way he lived his life. Bill would do anything to help out anyone. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and loved him.*

*Sincerely,  
Shannon Tirschel*

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**Shannon Tirschel** - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I would like to express my sympathy to the family of bill. I had the pleasure of working with him at Smeester Bros. And Roehl Transport. I'll cherish this memory. He was one of my favorite coworkers. Sincerely:*

*Duane Johnson  
P.O. Box 34  
Sagola, Mi.  
49881*

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**Duane Johnson** - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Becky,*

*We just heard from Sherri Black today that Bill has gone to be with the Lord. Even though we lost touch, Bill has truly influenced my life as a Christian. Our times at Smeesters when we would talk about Jesus and how blessed we were. He would always bring me in materials to read or just a kind word. He has been blessed.*

*Love, Doug and Linda Dodd*

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**Doug & Linda Dodd** - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM