



Robert "Bob" W. Start Sr.

May 19, 1943 - July 27, 2021

Robert "Bob" W. Start, 78, a lifetime resident and farmer of Hatfield, passed away on a warm summer day, Tuesday July 27th, 2021, surrounded by his loving wife and family. Bob was born in Northampton on May 19, 1943, to the late Storrs and Alice (Lewis) Start. He graduated from Smith Vocational High School, class of 1962.

He married his high school sweetheart, Joan Tennyson on June 20th, 1964, and they raised four children at their home in Hatfield. Bob worked at Daniel O'Connell's construction and Mount Tom ski area for 30 years. He was a lifetime member of the Hampshire Masonic Lodge in Haydenville, a longtime member of Farm Bureau and a member of the Hatfield Congregational Church; but most of all he was proud of his family and all their achievements. He was a farmer who worked hard, a husband who adored his wife, a father who loved his children, and a neighbor who was always willing to lend a hand. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. He will be forever remembered with a smile on his face, a polka on the radio and riding around checking the fields in little red.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joan (Tennyson) Start, his sister, Shirley Clough of Laconia, NH his sons; Robert Jr., and his wife Anna of Hatfield, Daniel and his wife Amy Mathison-Start of Hatfield, his daughters; Christine Rachmaciej and her husband Mark of Ashfield, and Joanne Start of Greenfield, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Besides his parents, he was pre-deceased by his sisters, Constance Hildreth and Margaret Thompson, and brother, Stanley Start.

Calling hours are for family and close friends and will be Sunday, August 1st, 2021, from 3-5 PM at DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 Damon Rd., Northampton. A celebration of life will be a private ceremony held at the family's convenience.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Hampshire Lodge of Masons or Compassus Hospice.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit DrozdalFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

WW

“ *My Belated Sympathies for your loss. I always enjoyed my conversations with Bob. He was a gentleman.*

Wayne Wilkins - February 06, 2022 at 10:38 PM

RS

So sorry for your lost having known bob was a pleasure I will never forget his laugh great guy

Rene &Heather Simard - February 09, 2022 at 04:10 PM

RW

“ *Dan and Amy.... Sorry for your loss. My sympathies to you and your whole family. From Ray Wozniak*



Ray Wozniak - August 02, 2021 at 05:44 PM

AV

“ *I remember going to his house with my old friend Maxine
And we would make the popcorns from the kettle
Just a wonderful man and breaks my heart ❤️
He's in peace and watching over his beautiful family*

-Asia

asia vassor - August 01, 2021 at 03:12 PM

RT

“ Growing up Bob was my neighbor and closest friend. He and Joan introduced me to sea water at the age of 16. We spent a summer together hoeing weeds, taking in crops, digging out cellars, and removing slate from barns. He and Joan let Linda and I stay at their home when we visited my mother around August first. Those are a few of the many memories that overwhelmed me when I heard of his passing. I loved that man.

Richard Tobacco

Richard Tobacco - July 31, 2021 at 02:36 PM

PA

“ *Patty lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" W. Start Sr.*



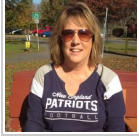
Patty - July 31, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Start Sr..*



July 31, 2021 at 10:08 AM



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Teresa Klepacki - July 30, 2021 at 08:07 AM



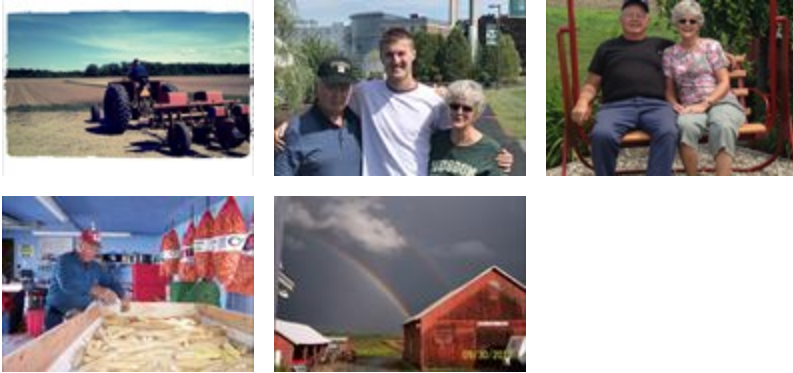
“ Joanne Start lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" W. Start Sr.



Joanne Start - July 30, 2021 at 07:46 AM



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christine rachmaciej - July 30, 2021 at 06:08 AM

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Robert - July 29, 2021 at 04:43 PM

HP

“ *Uncle Bobby I will always remember with his big smile and always a hat on. He will truly be missed, even by us long distances away.*

Helene Pavlovic - July 29, 2021 at 01:30 PM