



Robert Edwin Benham

February 22, 1938 - March 28, 2026

Robert “Bob” E. Benham, 88, of Adrian, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2026, after a courageous 19-year battle with bladder cancer. His remarkable life will forever serve as an inspiration, demonstrating the power of an indomitable spirit filled with kindness and resilience. Bob was born on February 22, 1938, in Monroe, Michigan, to Warren and Emma Benham (née Noble).

Bob graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1956 and earned a B.A. degree from Western Michigan University, followed by an M.A. degree from Eastern Michigan University. He was a lifelong learner, dedicating his career to teaching and counseling at various schools throughout southeastern Michigan. After retiring from Sand Creek Schools in 1992, Bob continued to serve the community within the County of Lenawee. His greatest passion was his family; he also enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fruit cultivation, baking pies, and cheering for the Detroit Tigers.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Yvonne Wolf (George) of Phoenix, AZ; one grandchild, Alyssa Timberman of Adrian, Michigan; his niece, Mary Koury (Peter) of Ottawa Hills, Ohio; and his nephew, Jonathan Benham of Fishers, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother William Benham, and his son Brian Benham.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to all who supported Bob during his illness, especially the exceptional staff at Hospice of Lenawee, who provided him with outstanding care.

Instead of flowers, a donation may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society or Hospice of Lenawee.

A Celebration of Life will be announced and held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, Michigan.

Tribute Wall

YB

“ Bob worked across the hall from me at Sand Creek Schools. He also made me some woodworking items. Enjoyed my days and talks with him.

Yvonne M Bailey - April 02 at 07:03 PM

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“ First memory was the many weekends at Evans Lake and Thanksgiving/Christmases in Azalia. One Christmas, Bob got a Bandsaw which he brought to Azalia, he and Uncle Bill set it up in the store. Time to eat, counting heads against number of place settings....no match, either one to many or one to few. Consternation reigns. As it turns out Bob is in the store concentrating on cutting wood, eventually he shows up to lots of hilatery.



Only time I saw him play football, he was a freshman or sophomore, at Morenci Mi, Bob was notable for trying to chase down Galen Cisco, just missed! When Bob was little, he was really into Large scale Tonka toy machines he used to build things beside the house in Ridgeway. Eventually this led to him acquiring a real Bulldozer which he and Uncle Bill used, in part to scrape out some additional parking at the cottage at Evans Lake.
Hope everyone has their own special moments they keep in their hearts.

Al Straub - April 01 at 04:31 PM

VB

Just a couple of months ago, Dad told me about the bulldozer - sounds like he and Uncle Bill had a lot of fun with it.

Vonnie Benham-Wolf - April 03 at 01:07 AM

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Al Straub - April 01 at 04:15 PM