



Robert Learman

April 17, 1942 - April 30, 2010

Robert “Bob” Learman, 68, of Minocqua, was born to eternal life peacefully at home on Friday, April 30, 2010, ending a 14-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Bob, a “Dr. Kate baby,” was born on April 17, 1942, in Lake Tomahawk, WI, to Paul and Rose Learman.

After graduating from LUHS in 1960, Bob proudly served his country in the Air Force for four years as a jet mechanic, stationed in Misawa, Japan, and Montgomery, Alabama. Following his discharge in 1965, he worked for Fran Bassett at Minocqua’s original Ford garage before attending Blackhawk Technical School in Janesville, WI, where he earned an aeronautical airframe & power plant maintenance certification. In October 1969 Bob began work with Northwest Airlines in the Twin Cities but, due to a union strike, was soon back to work at the Ford dealership in Minocqua, then owned by Bob Matz. In 1972 and again in 1973 Bob earned “The Best of the Best” Ford Customer Service Award as the top mechanic in the state of Wisconsin. In 1977 he was called back to work for NWA and worked there until June of that year when he returned to Minocqua to open his own business, Y & L Auto Clinic. Following the death of his partner Chuck Yous the next year, Bob continued to operate Y& L for a total of 29 years, until his retirement in May 2006. During his time at Y & L, he held a membership in the Wisconsin Association of Small Businesses, serving as president for two years.

Bob was proud to be one of the founding members of Eaglebrook Church in 2005 and served on the Elder Board and as head usher. With a life-long

interest in aviation, he maintained a membership in the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and attending the annual Oshkosh, WI, fly-in every summer for the past 41 years. Bob also enjoyed being host dad to international exchange students since 1983; Simon Senft, from Germany, is currently living with the Learnmans as their 19th exchange student. A true Northwoods native, Bob liked hunting and fishing but also loved reading and woodworking, leading the Oneida County Circle A 4-H Club woodworking project for several years. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts of America during his younger years, earning many badges, including the Order of the Arrow. Bob is survived by Marlene, his wife of almost 39 years; daughters Megan and Kristen; brother Richard; sisters-in-law Raelene (Ralph) Sum and Pat Learman; brother-in-law William (Donna) Pawl; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, half-brother Lenny, and great-niece Lindsey.

Upon his wishes, cremation will take place. A memorial celebration of Bob's life is planned for Friday, May 7, at 7:00 pm, with visitation beginning at 5:00 pm, at the Methodist Church of the Pines, Minocqua. Pastors Gordon Magee and Steven Rowe will officiate.

A coffee and dessert fellowship at the church will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the EAA Young Eagles program, Hospice for Life, the Northwoods Wildlife Center Attn: Beth Burns, 8683 Blumenstein Rd, Minocqua, WI 54548, or charity of choice.

Dr. Kate Hospice

Attn: Randi Danner

P.O. Box 770

Woodruff, WI 54568

Please note donation is in memory of Robert Learman

Online contribution form: <https://secure.eaa.org/development/index.html>

Select "Young Eagles" as the program to support, and write something about "in memory of Robert Learman" in the "Please acknowledge my donation in the Annual Report and on the web site as:" box.

EAA Aviation Center

Attn: Donor Relations

P.O. Box 3086

Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086

Again, please somehow note that the donation is made in memory of Robert Learman.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ Thoughts and prayers going out to the family.

Angela Coconate - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

DS

“ Robert Learman

Diane Steele - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

SS

“ Sincere condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sue Shadof - March 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM