



Robert Stevenson

November 8, 1952 - September 7, 2012

A celebration of life for Robert Stevenson will be held Monday, September 17, 2012, at 10:30 a.m., at the Moulton Methodist Church in Moulton, Iowa. A time of food and fellowship will follow at the church. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, at the church.

(Carl) Robert Stevenson was born November 8, 1952, and departed his life September 7, 2012, at the age of 59 years. Robert was born in Centerville, Iowa, to Carl and Cordia Porter Stevenson. He grew up on a farm at Moulton, Iowa, which he loved to reminisce about his life on the farm. He attended the Moulton-Udell School where he was a member of the FFA, basketball manager, gave a lasting impression in the senior class play as the cast can attest, and was salutatorian of the class of 1971. He later attended Indian Hills Community College for auto mechanics and transferred to NMSU when a car accident left him a paraplegic in 1974. He graduated from NMSU with a degree in business administration in 1980.

On September 6, 1980, Robert and Beverly Anderson were married in Centerville at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Ed Hoover. They lived at Mystic, Iowa, for the first four years of marriage and later moved to Iowa City. Since Robert and Beverly both grew up on farms, their dream was to have a home in the country. They moved to acreage at North Liberty, Iowa in 1994. Robert served as finance manager of LMS North

America since 1987. He also served on the board of Trees Forever since 1994 and currently served as chair of Trees Forever Foundation and the finance committee.

Robert loved his family and friends and cherished the times with them. He had several close friends from high school that supported him, along with his family, after his accident and rehabilitation; he felt so fortunate to have maintained these friendships throughout his life and loved to visit with them whenever possible. He also enjoyed the friends that he made through work and other interests. In the past few years, Robert and Bev spent many weekends with the Porter and Stevenson families at the Lake of the Ozarks. He enjoyed these family gatherings so much that he and Beverly purchased a cabin in the area in 2010, and planned to retire to the lake.

Robert was an avid Hawkeye fan, a pyrotechnician and also loved music. Give him a football game to watch while building comets and rockets for a fireworks show and listening to a rock and roll album – he was happy!

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, a brother-in-law, Ed Hoover, and a sister-in-law, Kay Stevenson and all of his aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; two sisters, Marilyn Hoover and Sandra (Davis) Burgher of Centerville; two brothers, Martin (Norma) Stevenson of Urbandale, Iowa and Rod Stevenson of Moulton along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in his honor to Trees Forever, 770 7th Avenue, Marion, Iowa 52302.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles, Missouri.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I haven't see Robert in many years but he was once my best friend - someone I could tell everything to and he would understand and help me with problems. I will miss him and keep his family in my prayers. RIP dear friend . Judy (Laux) Minard

Judy (Laux) Minard - September 26, 2012 at 10:35 AM

DC

“ Bev, our hearts go out to you. Robert was an amazing man with so many talents and gifts that he shared with those around him. We are all fortunate to have had the opportunity for our lives to be enriched by his courage, kindness and wisdom. We will all miss him very much.

Del Christensen

Del Christensen - September 17, 2012 at 10:48 AM

DH

“ We have known Robert when he came to work with CADSI at Oakdale, We have been working at CADSI/LMS for the last ten years. Robert was a very kind and likeable person. He almost always had time to visit. We enjoyed his gardening tips. We will miss him very much.

Dennis and Judy Herman

Dennis Herman - September 16, 2012 at 10:18 AM

JC

“ Robert, I will miss you. You were always positive, a smile when I needed it. You could have been a whiner, but chose to share your light. I'm glad I had the opportunity to work with you.

Bev, Helen and I extend our sympathy. Life is always unpredictable. I suspect that Robert is looking down and smiling on us. We can hope to see him again.

Jim Crosheck

james crosheck - September 13, 2012 at 11:09 PM

BM

“ I worked with Robert at CADSI many years ago. We had some wonderful conversations back then. He had a great sense of humor and he also taught me some business sense. He also had the great gift for banter. I still remember how Robert used to get on us for having office pools at work, but he'd take one look at the pool sheet and then say, "Okay I'm in for a buck". He was a good man.

Bob Manders - September 12, 2012 at 09:11 PM



“ Christina Morgenstern lit a candle in memory of Robert Stevenson



Christina Morgenstern - September 12, 2012 at 04:18 PM



Uncle Robert, was a wonderful man, he always had something interesting to say, we always argued over Iowa Hawks vs Mo. Tigers. He in my eyes, which I never got to tell him, was a very courageous man. For over coming a lot of obstacles he had in his life. I for one will miss him dearly. Heaven got a little brighter on Sept 7. Love ya

Christina Morgenstern - September 12, 2012 at 04:28 PM



*“ Robert you were very loved and made a huge impact on my daughters and I. I remember being so nervous the first time going to Missouri, I was afraid my daughters and I wouldn't fit in with the family and that people wouldn't understand my story and where my life had led. You never once judged me, you welcomed me with arms open and that smile of yours. I felt like I was part of the family and so did my girls. You are so full of love and I wish I had gotten to thank you earlier for the way you accepted us and made me feel I had a family in Matt's family even before we got married. I love you and you will always be in our memories, hearts and thoughts.. And Bev your so strong and such a beautiful person inside and out, Im so lucky to now call you family. We are here for you no matter what you need or what time and you always have somewhere to stay with us . I love you both !
Love, Tanisha Tristyn & Tiarra*



Tanisha Porter (Tankersley) - September 11, 2012 at 08:28 AM



I had the good fortune to know and work with Robert for several years at CADSI/LMS and I will miss him. He was a great guy and always made the office more positive, interesting, and enjoyable. I will miss him. We shared a lot of experiences growing up in Iowa and I always enjoyed his perspective and opinions. Bev, I want to offer my deepest sympathy. I will always remember Robert and value his friendship.

Dick Kading

Dick Kading - September 11, 2012 at 12:59 PM