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Robert Joseph Repas, 83, passed away at his home in Elyria Township, surrounded by family, Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Bob was born November 22, 1933 in Cleveland Heights to Mary Repas (nee Fabina). Bob was a 1951 graduate of Clearview High School, where he met Bonnie, the love of his life and wife of 65 years. He also attended the University of Toledo. A skilled carpenter by trade, Bob accumulated 28 years of experience in the commercial and heavy construction industry with responsibilities ranging from journeyman tradesman to project management. He served as a union representative, business agent and was an executive secretary with the AFL-CIO. Later in life, Bob began a second career in the asbestos abatement industry that spanned 33 years. He founded and operated an environmental services consulting firm and was recognized internationally as an industry expert. He was a faculty member, author and lecturer at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Environmental Institute of Marietta, Georgia. Bob also authored and reviewed sections of the US EPA required curriculum on asbestos. At the time of his death, Bob was the Fiscal Officer for Elyria Township, serving since 2008. Working with the Board of Trustees, Bob pursued numerous projects that will continue to serve the Township for many years. He secured grants and implemented improvements at the Township's Rowland Nature Preserve including trails, parking, playground equipment, a fishing platform and other amenities. He set up several successful fire levy campaigns and assisted in securing and implementing grants for improvements of the township's roadways and sewers. Additionally, he helped the township join NOPEC, lowering gas and electric bills for its residents. Most recently, Bob assisted in securing the sale of the cell tower at the township complex allowing the purchase of a new fire truck that is now on order at no cost to township residents. Prior to his responsibilities as Fiscal Officer for Elyria Township, Bob served his community as a



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Tribute Wall

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CA

Candy Adams posted:

Dear Bonnie. Please accept my deepest and heartfelt sympathy. God be with you and your family during this time of extreme sadness and loss

May 23 at 8:00 PM

BC

Brenda Ridenour (Clifton) posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. Your entire family was like my second family to me during my youth. I still remember the awesome bond fires Bob would build for us and helping Lee Ann and I put up our tent so we could camp outside. If I recall correctly Bob had to help me out of a tree that I climbed way to high in. I remember Bob teaching me about archery. So many childhood memories were made for me in Bob's house. Thank you for being a part of my great memories. Rest In Peace Bob. God Bless.

May 22 at 8:00 PM

CG

Carol Gallardo posted:

Bob, you will be missed by many, thank you for all of your contributions. Deep Peace.

May 21 at 8:00 PM

JP

John Pardee posted:

Thoughts and condolences to Bob's family. He was larger than life and he most certainly made the most of the days he was given on Earth. I owe Bob a huge debt of gratitude. He helped shepherd me in my career as an environmental consultant. I can't begin to recount the number of times he guided me with his experience and knowledge without hesitation or ever asked for anything in return. He made me a better consultant and I'm certainly going to miss his tales about his life and times. God speed RJR.

May 21 at 8:00 PM

TK

Tania Kegyes posted:

Dearest Bonnie and family, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing! He has left an awesome legacy. My thoughts, prayers and hugs are sent to you all. I will always remember his professional manners and infectious smile. May each day bring peace and comfort. Fondly,

May 21 at 8:00 PM



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RF

Robert And Barbara Ferrell posted:

We are very sorry for your loss and very impressed with the many things he did for township .Everyone seemed to like him and we did also. Sincerely, the Ferrells

May 20 at 8:00 PM

DB

Dinner Bell posted:

Dear Repas family, We send our greatest condolences to you all for the loss of Robert Repas. He was not only a valued customer, but a wonderful friend to all of us here at Dinner Bell. He had a very kind heart and always had a smile on his face, despite the battle he was fighting inside. We are sorry about the loss of your beloved family member. Please let us know if theres something we can do to somehow lessen the pain you feel in your hearts. We will always be there for you. Martha, Robert, Shane Reynolds, and Dinner Bell Crew

May 19 at 8:00 PM

PL

Penny Lahman posted:

My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family, Robin. I pray that God grant you strength and peace at this time. Penny Lahman

May 18 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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