



Robert W. Coty

December 20, 1936 - September 4, 2019

Robert William Coty, 82, passed away in Saginaw on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, after a brief illness.

Bob was born to William and Theresa (Thom) Coty in Saginaw on December 20, 1936. He attended Saginaw area parochial and public schools. Bob became a poet later in life and many of his pieces focus on his adventures and misadventures growing up on Warren Avenue with his 15 siblings.

Bob worked for Peet Packing Company in Chesaning for 25 years. He was a proud member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and had served as the local organization's treasurer and president.

A kind and compassionate soul, Bob had great empathy for those in need and was known for chauffeuring anyone in need of a ride and giving his last dollars to strangers. In addition to being a prolific poet, he enjoyed playing cards, bowling, and participating in recreation league softball and basketball. He closely followed the Detroit Tigers and University of Michigan football. A voracious reader, he bought four newspapers a day for most of life and memorized the annual Who's Who in Baseball from cover to cover.

Bob will be missed by his children, Carol (Aaron) Somers of Henderson, Sarah (Robert) Boling of Bellevue, Leslie Coty of Detroit, and John Coty and Brian Coty, both of Saginaw; grandchildren, Holli Goodrich, Jack and Lily Somers, and Stewart and Pierce Boling; great-granddaughter Aidabelle Midcalf; former wife, Janice Coty; siblings, Marjorie Jerome, Marilyn (Dan) de la Osa, Beverly Ackerman, James Coty, Edward (Joy) Coty, Judith Christ, Helen (Terry Marcoux) Weiss, Thom Glaza, and Barbara (Bruce) Anthenat; sister-in-law, Betty Gewirtz; brother-in-law, Jack (Barb) Nietling; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved granddaughter, Melissa Goodrich, his siblings, Phyllis Baker, Shirley Meibeyer, Arlene Holtman, Janet Doepker, Joseph Glaza, and Mary

Lipar; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Angst and Carole Mayhew; and brothers-in-law, Art Nietling, Floyd Nietling, and Don Nietling.

Those wishing to honor Bob's memory may do so by donating to Power of Dad of Saginaw (donation details at www.powerofdad.org).

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held privately in Saginaw on September 22, 2019. For further information, please contact Fischer Family Funeral Services at (989) 755-8277.

For online condolences, please visit www.fischerfuneral.com.

Comments



“ I always wanted Bob to be my partner in Euchre. He had brilliant offensive and defensive tactics. Bob did not need a college degree. He had a Ph.D. in life, love and generosity.

Thom Coty-Glaza - September 08, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ Bob was my big brother. I recall one day when we were on our way to Longfellow School, Bob stopped to fix the belt on my dress that had come undone. I enjoyed the humorous and not-so-humorous stories that he wrote and passed on via email.
RIP, dear brother.

Marilyn Coty de la Osa - September 07, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ Oh that message brings sadness to my countenance. Bob used to live with us for a short period and remember him as a really great guy - he always listened, never said insulting things about others, and was morally upright. To my circle he was very kind and went out of his way to help. He leaves a fond memory and hope he enjoys eternity with the Lord. Regret that I cannot make another funeral, but one must understand my situation with flying from Europe. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Thomas Holtman

P.S. Bob was a tremendous hidden talent and glad he found his passion with poetry. It would be great to read it because we have a similar soul.

TomandMarion Holtman - September 07, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ So sorry to learn of your loss.
I seem to recall Bob loved Genealogy also....trying to find any bit of information about our Coty ancestors.

- Sharon (Neiner) Boxey ...my Mom, Georgina Coty Neiner, was a sister to Bob's dad, Bill.

Sharon Boxey - September 07, 2019 at 11:08 AM