



Robert Earl Newkirk

September 26, 1951 - April 1, 2021

Albany – Robert E. (Bobby “Newks”) Newkirk sailed peacefully Into the Mystic on Thursday, April 1, 2021, embarking from his home.

Bobby was born September 26, 1951 in Albany, New York, the sixth child of Russell and Barbara Newkirk. His story lives on through his children, Dani, Nik, and Bobby; his grandson Keegan; former wife Mickey; and his loyal mastiffs.

Bobby is survived by his brothers Ray Newkirk (Christy), Tom Newkirk (former wife Debbie), Pete Newkirk (Marilyn), Dr. Russ Newkirk, and brother-in-law Mark Diefendorf (Barb). Upon crossing the Threshold, Bobby’s sister Bonnie will meet him at the Door.

Bobby graduated from the Florida Air Academy and the University of Miami. He retired from a successful career in publishing and printing, working many years for Newkirk Products and Digital Xpress. Bobby was also the founder, owner, and CMI (Chief Mower In-Charge) of the Lawn Ranger, Inc.

Bobby's sanctuary was his camp on Caroga Lake, where he captivated family & friends with his epic stories. He was known as a master boatman whose motto was "Driver's Error"; assuring generations of water-sport enthusiasts that it would all be "Otay".

Bobby's closest family & friends will privately Celebrate him Home. A tribute honoring Bobby's free-spirited soul will be held in June.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Bobby's love of animals, a contribution to Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, NY, 12204 is suggested.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Earl Newkirk*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Heck of a guy. So many great stories. Great friend, great teammate. We were all good at softball, but we were great when we got together as friends. And Bobby was the best. The hooch joints in Albany, weekends at Caroga Lake, golf, and of course softball. I think of those times and Newks is at the center of it. We all were swept up by his joy of life. It was infectious. Always a good time. Our deepest condolences to the entire Newkirk family. Bobby will be missed.*

Barb and Keith O'Neal

Keith O'Neal - June 02, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *We only had the pleasure of knowing and enjoying Ray and his family and want to send our condolences to all. Losing a brother and an uncle is hard and painful. Thinking of you all and wishing you well, Steve & Jeanette Gottlieb*

Steve Gottlieb - April 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM

DM

“ To Tom, Russ Ray and Pete and the entire Newkirk family, I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to the entire family on Bobby's passing. Sadly, I haven't seen Bob in awhile, but fondly remember our trip to the Kaliroy on the Sea of Cortes with Beaver, Mike Behan, and Thumper. It was a truly an unforgettable adventure! I will never forget Bobby flying by the Kaliroy on the wave runner screaming Weeeeeeeee! as he passed by with a giant smile on his face from ear to ear at full throttle! Truly a free spirit who will be missed by all! Rest in Peace my friend!
Until we great again!

Dave Marcy

David Marcy - April 18, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JB

“ Dear Peter, Tom, Rusty and Ray: Please accept my condolences on your loss. I have many fond memories of Bobby starting with countless visits to Fleetwood Ave when Peter and I were classmates at St. Teresas. One day I was walking to school and I saw little Sheb walking alone up ahead. I called to him and he stopped. When I bent down to say hello, he punched me right in the nose; we became friends for life. Later, when Bobby and my brother Michael were best friends I enjoyed many of their "gatherings" at Mountain Haven, The Farm, Stanford Ct, and more. You are all in my thoughts and prayers...Jim Behan

Jim Behan - April 18, 2021 at 12:47 PM

OC

“ *"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure." . . . anon.*

Tom, Pete and Ray we offer our deepest sympathies and condolences on the loss of your brother . . . Patricia and Owen Colfer

owen colfer - April 17, 2021 at 02:40 PM

BH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Bob and his Family. May he Rest In Peace!*

Sue and Bill (Seadog) Horan ❤️

Bill Horan - April 17, 2021 at 01:22 PM

TV

“ *To the entire Newkirk Family,
I just heard about Bobby, "Sheb's", passing and I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to all the Newkirks. Growing up in the St. Teresa's and VI neighborhood you knew you had it made it as a kid when you spent your spring, summer and fall days and nights playing touch football, wiffle ball and hoop , poll vaulting and swimming, and in the winter playing hockey, at the Newkirk's Fleetwood home.*

Free spirit describes Sheb perfectly way back then; he was funny, full of life, and a friend to all. He never had a bad day. When I think of him as I compose this, all it does is bring a smile to my face.

To Sheb, RIP, until we meet again.

Tommy Venter

Thomas Venter - April 16, 2021 at 05:24 PM

MH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



McVeigh Funeral Home - April 16, 2021 at 04:45 PM