



Robert L. Proffitt

July 16, 1933 - August 13, 2022

Robert Lee Proffitt, age 89 of Clyde Township, electrician and avid golfer, passed away on August 13, 2022 after a long battle with cancer, with his daughter and granddaughter holding his hand.

He was born on July 16, 1933 in Detroit to the late Harry and Mary Proffitt.

Robert met the love of his life, Barbara Rose Jakovak in Detroit at the bar she was waitressing at. They went on to get married on September 11, 1974 in Oak Park. Barbara preceded him in death on April 6, 2016.

Robert grew up in Detroit where he ran the streets and caused lots of trouble with his brother, Jim. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, learned how to be an electrician – which he loved – and later worked and retired from Ford Motor Company.

He loved to golf, go dancing, go for rides with one of his many precious dogs he had through his life, hang out with the kids and fix things both inside and outside of the house.

It was rare to see him without a smile on his face and joking around. If he passed your house while driving down the road and you were outside, it wasn't uncommon for him to stop and give you a hand with whatever it is you were

doing and at the very least, there was always a really big wave out the window. He was a people pleaser and loved his kids and grandkids with all of his heart and soul.

As his daughter Stefanie said "He really was a jokester. He loved to see people happy and make them laugh. Many times, I would be upset about something, and he would find ways to change that. Even when he knew how sad I was knowing that he had to leave us, he did his thing...his last coherent words to me were "I'm not dead yet" and if you know my dad, you would at least be smiling right now".

Robert is survived by his daughter, Stefanie Rosalice Riha, stepdaughters, Mary Aiello, Theresa Rains and Ann Connor, granddaughters, Krystal Maben, Destiny Barrett and Issabella Comer along with several great grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James Proffitt, sister, Joanne Spehar, daughter, Debbie Place and grandson, Kenneth Place.

He didn't want us crying over his passing (which of course was impossible) and told us to celebrate, so that is what we will be doing.

Celebration of life will take place on September 10th, 2022. It will be a simple occasion located at Stefanie's home, 5260 Fred J Baker Lane, Clyde Township, starting at 12:00pm and continuing through the day and night. It will be a gathering to remember both my father and mother with food, drinks and lots of stories.

Memorial tributes may be made to 3rd Coast Labrador Retriever Rescue, <https://www.3clr.org/donate>

Cremation arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com