



## Robert C. Slawinski

July 28, 1943 - June 20, 2025

Robert Casimer Slawinski passed away on June 20, 2025. He was born in Detroit Michigan on July 28, 1943 to Edward C. Slawinski and Jennie (Kozlowski) Slawinski.

Bob (Ski, Robert) lived in Detroit as a young child. His family then moved to Harper Woods. Bob graduated from Harper Woods High School where he was active in sports and was elected class president his senior year. He was drafted into the Army in December 1964. After additional training in New Mexico Bob was sent to Germany as a Nuclear Weapons Maintenance Specialist. He returned home in December 1966 and went to work for the City of Harper Woods in the DPW department. In January 1985 Bob became Superintendent of Public Works. In 1998 he retired after 31 year in Harper Woods.

Laguna Ski was a well know "car" guy. He loved racing and competed at multiple race tracks such as Mt Clemens and Toledo from his early 20's on. In 1978 Bob was rookie of the year in ARCA. Bob had the opportunity to run in a NASCAR race at Daytona. He qualified 27th in the Uno Twin 125 mile on 2-11-82. Due to engine problems he couldn't finish the race and qualify. His 2nd opportunity was at Talladega at the Talladega 500 on 8-1-1982. Bob qualified and finished this race, placing 33rd in the standings. All while working full time for the City of Harper Woods. His love of cars was lifelong. He was known as

Laguna Ski for his large collection of Laguna cars that he loved working on.

Bob will be remembered for his quick wit, corny jokes and easygoing personality. He is survived by his significant other Mary Laszko, his brother Ed (Judy) Slawinski, his nephew Alex Slawinski, his niece Jennifer (Mark) Snyder and many, many friends and neighbors.

Bob will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Date to be determined.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home- New Haven.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Oh gosh. A lump in my throat, remembering Bob. Everyone loved Bob! I remember that smile and so much fun! My first run in with Bob was in Kindergarten. We both got into trouble when he pushed a wagon with me in it into a classroom table! Mrs Roman was not happy! RIP Bob..I hear your laugh as I write this! ❤️

Karen Beger - September 03, 2025 at 01:50 PM

DH

I lived 4 houses from the Slawinski's. Fond memories of Ed & Jean, Bob, Gloria and Ed. My condolences to the family. Rest in peace Bob, you'll be missed.

Donna Horodko - September 04, 2025 at 06:37 PM

KH

“ I remember him in the 1963 senior play South Pacific and he was great and as usual funny. Will remember him dearly.

Kathy Sauer Hakola - September 03, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MT

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ski from the time he was appointed DPW Superintendent till his retirement. We would have a coffee together practically every morning He was extremely personable, and always had a joke to tell. And even though I lost touch with him after he retired I have great memories of working together He was a great guy and will be missed RIP

Mickey Todd - July 01, 2025 at 05:37 PM