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R obert Charles Gilbert, Wailuku, HI

BOB was a HAPPY TRANSPLANT who followed the waves to his beloved Hawaii, relocating from The Florida Keys in the mid-80's, to find a lifestyle that worked well for him until 2024. Bob became a true lover of Maui--totally enjoying the warm friendly people, calming life, perfect waves, comforting healthy cool breezes and dependable weather. He was known as a local who just enjoyed going to the beach to admire the world-recognized, talented surfers. They left with amazing photos and, personally, awestruck! Bob enjoying his photos of Maui life and people (especially the beautiful children and dogs). He proudly shared them with anyone interested and posted them online. He was grateful for those who took time to play chess, share a donut or just give a warm friendly "ALOHA"; maybe kibbutz about their dogs (at his daily haunt puppy park) or about riding a Harley or surfing.

Bob was born almost 77 yrs. ago in Washington, DC. He was raised in Silver Spring, MD, with one older sister, Carol (now retired in SW FL), and younger brother, Philip (residing in Denver). Early-on, Bob loved rock 'n roll--dancing and listening. He tried his first set of Ludwig drums, but developed a personal interest in music beyond that, enjoying local talents and strumming his guitar. Bob mostly needed connection with friends nearby and far, through social media, music and phone calls.

Bob worked in sales starting with Hoover Company as a teen; married young and had two lovely daughters, Michelle Dorsey (MD) and Patricia Sosa (VA). His family grew to an interesting mix including 8 grand-children and 2 greats. He appreciated his one granddaughter, Brittany, who fortunately was local, residing in Maui with her husband.

Bob's life was always changing and interesting. At one time, he owned a vacuum sales and repair business (Montgomery Co., MD); then was emotionally-drawn to tattoos, Harley motorcycles and the repair of those bikes in the rear of his vacuum shop. He experienced a lot of "cool friends"



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when riding the back roads which, ultimately, led to selling his business, leaving the COLD temps. behind, and following his lifelong dream—to find good waves...beaches...sunshine in the FL Keys.

Living in Paia first, later Wailuku, Bob was known as a “local” often visiting flea markets and the library. He connected with “Friends of the Library” due to his frequency there searching for a good book or memorable film video to add to his collection. He impressed his sister with his memory of special details and quotes from those often rewatched films which became his good home companions. He also appreciated his long friendship with Kathleen Davis and noted what a good friend she was and how much he enjoyed spending time over lunch chatting.

BUT, Bob’s most loving relation, beloved by all the peeps at the puppy park, was adorable APACHE. “Patchy” was his constant, supportive buddy in his later (sometimes lonely) years. “THANK YOU/Mahalo—dear Apache! You were my family here.” Bob thoughtfully made special arrangement for “Patchy” to move to his new future, very happy home. He is now adopted generously by a special family--David Anderson, a Maui local and caring friend. The Gilbert Family (mostly on the East Coast of the Mainland) thinks it’s lucky for Patchey that our Bob was really thinking ahead.

Bob Gilbert (brother, father, grandfather and friend) was hospitalized with COVID and then pneumonia. He passed peacefully under the professional care of a wonderful, caring assigned doctor, nurses and other staff at the Maui Medical on July 13; sadly, he never made it to celebrate his 77th birthday this coming JULY 26th.

His family and friends are thankful he is fully at peace now...and hope he is remembered fondly for the unique guy he was.



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NE

N. Elizares lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Bob was such a loving soul and always put a smile on my face when he enters the room with his dog Apache. He will surely be missed! Apache will miss you Bob!

July 29 at 11:20 AM



JH

Jordan Hocker posted:

I met Bob doing community outreach trying to keep him housed. We lost track of each other after he said he would likely have to live in his van with his dog due to our housing crisis on Maui. Last night at 3 am, I received a call from his number. I woke up and tried looking for him but now seeing he passed on July 13th. Rest well Bob, thanks for the last call.

July 25 at 4:42 AM

AD

Adele posted:

I never met Bob in person. He was a Facebook friend. We got to know each other through posts on FB and private messages. I did talk a few times on the phone as well. I just found out today that he has passed. He was a very sweet man. He often spoke about how much he loved Hawaii and especially the people he had met there who had become like family. I pray for his family and pray for his eternal peace in Heaven.

July 20 at 4:28 AM



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July 18 at 7:15 AM



Bill Layman July 26 at 5:00 AM

Bob was a great friend. My last good friend infact. The world just got very lonely. I will miss his aloha's. We had many laughs that can never be taken away. His laugh will carry on until I too move on.



David Anderson July 21 at 12:46 PM

Miss talking to you buddy, see you soon!



Julie Taylor July 21 at 9:45 AM

We're gonna miss you Bob



Lloyd Poelman July 21 at 9:23 AM

Bob was a good man and friend.I knew Bob from the dog park, but we would often get together to play chess.My chess advantage was that Bob liked to talk so much, he didn't focus his best on the game.I'll miss you, buddy.Lloyd Poelman, Wailuku



Media

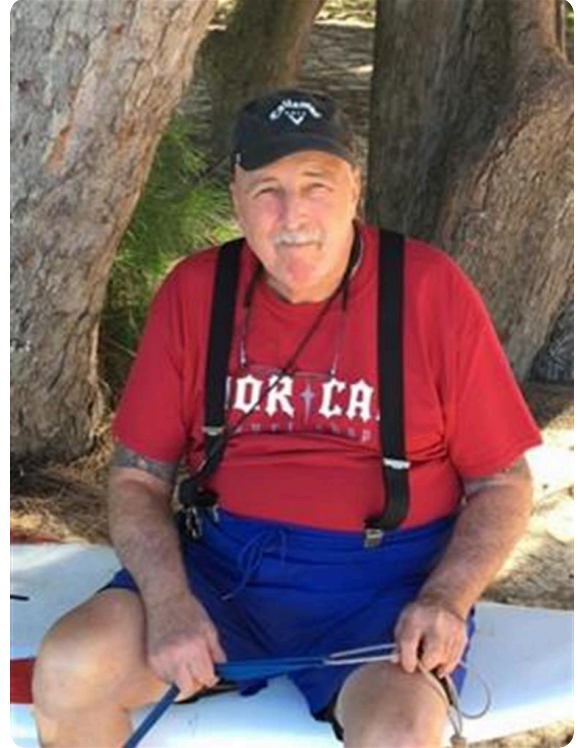
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