



# Charles Robert "Bob" Richards

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**A**ge 74, of Napoleon Township, passed away Saturday December 4, 2021 at McLaren Flint Hospital. He was born in Jackson, Michigan Tuesday September 23, 1947. He is survived by four children; David (Amanda) Richards and Suzanne (Peter) Augustine, Paul Trujillo and Scott (Biljana) Trujillo, grandchildren; Dominic Robert Richards, Sophia, Sydney, Spencer and Sullivan Augustine, Thomas, Jacob, Steven, Holly, Scott Jr., Emma, Isabella Trujillo and Laila Custovic and the mother of his children; Sharon Clarkson. He was preceded in death by his parents; Charles James and Nellie Elizabeth (Lindsey) Richards. Mr. Richards served the nation in the US Army, assigned to the division responsible for the development of night vision, attaining the rank of Captain. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Physics and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in business. He founded and operated SmithRichards Inc., a light industrial manufacturing company in Michigan for many years. Bob enjoyed golf and played on a league at Pine Hollow Golf Club. He was a patron of and enjoyed the fellowship at Jerry's Pub at Wampler's Lake, Aggies Sports Bar in Napoleon and the Bone Island Grill in Vandercook Lake. An avid reader with a real passion for history, he was the "Human Google" of the family with a widespread knowledge of many fields of interest. He was a member of the U of M Alumni Association and former member of the Napoleon Lions Club. A Memorial Visitation will be held in his honor at the funeral home Friday, December 10, 2021 from 6-8 pm. His cremated remains will be interred at private family services to be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery at a later date with full Military Honors. Contributions in his memory are directed to the Napoleon Lions Club White Cane Fund.



## Tribute Wall

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RB

**Rodney Brand** posted:

Bob was the world's greatest business partner. He was kind-hearted, fair, and we made money together. We shared a lot of wonderful times, had many good meals and cigars, and saw a lot of the country together too. I cherish my memories of him and was blessed to know him. --Rodney Brand

December 7 at 8:00 PM

SS

**Steve Semansky** posted:

Bob was so funny. Dave took me on a golf outing with him one time and he told me the story about Smiths Richards and how it got his name. I knew he was a great guy and knowing 'Dave for such a long time I can see where 'Dave gets his sense of humor. He will be well missed

December 5 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles Robert "Bob" by  
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