



Robert James Bartol

August 8, 1943 - November 21, 2018

Robert James Bartol, age 75 of Berlin, passed away at home with his family by his side, on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

Bob was born in Berlin, Wisconsin, on August 8, 1943, the first son of James and Alice (Resop) Bartol. He attended Saint Stanislaus Catholic School and Berlin High School, graduating in 1961. An avid sportsman, Bob enjoyed the outdoors and was a particularly successful bow hunter. He spent part of his final year of high school exploring Alaska.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Carol Plato, on August 10, 1963, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Berlin. Together they raised five children.

Early in life, Bob served the Berlin community as a part-time police officer and volunteer firefighter. He was also a salesman for Mid-Western Sports Togs.

In 1974, an unfortunate swimming accident left Bob paralyzed as a quadriplegic. However, he did not allow his handicap to stop him from being a successful man, husband, father and grandfather.

Although confined to a wheelchair, he attended UW-Oshkosh, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1983. He then was employed as a traffic manager at Badger Mining Corporation until his retirement in 2014. The

Badger Mining handicap gun deer hunt program allowed him to continue to enjoy his passion for the outdoors, and he was successful in bagging several large bucks.

Bob also continued to travel with Carol and many family members to a variety of places including Hawaii, Alaska, out West, the Caribbean and Panama Canal cruises, and several trips to Las Vegas.

But, most of all, family was important to Bob. He enjoyed many years of traveling in "Old Blue" to watch his children play high school and college sports. Later he continued to support his grandchildren in all of their activities. With his many life experiences, Bob was truly the leader of the family. He was often seen working in the yard with his children and grandchildren, teaching many life lessons. He loved to share stories with family and friends. His many words of wisdom will be truly missed.

Bob is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carol, sons, Scott, Tim (Jamie), Jeff (Jill) and Jerry (Amy), and one daughter Shelly (Brian) Johnson, brothers, Rich (Gerene) Bartol, Mike (Janie) Bartol, sisters Kathy (Jeff) Morris and Mary (Phil) Mlodzik, Grandchildren, Alyse and Olivia Bartol, Josie, Claire and Becca Bartol, Kristin (fiancé Colton Larschied), Austin and Lillian Johnson, Sophie, Bennett, Lyla, Gracey and Grant Bartol, Justin, Ryan, Jackson and Aaron Bartol, and many nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Alice Bartol; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leo and Helen Plato.

The family would like to thank all doctors, nurses, caregivers, friends, and family members who have helped Bob in any way throughout the years, with a special thank you to Agnesian Hospice Hope.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Rosary

NOV **28**. 7:45 PM (CT)

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Visitation

NOV **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Service

NOV **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish
N8566 WI-49
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-5252

Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert James Bartol*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - November 26, 2018 at 08:57 PM

KS

“ *We were privileged to know Bob through Carl's contact with Badger. What started out as a business call soon became a friendship with Bob and Carol. We attended functions with them and even managed a few times at the casino! Bob was an inspiration not letting his handicap rule his life. He was fun and enjoyed teasing as much as anyone! We had fun playing cards with him and he was always quick to make sure we played right! We were so happy that we got to spend time with him this fall and will always remember what a wonderful person he was. Our love and prayers go to Carol and the family.*
Carl and Karen

Karen J. Schultz - November 27, 2018 at 10:44 PM



“ 231 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - November 26, 2018 at 07:47 PM

RO

“ Carol and family. Our deepest condolences to all of you with the passing of a great man and mentor to me at Badger Mining. I will always cherish deep in my heart what he meant to me in our relationship. Our physical distance was somewhat far but always a call away at any time. God be your comfort. Rob & Cheryl Olson

Rob Olson - November 26, 2018 at 07:34 PM

GD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob passing away. I have so many fond memories of working with Bob at Badger Mining. He could always make everyone laugh. You always knew where you stood with Bob because he told it like it was; no sugar coating. I always had the highest level of respect for Bob. Carol and family - you are in my prayers and hugs to everyone at this difficult time.
Gay-lynn Dover

Gay-lynn Dover - November 26, 2018 at 12:52 PM

AG

“ We were so sad to hear of Bob’s passing. I have so many fond childhood memories of Bob at Midwestern and tagging along with my Dad and Bob when they were building tree stands out at Gatzke’s. As an adult, Bob and Carol were my inspiration and my compass when Steve joined the quad club. I can’t count how many times over the years that I told myself that if Bob and Carol can do this with 5 kids, I can do it with 3. Thank you so much for the example you gave us. You helped more than you could possibly know. Our deepest sympathy to your entire family. He was admired and will be missed by many.
Love, Angie & Steve Griggel

angie griggel - November 25, 2018 at 10:31 AM

CA

Thank you for your kind words . Always wished you and I could have gotten together.

Carol - November 25, 2018 at 03:44 PM

PI

“ *Dear Carol and Family
My Sympathy to you and the family on Bob's passing. I remember working with Bob when I was at Mid-West during high school, sharing a few laughs. He is in total peace and my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Take Care and God Bless.*

Patrick Inda

Patrick Inda - November 25, 2018 at 08:41 AM

LS

“ *Dear Carol and family,
We are so sorry for your loss! You all have our deepest sympathy
and our in our thoughts and prayers! He is in Heaven now enjoying
visiting with family and friends who went before him. God bless you
and keep you. We will see you on Thursday.*
Love,
David and Linda Swenson

Linda Swenson - November 24, 2018 at 08:03 PM

SH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Shelly - November 24, 2018 at 10:43 AM