



Robert James Cato

August 25, 2015

ROBERT JAMES CATO

Robert James Cato (Bob), 73, of Okeechobee and formerly of Jupiter, FL, passed away peacefully August 25, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born in Vero Beach FL to Avon Charles Cato and Ida Mae Hall Cato. His family moved to Jupiter FL in 1947 when his father took the job of bridgetender at the A1A bridge from Jupiter over to Jupiter Island, now called Cato's Bridge. He attended Jupiter schools for 12 years, worked for Wilbur Plumbing and Dixie Plumbing, and resided in Jupiter until 1986 when he moved to Clyde, North Carolina to establish his own business, Cato Plumbing. He retired in 2013 and returned to Florida, settling in Okeechobee to be close to family, play golf but mostly so he could fulfill his passion to fish "to his heart's content."

Bob is survived by his loving children, Robert James Cato Jr. and Kimberly Cato Ficker (Chuck), two grandchildren Elizabeth Ficker & Ben Ficker all of Tequesta. He is also survived by his loving sister Shirley Cato, loving brother Ronnie Cato (Brenda) of Okeechobee, numerous nieces and nephews all over Florida, and many longtime friends from Jupiter. He will be terribly missed by all including his very special friend Linda Sue Mills and his former wife DeeDee Cato Nittolo. He was preceded in death by one sister and three brothers.

There will be a memorial celebration of his life on Saturday, August 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Tequesta, 423 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta

FL with a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert James Cato*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *So sorry for the passing of a special man. Always kind and sweet hearted . God be with his family and friends.*

Beth Thorne Jones - Jackson, GA - Friends since 1949 - November 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love & prayers for all of the Cato family. We will miss our friend.*

Corinne Porter - Crestview, FL - Friend - August 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fond memories of spending weekend at the bridge in the 50's with Shirley and hoping that Bob would pay attention to me. Shy and sweet young man. Prayers are extended to his family.*

Sue Collie Clifford - Jupiter/Hobe Sound, FL - friend of Shirley and Bob - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in peace my friend*

Billy Oakes - Dickinson, TX - Just a long time friend - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My deepest sympathies to all of Bobby's loved ones. He was truly one of the good guys and will be greatly missed. May his wonderful memories bring comfort to you all.*

Janet Seabrook Rosenkrance - mackay, ID - friend - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bobby, I an so sorry to hear about your Dad. I pray for you and your family in this very difficult time.*

Jeanine Woolbright Kitzinger - Jupiter, FL - friend - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Hey Chuck and Kim, I was so shocked to hear of Bob's passing..Bob was a very dear friend and a very special person. I was privileged to be his pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Clyde, NC.*
I enjoyed visiting in his home and eating his very delicious fall off the bone baby back ribs. He was a grilling master.
I remember when I was building an apartment for our oldest daughter who was having to move back home from Virginia. I ask Bob about doing the plumbing. He came and looked it over and got the materials and worked several days completing the job and he would never take a cent for his labor, all the parts and even driving to Asheville to do the job. I did not expect or even want him to do that.
That's just the kind of man he was.
I feel I have lost a dear friend. You are all in our prayers.
Love to you all Garry Rogers

Rev. Garry L. Rogers - Asheville, NC - Former Pastor - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Kim and Chuck,*

Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our prayers for peace and strength during this time.

Esther and Jerry Carter

Esther and Jerry Carter - Jacksonville, FL - Friend - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *My deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Robert Cato. He was such a presence in my childhood, and I am truly blessed by those memories. I pray that God gives you peace at this time. Love to you all.*

Kevin Thompson - Stuart, FL - Friend - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sending my deepest condolences to all friends and family who had the blessing of knowing Robert Cato.*

Stephanie Morse - Lake Worth, FL - Friend of Daughter - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM