



Robert V. Chamness

September 27, 1951 - March 3, 2024

RICHMOND, IN— Robert V. Chamness, age 72, of Richmond, Indiana, died Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Ascension St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born September 27, 1951, in Richmond, Indiana, to Robert Verlin and Esther Mae Farr Chamness, Bob lived all of his life in this community. He was a graduate of Richmond High School. Bob earned an associate degree in criminal justice from IU East in May 1974, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at IUPUI Indianapolis in December 1974, and Indiana Law Enforcement Academy October 1977, with a special award, ranking 2nd academically in a class of 107 students. Bob was a member of IU East Alumni Association, Board of Advisors, 1989 to 1997, IU East Alumni Association President 1993 to 1995, IU Alumni Association President's Award committee, 1993, Indiana University Alumni Executive Council member 1995 to 1997. He received the Indiana University East Distinguished Alumni Award 2002, The President's award, Indiana University Alumni Association and Order of Augustus from the Probation Officer's Advisory Board of the Judicial conference of Indiana, 2012. Bob worked for Wayne County Sheriff's Department for 12 years as a jail officer, assistant jail commander, patrolman, achieving the rank of lieutenant.

After leaving the sheriff's department he became the director of the Mary E. Hill Youth Shelter. Bob then served as the Wayne County Chief Probation

Officer for 30 years before retiring in 2014 in order to run for and ultimately serve on the Wayne County Council. Bob served in some capacity in Wayne County for almost 50 years. He served as an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at IU East. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Richmond. Bob was a Bible Study Fellowship children's leader, a member of Big Brothers of America, and Gideon International. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow up, Bengals football and IU sports. Bob believed in honesty and that everyone is only as good as their word. He stood on integrity..." Right is right and wrong is wrong", and "Never apologize for telling the truth", "If you are honest and have integrity your character will show it", and "Titles mean nothing unless you lead by example". Bob selflessly gave. He always told his children that he would give them anything he had. Family was always first for him. Bob loved his wife, his children and his grandchildren more than himself. He always believed in making friendships that are as strong as family. Other strong beliefs of Bob's included "There is no shame in good and honest hard work", "Be careful not to judge", "Everyone deserves a second chance", and "Love the Lord with all your heart and let others see Him through you". Bob's commitment to service, family, and the Lord were most important to Him. He had a lasting effect on countless people.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Corman Chamness; daughter, Erin (Ryan) Harris of Richmond, Indiana; son, Rob (Jennifer) Chamness, of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Sophia, Hayden, and Riley; sisters, Judith Davis of Richmond, Indiana, and Sheryl Stegall, of Greenville, Ohio; brother-in-law, William Hasse, of Richmond, Indiana; nieces; nephews; cousins; many friends; other extended family; and grand dogs, Luna, Boomer, and Bowser.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Patricia Corwin and Sandra Lee Hasse.

Memorial Visitation for Robert V. Chamness will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8, 2024, at Bethesda Worship Center, 2200 Peacock Road, Richmond, Indiana. Memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2024, at Bethesda Worship Center with Rev. Kendal Harris officiating.

Doan & Mills Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Gideons Wayne County West Camp for the Memorial Bible Fund, P. O. Box 174, Hagerstown, IN 47346 or National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana State Chapter, 214 Overlook Circle, Suite 153, Brentwood, TN 37027.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethesda Worship Center
2200 Peacock Road
Richmond, IN 47374

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethesda Worship Center
2200 Peacock Road
Richmond, IN 47374

Tribute Wall

BG

“ We just learned of Bob’s passing. We are so sorry for this terrible loss to family and community. You have our deepest sympathy.
Darryl and Betsy Greene

Betsy Greene - March 13, 2024 at 04:37 PM

WS

“ Alice and family. Judy and I always thought so much of Bob. I know you will miss him greatly. Since we moved to Florida, we have missed seeing you guys. Have thought about you often. May you remember he was a great man of God and a Disciple of Crist. So sorry for your loss. Wayne and Judy Van Sickle

Wayne Van Sickle - March 09, 2024 at 11:44 AM

SS

“ Alice, I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Bob was a true friend of mine and came out of nowhere to support and encourage me in the darkest valley of my life. He inspired me to remain positive no matter what the circumstances, both by his words and his example. He will be greatly missed. You and your family are in Margie's and my prayers.

Steve Stoller - March 08, 2024 at 02:55 PM

EB

“ Alice, so very sorry to learn of your loss. From one Hibberd Wildcat to another please know you're in my thoughts and Prayers.

Eddie Baker - March 08, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert V. Chamness.*



March 08, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Noah & Sarah Gregg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert V. Chamness.*

Noah & Sarah Gregg - March 08, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Alice, Erin , and Rob you have my heart felt sympathy and prayers? Bob was a very special and important person in my life. And I appreciate all of the motivation and encouragement he has given me. He encouraged me to take my passion for criminal Justice and continue to take it to the next level. There are no words to Express the appreciation, gratitude and love that I have for Bob. I love you all and will continue to pray for your strength and comfort during the loss of your loved one ❤️*
Ellen Mabry



Ellen R Mabry - March 07, 2024 at 10:15 PM

AK

“ Alice, Erin, and Rob, we are so very sorry. We will always remember Bob’s kindness, goodness and modeling of strong but gentle faith. And on behalf of my late parents and I, we were always thankful to have had you all as such wonderful neighbors for so many years. You are in our prayers. Donald and Adriene (Davis) Kalugyer

Adriene Kalugyer - March 06, 2024 at 08:07 PM

SB

“ Alice, I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. Prayers and hugs to you and your family.

Susan Busick - March 06, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JJ

“ Alice & family, So sorry to hear about Bob. Hugs & prayers to all of you.

Julie Jones - March 06, 2024 at 10:45 AM

PJ

“ Patricia J. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert V. Chamness.



Patricia J. - March 05, 2024 at 07:23 PM

PJ

“ Patricia J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert V. Chamness.

Patricia J. - March 05, 2024 at 07:23 PM

BH

“ Bill and Anna Hoelscher purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert V. Chamness.



Bill and Anna Hoelscher - March 05, 2024 at 06:40 PM

BH

“ Bill and Anna Hoelscher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert V. Chamness.

Bill and Anna Hoelscher - March 05, 2024 at 06:40 PM

LG

“ We send our Prayers & Condolences. Bob was a dedicated public servant and had a true servant's heart. We celebrate knowing that he is now in the presence of his Saviour and Lord. May God keep you in His Care & Love in the days ahead

Larry & June Green - March 05, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert V. Chamness.



March 05, 2024 at 03:07 PM

MM

“ Michael & Stacey Morrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert V. Chamness.

Michael & Stacey Morrison - March 05, 2024 at 03:07 PM

JC

“ You have been a mentor, supporter, teacher, confidant, and true friend to so many. Thank you for sharing a portion of your life with our family and always knowing the right thing to say.

You will be missed, however, fondly remembered for many years.

Jeff Cappa - March 05, 2024 at 02:09 PM

BM

“ I worked for Bob at the Probation Department. He was a great boss and friend. I have so many memories of him, he truly cared for each of us. He understood that we needed to have each other's back. He will be missed, but what a full life he led. Condolences to all of his family.

barb mayle - March 05, 2024 at 01:41 PM

BM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Bob Clark and staff at Doan & Mills - March 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM