



## Robert W. Cummings

July 7, 1944 - January 24, 2021

Robert W. Cummings, 76, of Acra, New York succumbed to a long illness on Jan 24, 2021. Bob was born on July 7, 1944 in Hastings, New York, the only son of Harry and Catherine (Kelly) Cummings. He spent summers and weekends at the family's cabin in Acra before permanently moving upstate when he was 10 years old. As a teenager Bob had a love for cars, especially the fast ones. He spent much of his free time either under the hood or drag racing at the Fonda Fairgrounds. He took considerable pride in his vehicles. Bob met the love of his life, Ann, when he was 16 years old and she 14. Bob's friends knew they'd be together forever when, despite her driving his pride and joy 56 Buick Roadmaster convertible right through a farm stand, he still popped the question and they were married in 1965.

Bob worked in Ferroxcube Phillips Plant in Saugerties, N.Y. for 2 years before joining the Carpenters Union where he worked on the Gilboa Dam, The South Mall (Empire State Egg), and IBM in Kingston with his brother in law, Kurt. After retiring from the Union, he ran a repair shop from his garage where he would fix just about anything his friends and neighbors would drop off.

Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman, storyteller and conversationalist, reader and history buff. He enjoyed hunting with his family and buddies. He went on numerous trips to Newfoundland, the Adirondacks and spent every season in the Catskill Mountains.

However, the best hunting days were the ones spent sitting in the woods with his son and daughter eating Ann's famous Thanksgiving turkey sandwiches while telling stories trying hard not to giggle too loud. Needless to say, no deer were taken on those days and that was just fine by him.

Bob could captivate an audience like no other and he enjoyed every minute of it. He could tell you anything you wanted to know about the history of our country that he loved so much, the history of the Town of Cairo, as he was a member of the Cairo Historical Society, and even the history of the Model T Ford, his very first car on which he painted a cardboard license plate so he could drive it around at 14 years old. Bob loved his family most of all. Pop Pop's greatest joy was telling stories to his grandchildren. Some stories were told to make them laugh but the ones they loved the most were the ones told to scare the daylights out of them. They would gather around the campfire, hanging on to

every word and when it was over you'd hear..."one more Pop Pop!" They all agree it was the best part of the Moose River Plains and Acra Property camping trips. His children look forward to carrying on his legacy of storytelling around the campfire with their grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Ann, his daughter Michelle Bulich and husband Michael of Catskill, NY, his son Bradley Cummings of Catskill, NY, and his 5 grandchildren, Tyler Bulich, Carly Bulich, Jeremy Bulich, Will Cummings, and Caitie Cummings. He is predeceased by his parents and his first born son, Robert Cummings.

A celebration of life will take place in the spring to reminisce about a man who touched the hearts of so many. As for now in Heaven, there is a campfire roaring, a C.C. on the rocks has been poured and the stories of the good ole days have just begun.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Town of Inlet to help preserve and maintain the Moose River Recreation Area.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross St., Cairo, NY. Condolences may be made at <http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net>.

# Comments

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“ Diane Martinez lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Cummings



**Diane Martinez** - April 03 at 07:38 AM

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“ My best buddy Zeke, Oh how much I will miss you! Thank you and your family for being a huge factor in my life. I'm gonna miss you buddy

**Michael Potter** - March 02 at 07:39 PM

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“ My prayers are with you and your family  
Sincerely  
Marilyn Pendergast (UHY)

**Marilyn Pendergast** - February 15 at 04:16 PM

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“ Annie and family, Condolences to all. Your obituary of Bob was so perfect and so beautiful. What wonderful memories. God Bless you all.



**Dot Rosenthal** - January 31 at 07:35 PM

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“ Ann and family, I just loved him, and as one e-mail friend I introduced him to said "I just wish I met him sooner". Yes.  
My prayers for "ZEKE" , you and your family.

Jack Brant

Jack Brant - January 31 at 10:46 AM

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“ Doreen lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Cummings



Doreen - January 31 at 07:53 AM

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“ Many memories of ripping up the highways with our hot rods. Bob you will be missed.

Tom Uhl - January 30 at 07:10 PM

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“ Dear Ann and loved ones, Alex and I send our sincerest condolences. Praying that your many loving memories and knowing Bob is no longer in pain will help you through this difficult time.

Alex and Barbara Orin

Barbara Orin - January 30 at 06:48 PM



“ Dear Ann and family, my sincere thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Rest in peace Bob. We all went to school back when and there are some people we will never forget.

Anita (Pohl) Turner

Bangor, Maine

Anita (Pohl Suttmeier) Turner - January 31 at 12:24 AM

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“ Ann, Michelle, Brad, and Family: We are so very sorry for your loss.

**Mike and Nancy McNulty & Family** - January 30 at 01:29 PM

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“ Ann, Michelle, and Brad,  
"Zeke" was a wonderful human being, as you well know. I always loved talking to him and listening to his stories. He will be missed.

**Barbara Spohler** - January 30 at 09:47 AM

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“ Barbara Spohler lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Cummings



**Barbara Spohler** - January 30 at 09:44 AM

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“ Prayers for his family and friends. May all the beautiful and fun memories comfort your hearts during this time and many years to come.



**Denise McQuillen** - January 30 at 09:44 AM

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“ Bob aka "Zeke" and I go back over a half century ago after first meeting at a hunting camp in Greene County. We lost touch through the years and fortunately were able to reconnect with our daily emails and an occasional telephone call. We spoke about our adventures, discussed politics, sent jokes, and above all Bob wanted to share his family with me. We became the best of friends and both of us looked forward to firing up our computers in the morning to see what was going to be on the agenda for that day. A better friend you could not ask for. His perspective on life, knowledge of local and world history, never ceased to amaze me. I now have a huge void in my life without him but just knowing that he will be waiting for me when my time on earth is up gives me great solace. R.I.P. my friend.  
Don Pitcher  
Summerfield, Florida

**Don Pitcher** - January 29 at 09:07 PM

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“ Barbara Busch lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Cummings



**Barbara Busch** - January 29 at 02:43 PM

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“ Betty A. (McNulty) White lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Cummings



**Betty A. (McNulty) White** - January 29 at 12:57 PM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert W. Cummings.



January 29 at 11:37 AM

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“ I spent many days and nights at the house listening to your stories and life experiences. I have had three influential men come in my life that made me the man and father I am today and you are one of them. You were there to keep Brad and I on the right path and give us advice when we needed it or not. I spent almost my entire childhood at the house sleeping over, camping out, swimming at Lakes Mills, rafting, and of course, that damn gas mask. ( will never forget that night). We had so many fun times. I will never forget the lessons you taught me and the great times I had with you and your awesome family. The fondest memories I have from my youth is because of the Cummings family. You are and always be in my thoughts. Thank you for being a great man and second dad. Now I know I have my 2 dads looking down on me and my families. Rest In Peace Dad.

**Steven Arp** - January 29 at 11:23 AM

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“ My condolences and prayers to "Zeke's" family. When I was a young N.Y.S. Trooper @ S.P. Leeds in 1961, Zeke was still sowing his oats and driving legally around Cairo.  
I left the area in 1971 and returned to the Albany area in 2016. Since that time I was fortunate to connect with Zeke through mutual friends and we have e-mailed each other every week. He loved life, he cherished his family and was so proud of them. He also loved his country. We will miss his humor, wit and knowledge. God bless you and keep you, my friend.  
Respectfully, Jerry Brown

**Jerry Brown** - January 29 at 11:11 AM

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January 29 at 10:43 AM

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“ Bob was one of the nicest guys I've ever met and one of my very closest friends. He was always there to help a friend in need and happy to do it. We will miss him always. Our sincere condolences to Ann, Mickey, Brad, and all the grandchildren. Roger and Arlene Maben.

**Roger Maben** - January 29 at 09:57 AM

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“ I was a classmate of Bob's from 1957 through 1962 at Cairo Central. Although we haven't been in touch over the years, I remember him as a quiet, nice, decent boy, as all of the boys were back in the day. He will be missed.

**Elizabeth Panessa** - January 29 at 06:15 AM

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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - January 28 at 11:18 AM