



Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel

April 14, 1938 - February 26, 2024

Manfred Robert "Bob" Handel, 85, of East Durham NY, passed away on February 26, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Bob was born to Marie and Adolf Handel on April 14, 1938, in Rehau, Germany.

Bob came to America in 1958 and at only 19 he began working in Harlem as a Master Tool and Die Maker, working long hours with a dream of one day building a business of his own.

Bob eventually found himself on a weekend trip to the Catskills where he met the woman who would promise to be his wife, Ginger, at Blackhead Mountain Lodge. In 1958 they were married and began a lifetime of building together. They had their first child, Roy, and decided to start a horse farm in Durham, Tanglewood Ranch. A few years later Dale Handel would round out their family of four.

Over the years the family ran Tanglewood Ranch, delighting East Durham vacationers with trail rides filled with fantastic stories, taking young adults under their wings for the summer to learn about horsemanship, and always building and honing their individual interests. As Roy got older and expressed an interest in mechanics, they built Supersonic Speedway, a small amusement park off Route 145. Eventually the family would buy Mullan's Mountain Spring Hotel which would become The Blackthorne Resort.

Bob has been an active member of the East Durham community since arriving here over 50 years ago. He helped to build the Irish Cultural Center,

volunteered at the East Durham Vacationland association, and poured his heart into numerous businesses alongside his family. He had a deep love for this community and spent his lifetime working to build something great within it.

Bob had a can-do personality and always knew that if he put his mind to something it could be accomplished. He was a crafty and resourceful man who over a lifetime taught himself to farm, ride horses, construct buildings, craft-stained glass, hunt, and countless other skills and arts. While his ambitions were limitless, he was always humble and kind, never forgetting those who helped make it all possible.

While Bob had an intense commitment to hard work, it was his family he was the proudest of.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Ginger.

Survivors include his sister Sieglinde, his two children, Roy and Dale, his “daughter outlaw” Patricia, his 7 grandchildren, Robert, Nicole, Austin, Morgan, Ethan, Connor, and Wyatt, and his great-granddaughter Aubree. In addition to his family, Bob has countless friends who will remember him sitting at the first chair of the Blackthorne Resort Dining room and driving around the campsites on his golf cart.

While Bob’s time has come to an end, all in which he has created and all those whose lives he has touched will live on and ensure his memory will not be forgotten.

A life celebration will be held at Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 29 Bross Street, Cairo, New York, 12413, on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will take place at the funeral home on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 11:30 A.M.

Luncheon will follow at The Blackthorne Resort, 348 Sunside Road, East Durham, New York, 12423, and anyone from the community who would like to come celebrate Bob’s life is welcome.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers you make donations to either The East

Durham Volunteer Fire Department, 2401 Route 145, East Durham, New York, 12423 or to The Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department, RR 22, Oak Hill, New York 12460.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Funeral

MAR 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Luncheon

MAR 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

Blackthorne Resort
348 Sunside Road
East Durham, NY 12423

Tribute Wall

NM

“ Nick Marasco purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



Nick Marasco - March 02, 2024 at 03:05 PM

NM

“ Nick Marasco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.

Nick Marasco - March 02, 2024 at 03:05 PM

TS

“ Tim and Deb Sigler purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



Tim and Deb Sigler - March 01, 2024 at 11:49 AM

TK

“ The Kelly's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.

The Kelly's - March 01, 2024 at 10:50 AM

TK

“ *The Kelly's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.*



The Kelly's - March 01, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.*



March 01, 2024 at 08:08 AM

YF

“ *Your Full Throttle Saloon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.*

Your Full Throttle Saloon Family - March 01, 2024 at 08:08 AM

SB

“ *Sending prayers and love to Handel Family!*



Susan Waleski aka Sue Bee - March 01, 2024 at 12:04 AM



“ . purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



. - February 29, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



February 29, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ Sieglinde & Clemens! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.

Sieglinde & Clemens! - February 29, 2024 at 04:16 PM

CD

“ My memories go way back I was 14 when I walked up Hervey St.to welcome our new neighbors. Bob and Ginger ! We became instant friends . My best memories are when Bob was sleeping on his couch and a girl named Debie who was working there got this idea to set his hair in Gingers rollers and we put makeup on him and polished his nails all while he was sleeping! I'll never forget his face when he looked in the mirror! RIP Bob I will never forget the Watermelon song ,and you on Thunder prancing down the road !



Candy Ledda Dyer - February 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM

SH

“ Our deepest condolences Dave O'H and the boys in Shovelhead

Shovelhead - February 29, 2024 at 10:48 AM

ND

Carlo and Nancy Dipietro send our love and condolences to the family . Bob will be remembered and loved always ❤️

nancy dipietro - March 01, 2024 at 05:51 PM

DM

“ Dan and Julie Mitchell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



Dan and Julie Mitchell - February 29, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



February 29, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ Kathleen M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.

Kathleen M. - February 29, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ From my heart, Michele (Lovee's friend). purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



From my heart, Michele (Lovee's friend). - February 29, 2024 at 06:22 AM



“ From my heart, Michele (Lovee's friend). planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.

From my heart, Michele (Lovee's friend). - February 29, 2024 at 06:22 AM

DR

“ My condolences to the Handel family



Doreen Romeo - February 28, 2024 at 09:42 PM

MW

“ Blackthorne won't be the same without you, Bob. So many beautiful memories that will be with us always. RIP 🙏🌹❤️



Mary, Barry& Jonny Weinberger - February 28, 2024 at 08:40 PM

JS

“ Jerry, Barbara and Raymond Squires purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



Jerry, Barbara and Raymond Squires - February 28, 2024 at 07:33 PM

JS

“ Jerry, Barbara and Raymond Squires planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.

Jerry, Barbara and Raymond Squires - February 28, 2024 at 07:33 PM

RS

“ Renee J South lit a candle in memory of
Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel



Renee J South - February 28, 2024 at 07:03 PM

RS

“ our sincere condolences to the Handel family ...Don and Renee
South.....

Renee J South - February 28, 2024 at 07:02 PM

KK

“ Kerri Keegan lit a candle in memory of
Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel



Kerri Keegan - February 28, 2024 at 06:43 PM

DO

“ It won't be the same to walk into the office or dining room without
seeing that smile and glint in your eye then sharing a hug and a
kiss. Rest in peace. 🤔

Donna O'Leary - February 28, 2024 at 06:27 PM

CH

“ Bob,
I'll still look for you around every corner
Fly high my friend you'll be forever in my ❤️



Carole Lee Huppert - February 28, 2024 at 05:58 PM

KC

“ Kim Monz And Joe Conti lit a candle in
memory of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel



Kim Monz and Joe Conti - February 28, 2024 at 05:33 PM

LS

“ Lisa Squires lit a candle in memory of
Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel



lisa squires - February 28, 2024 at 04:25 PM



Danielle
Gardella

“ Danielle Gardella lit a candle in memory of
Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel



Danielle Gardella - February 28, 2024 at 03:41 PM

KM

“ *Kim Mallory lit a candle in memory of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel*



Kim Mallory - February 28, 2024 at 03:27 PM

TP

“ *The Perry's lit a candle in memory of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel*



The Perry's - February 28, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - February 28, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Manfred Robert "Bob" Handel



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - February 28, 2024 at 01:55 PM

BN

“ Bob, Melodie, and Nicole purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



Bob, Melodie, and Nicole - February 28, 2024 at 01:52 PM

BN

“ Bob, Melodie, and Nicole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manfred Robert M. Handel.

Bob, Melodie, and Nicole - February 28, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



February 28, 2024 at 10:54 AM

S1

“ Susan & Kevin Adams 166 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M. Handel.

Susan & Kevin Adams 166 - February 28, 2024 at 10:54 AM

LL

“ Linda Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel



Linda Lawrence - February 28, 2024 at 09:43 AM

TJ

“ Dear The Handel Family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Pop will be greatly missed. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Sending you much comfort.
Love,
Tracey & Paul Jahrsdoerfer

Tracey Paul Jahrsdoerfer - February 28, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



February 28, 2024 at 08:42 AM

RB

“ Roberta and Bob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M. Handel.

Roberta and Bob - February 27, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel.



February 27, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RH

“ Richards Funeral Home sent a virtual gift in memory of Manfred Robert "Bob" M. Handel



Richards Funeral Home - February 27, 2024 at 06:43 PM

RH

We extend our heartfelt condolences to The Entire Handel Family

Richards Funeral Home - February 27, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *MEMORIES*



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - February 27, 2024 at
06:22 PM