



Mr. Robert K. Stracener

January 9, 1966 - November 25, 2025

Mr. Robert K. Stracener, of Pittsfield, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, just months before celebrating his 60th birthday. Born in Los Angeles, CA., on January 9, 1966, son of the late Ted Stracener and Sharon Byers, he graduated from Pinole Valley High School.

From a young age, Rob's passion was working on and with cars. Holding many jobs in the automotive industry, he began his career as a mechanic at his father's shop, Ted's Automotive, in Concord, CA. He taught Automotive Tech at Taconic High School, and was most recently employed with his friend, Fran Marchand, at New England Automotive, and later working alongside his son at Berkshire Mazda.

Apart from working on his truck, and spending time with his family, Rob spent many years as a member in the local Harley Owners Group. He enjoyed riding his motorcycles with his wife, MaryKay Morgan, and his life-long best friend Paul Fitzgerald. He was an avid Raider's fan, and in his children's younger years, he enjoyed coaching his daughter's softball team, as well as his sons' baseball team.

He was predeceased by his wife of 39 years, MaryKay Morgan, who passed away in April of 2024. He met Marykay at just 18 years old, and they went on to build a loving life and family together. Robert was also predeceased by his

son, Josh Stracener, who tragically passed away at 16 in 2005.

Rob is survived by his daughter, Jaclyn Carnevale, her husband Rick Carnevale, and his son Joey Stracener. Being a Papa was one of his greatest joys in life. He leaves behind his grandchildren, Chloe, Codan, Ava, Laila, and his great-grandson, Jadiel. He loved to spoil and spend time with each of them. Rob came from a large family, and spent his early years in California with his siblings; Shelley, Trisha, Jason, George, Ron, Don, and Diana. In the last year of his life, he formed a special connection with Cheryl Rose, and they shared so many laughs and good times together. Rob spent his life building long-lasting relationships with his friends, cousins, nieces, aunts, uncles, and more. He made a large impact on so many peoples' lives and he will be missed dearly by all.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Rob will be Friday, December 12, 2025, at 5:30pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. Calling hours at the funeral home will be directly prior to the service, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory can be made to: <https://gofund.me/056f41757>. The money will go towards his services, and also to the Joshua Morgan Stracener Memorial Scholarship given out by his family each year to a graduating senior of Pittsfield High School.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

DEC 12. 5:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Dear Robs family,
I am heartbroken for your loss of Rob. I thought
the world of him and will miss him.
Please accept my deepest sympathies on your
loss.
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leave a memory no one can steal.
Fondly,
Claire Marchand (Fran's mother)



Claire Marchand - December 03, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JC

Thank you so much. We appreciate your sympathy and support. He will be very missed.

Jaclyn Carnevale - December 05, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MR

Vuela alto querido amigo fue un placer aver jugado contigo un saludo hasta el cielo

Manuel ramos - December 07, 2025 at 05:41 PM

PF

Hey I just wanted to say that he was the absolute best friend a man could have 🙏 He will always be in my heart, ❤️ Tell you the truth my life will never be the same ❤️

Paul Fitzgerald - December 09, 2025 at 07:34 PM

BK

This news makes me so very sad. I helped Rob and Mary Kay buy their home and have kept in touch ever since. Hugs to his family. Prayers for all whose lives he touched.

Beverly Van Alstyne Krol - December 14, 2025 at 05:08 PM

RS

“ Renee Shanoian-OBrien purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Robert K. Stracener.



Renee Shanoian-OBrien - December 03, 2025 at 03:53 PM

RS

“ Renee Shanoian-OBrien planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert K. Stracener.

Renee Shanoian-OBrien - December 03, 2025 at 03:53 PM

RB

“ Rob always was a nice guy and we looked forward to seeing him lots of happy memories sad to lose him and marykay they were my good friends I will miss them always..it makes me.very sad to lose such fine friends ..I am deeply sorry for your lose....Rita


Rita Bean - December 03, 2025 at 03:21 PM

JC

They loved you so much Rita. Thank you for being part of their lives

Jaclyn Carnevale - December 05, 2025 at 05:05 PM


TO

“ My go to Guy, my cuZin, one of my first friends as a kid growing up. There's truly not a moment from my childhood that you're not in. All the rowdy times we had growing up in pinole and Hercules. Me always bugging and pestering when you and Ron were in the garage working on a car  All the family gatherings during the holiday when we were young at gran and Papa's house. Man oh man this just flat out sucks cuZin, I love you and I'm glad I went to spend the day with you and Mary Kay when you were in California The last time visiting your dad. I'm going to miss all random phone calls and FaceTimes. I love you cuZin, till we meet again. Hug Mary Kay and everyone else up there for me.




Tamra Sue Oliver - December 03, 2025 at 03:13 PM

JC

Hold onto the memories! They enjoyed them! Thank you for sharing this!! 

Jaclyn Carnevale - December 05, 2025 at 05:22 PM

TO

Love you Jac, wish there was something I could do for you to ease the heartache cuZin. Wish I could be there Friday 

Tamara Oliver - December 10, 2025 at 06:28 PM