

Lorentzen, Robert B.

Robert Brent Lorentzen, 61, of Sparks, Nev., passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2010 following a courageous battle with cancer.

Rob was born Jan. 11, 1949 in Bad Axe, the son of the late Paul and Lois Lorena (Smith) Lorentzen, and grew up in Elkton.

Rob attended Laker High School and graduated with the Class of 1967 from Augusta Military Academy in Virginia. He attended Michigan State University and Central Michigan University, where he graduated with a teaching degree in Industrial Arts. Rob taught Wood Shop in Baldwin and Merrill before pursuing his passion for woodworking in Foster City, Calif. He established Wooden-It in Truckee, Calif. then moving to Reno, Nev. area expanding his business to Wooden-It of Nevada-Fine Crafted Wood Products. Rob was an extremely generous individual, helping others in need, taking in strangers and providing friends with hand crafted wood items for special occasions. The beautiful area around Lake Tahoe provided Rob with the opportunity to fulfill his goal of both water and snow skiing in the same day. Rob continued to help others to the very end and provided wit and a dry sense of humor.

Surviving are two brothers and their wives, Rick and Kathy Lorentzen of Thomas Township and John and Kathy Lorentzen of Chesaning; four nephews, Jason Lorentzen, Allan and Kelly Lorentzen, Fr. Christopher Coman, and Michael Coman.

Rob's Michigan family and friends will gather for a memorial service at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2010, at the W. L. Case and Co. Funeral Chapel, located at 201 N. Miller Road in Saginaw. His nephew, Fr. Christopher Coman, will preside at the service.