



Robert J. Adam

January 28, 2025

Robert J. “Bob” (Papa) Adam, 75, of Mertztown, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at Lehigh Valley Hospital. He was the loving husband of Linda A. (May) Adam, with whom he shared nearly 55 years of marriage. Born in Reading, he was the son of the late John R. and Marie (Folk) Adam and the stepson of the late Arlene (Kline) Adam. He was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Ely. After graduating from Fleetwood High School in 1966, Bob worked at Kutztown Foundry before retiring in 2015 after 33 years of service at East Penn Mfg. In 1981, Bob founded the Bullet Mat Club and advocated for the establishment of a middle school wrestling program at Brandywine Heights, which flourished from 1992 to 2008. He was not just a coach, but a life coach to many. A proud Papa, Bob loved attending his grandchildren’s sporting events and was known for his perfect attendance. He was also an avid Philadelphia Phillies fan, passionate about 60s American muscle cars, and enjoyed collecting firearms, fishing, oldies music, traveling, and watching Fox News. Bob was a man of integrity, devoted to his family, and a mentor to many. He will be remembered for his love and dedication to his family, as well as his mantra: “Hard work beats talent, if talent doesn’t work hard.”

Survivors: His wife, Linda Adam of Mertztown; son, Steven Adam and his wife Jessica of Macungie; daughter, Heather Rosenberry, wife of Geoffrey Rosenberry of Reading; grandchildren Ashley Adam, Shane and Ryan Rosenberry; and step-grandchildren Owen and Olivia Haas.

Chapel Service at 11:00 AM, followed by an urn burial, on Friday, February 7th. Services will be held at Gethsemane Cemetery, 3139 Kutztown Rd., Reading, PA 19605.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gethsemane Cemetery
3139 Kutztown Rd
Reading, PA 19605

Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert J. Adam.

Sharon L. - February 03, 2025 at 12:54 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences to Linda, Steve, Heather, and all of the extended family members.



Bob was a great classmate, friend, and the brunt of some of our funniest pranks while in High School (hey we all got it at one time or another). I will never forget the morning when about 6 of us picked up the front end of his Corvair and set the right front tire on top of the curb where it was parked, then quickly ran in the school to get to homeroom on time. Well, as fate would have it, the Fleetwood Police drove by, saw it, and went to the school office. It wasn't long until "will the owner of a tan Corvair please report to the office" came over the PA system. Bob was so mad I believe he could have spit flames! We all laughed about it later. One of many, many memories from our early lives.

Rest in peace my friend, that Green Camaro Z28 is waiting for you somewhere, and if you happen to run across my '56 Chevy along the way, put a tag on it so I can find it when it is my time to join you.....

Terry Troop and Barb Kaufman

Terry Troop - February 01, 2025 at 11:45 AM

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Robert - Bob - Bobby, so many stories - so many adventures we shared! The Corvair was a part of them, some of those are still on old Chief Earl's list of unsolved mysteries.

There were something's you and 007 could do with equal skill, but handling PUMPKINS was not one of them!

We cruised Penn Street more than once with a few different pieces of iron. We never got stopped or picked up by the police - remember I said by the police.

I threw a football or two of them to you, and you even caught some of them. We won a lot more games than we lost. Just do not schedule anymore games in Virginville.

One thing I would do different is leaving Ocean City, Md. in "68" on Labor Day weekend. We will never know how much fun and games missed there to come home and play in a slow pitch tournament. Looking back I know we lost the game, but I think we could have scored more if would have stayed in Ocean City then we did in the tournament.

So much more to say, but the ninth inning is over, and it is time to close the scorebook.

It was all smiles Robert, the big always looked down on us, and I hope he continues to that for your family!

Denton

Denton Schucker - February 02, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert J. Adam.



January 31, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert J. Adam.

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