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Robert “Bumpa” Clair Strong, 72, of Eustis, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2015, at his home.

Robert was born on December 24, 1942, to Marie and Harry Strong in Chicago, Illinois, and moved to central Florida in 1977. On October 14, 1967, he married Lana Gene Wasmund, the love of his life. They were blessed with four children. Robert was self-employed as an owner-operator in the truck driving business for many years. He served our country as a paratrooper and medic in the army. He also coached Little League, volunteered as a coach on various sports teams at Faith Lutheran School and served as Chairman of the Congregation at Faith Lutheran Church of Eustis. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends playing cards; he usually won. Robert and Lana were avid world travellers whose journeys took them to exotic places such as France, Ireland, and the British Virgin Islands. Many fond memories were made camping and hiking with family at Deep Creek Campground in Bryson City, NC. His family and friends remember Robert most for his generous heart, easygoing spirit, dancing feet, and fun-loving attitude. He had a great time no matter where he was.

Robert will be dearly missed by his wife, Lana, of 48 years. He is survived by his four children; Robert (Kim) Strong of Belle Isle, Florida, Heather (John) Clendinen of Eustis, Florida, Koren (Jason) Obispo of Eustis, Florida, and Kimberlee (Jason) Munshower of St. Petersburg, Florida, along with 11 grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Eustis, Florida, on Saturday, December 12th, a luncheon will follow. In lieu of flowers and cards, the family requests that donations be made to Matt and Dee Dee Wasmund. Matt is Robert’s nephew, who currently serves as a missionary in Seoul, Korea through Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Please click on the link below to make a donation.

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James Wetzstein posted:

Fall of 1987, I was assigned to complete my pastoral internship (vicarage) at Faith Lutheran Church in Eustis, Florida. Lana, always the welcoming hostess, encouraged me to stop by the house to hang out, anytime I wanted to. So I did, riding my motorcycle by the house in the late afternoon and stopping in if it looked like people were around—they usually were. One day, Bob came in after what was undoubtedly a long day in the truck, saw me in the kitchen and said, with a smile on his face; "Oh, hey! It must be supper time, the Vicar is here!" It was my unforgettable encounter with him; a funny, direct and endearing man who loved his God, his family and anyone who walked in the door. I pray that Lana and her lovely family find joy and peace in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Jim

December 12 at 10:00 AM



Judy And Bill Baker posted:

Bob, a true and loyal friend. We are so grateful that you and Lana came into our lives all those years ago and gave us all those wonderful memories. Lana, our love goes out to you and all your family, and, as Bob would say, take care. Judy and Bill

December 7 at 5:32 AM



Deb (Elliott) Brunett lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 2 at 4:05 AM

DB Deb (Elliott) Brunett December 2 at 4:12 AM

Lana & family -- so very sorry for your loss. As a child when we all lived in Illinois, I have so many fond memories of being with your whole family. Bob & Lana so graciously accepted us into their home when we visited Florida with our children while vacationing. My biggest regret is that our families have not been closer as the years progressed - distance can sometimes do that. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time -- my memories of Bob are of a gentle, kind person. Take care!



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MF

Mary Flynn posted:

I met Bob little over a year ago, when I joined his bowling team. It didn't take me long to find out what a fine and lovely man he was, quiet and joyful, caring and respectful. That word "vacant" on the roster this morning touched us so deeply. We miss him already and will for a long, long time to come. There is an emptiness in his passing that will not easily be filled. We will remember him with love and the kind of gratitude that comes with having known a truly decent person. My heartfelt condolences to Lana and the rest of Bob's family. May our Lord comfort you and keep you in his care. Mary Flynn

November 30 at 3:59 PM

MA

Maria Adornetto posted:

We met Bob and Lana through mutual friends, it was either playing cards or bowling, my memory fails me, all I know is that we became instant friends and began to spend time together, either having dinner at each other homes and playing cards or taking road trips to out in the woods places just to have lunch. Bob's sunny disposition always made our trips so much fun, so many fond memories of those day trips A few years ago Bob joined our bowling team, we had so much fun together, him being an excellent bowler was our anchor man and he never failed to get us out of a jam when we needed him, that was cause for big celebration, we did the chicken dance so many times. The best memory I have of our fun bowling days, was the Monday he wore his crazy socks, they were bright orange and really loud, that's the day he bowled the best ever, he had a terrific time and so did our team, "Bob's babes". Since then, we requested him to wear those crazy socks again, but they worked for that memorable day only. Bob had a smile on his face and a positive attitude always, (that's why he beat us at cards most of the time). We admired his joy for life, his kindness, sense of humor, and his strong faith, compassion and love for his family. He truly left an indelible mark in our hearts. We are so grateful for the gift he was in our lives. God speed Bob, we know you are smiling down on us from heaven. With our heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family. Maria and John Adornetto

November 29 at 3:52 PM



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IP

Illene Padavic posted:

So many memories it's hard to pick just one. But.....in the early days of our lifelong friendship (1970's), Jim and Bob worked together on a lot of household projects as did Lana and I but many of them turned out badly. They decided they could cut down a 40 foot tree and they did - tearing down the electrical lines and positioning it so that it would land right in their pool! We rekindled our friendship in Florida after we bought a condo in Bonita Springs - oh what fun we had there - walking on the beach, watching the sunsets from Doc's and sharing our little 500 sq.ft. condo. Then the work started after we purchased several condos together but we could always turn the tough stuff into fun stuff and that kept us going. Jim's been waiting for him and this is one thing that Lana and I were not too anxious to share. Our families have been tied together for so many years and we all share in your grief. Good Bye Old Friend!

November 28 at 3:50 PM

PS

Pauline Shelley posted:

We have soooooo many wonderful memories of Bob. Cards and game nights in which he probably won most of the time. He could play some cards!! Bowling tournaments around the US- he was always an excellent bowler but even when he didnt bowl well his sportsmanship and encouragement were always there. Our trip to France on the boat- he was my hero when he got us into a lock and not into the weir and who could forget "Scout", remember Bob would ride his bike ahead of us or into a town to check out any great places to eat or visit. He loved his family and Lana was always first in his life, as it should be.Bob, you will be missed- Love you Buddy!!Polly & Jim Shelley

November 28 at 1:01 PM

SS

Sandy Schwartz posted:

My sincerest sympathy to you and your family. I will always have the fondest memories of the fun times we spent together in Bonita. How all our lives have changed, but memories live on. Be strong. You have a wonderful family for love and support.Fondly, Sandy Schwartz

November 28 at 10:16 AM

JE

Jack And Arlene Elliott posted:

It has been many years since we have been with Bob...what a fun and loving man he was...so enjoyed being with him...our thoughts and prayers are with Lana and family.

November 28 at 10:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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