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Robert Waldo Kinker was born on December 14, 1950 to James and Dorothy Kinker in Chicago, Illinois. His siblings include Ronald Kinker of Washington, Roger Kinker of California and Roseanne Kinker of California. Bob attended Marina High School in Huntington Beach, California. Bob loved to travel and experience new adventures, often recounting his memories of foreign lands. Bob was an avid roller skater, water skier, boater and anything else that had to do with speed. He was incredibly mechanically inclined and could fix anything. He often commented that he should have put his mechanical ability to good use by being a brain surgeon. Bob ventured to Reno, Nevada in the mid 80's where he learned the air conditioning and refrigeration trade. One night in 1988 while perfecting his dance moves, Bob met Patricia HofMann and asked her to dance. The two soon became inseparable and were married January 26th of the following year. In February 1989, Bob and Patty were blessed with their first child together, KassiAnna Marie Kinker. Bob was a very proud father and often paraded his daughter around to attract attention. A year and a half later, James Waldo Kinker, named after Bob's father, was born. In September of 1992, their last child, Robert Wayne Kinker was born. Bob very much loved and valued his family, including Patty's daughters, Shannon Graham and Emily Latimer of Oregon. Bob was also proudly 'Papa Bob' to three grandchildren; Anthony Lyon Ross, Annie Lee Latimer, and Sadie May Latimer. The family enjoyed traveling the country in their Winnebago motor home. The fondest memories of Bob were those of his smile as he cruised the open highways with his family near. The family moved to Oregon where Bob worked for Servco Inc. in Lebanon. He purchased a home in Sweet Home, Oregon, where he befriended everybody he met. His warm smile and the offer to help welcomed and kept friends. After much thought, the family ventured to Florida, enjoying the countryside as they traveled. The family arrived in Deltona, Florida in the Summer of 2000, where Bob had procured one of two



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beautiful homes in Treeshore Lakes subdivision. Bob enjoyed yard work, boating on the neighborhood lake, jet skiing, and teaching his sons how to fix anything mechanical. Bob never believed in idle time and often said "Don't wish your life away". He believed that to do a job right, it must be done correctly the first time. Bob always insured that his family was well taken care of, and he is best remembered for his loyalty to his family, friends, coworkers and customers. He had a sharp sense of humor and a very kind heart.

While nothing written can ever do him justice, he leaves behind wonderful memories for everyone who knew him.



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James Waldo shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Almost ten years... it has taken me ten years to get past that night. Ten years without you. This past ten years are what you spent the first 18 of mine preparing me for! All of that hard work we completed side by side. All of the physical and mental trials you pushed me through. All of the grief I gave you and how much I complained at the time. Little did I even begin to know what you were preparing me for. While there have been ups and downs in our relationship throughout my teen years I always loved you. My Saturday mornings always start the same. The same as they always started when you were around. I wake up early enjoy the beautiful sunshine over a cup of coffee (not black like yours) followed by getting the kids up to help with our chores around the house. When doing so the memories of all of our Saturday projects and surprise area beautification jobs flow through my mind. Upon completion of our jobs there are always rewards for a job well done! For myself it is a stress free beautiful property that my neighbors love and I can be proud of. And for my children they get to play on and are rewarded with trips to the splash pad or on our boat! My life since your passing has been a rollercoaster. Left home started a family joined the army got a dog moved to Washington state to live on an army installation. My family is made up of my beautiful wife April marie whom I know you would have loved deeply. shes smart kind and whitty. Ava grace now 7 she is a spitting image of little kassi and ofcourse spunky as all get up smart and she drives me crazy. Jackson robert is 4 his life is trains and he loves mechanical stuff hes a clone of little me! Hes loving,kind and playfull. They ask about you often! I share all of the fotos stories and cheesy jokes you shared with us as kids. I see you in them.your smiles your warm hugs your crazy laugh and hilarious personality! Thanks to you and all you have taught me I will pass it down to them and as myself they wont ever meet an obstacle they cant navigate. And they will forever carrie the can do attitude you rubbed off on me! Thanks to you nothing is impossible!Ten years... and counting I'll see you later down the road in the mirror!Love you old man!Your son - JamesP.S. mom remarried to a really nice guy named Jimmie he takes care of her and I love him for it! Kassi married a real gentleman as you had hoped for mames Christian hes airforce and they just had a beautiful little boy named Christian Alexander Bobby is a very successful automotive mechanic hes married to a nice girl named hollie they have a little girl named Sophia shes about 3 now and they are expecting another child here soon!This is all possible because of you!

July 28 at 1:26 PM



Richard A Dowling posted:

I will be praying for your whole family,when Brandon told me this at dinner I was so upset,but didn't tell him.I wish your family to stay strong and God will help. Regards

December 12 at 8:00 PM



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SL

Steve And Mary Latimer posted:

Dear Patty, Kassi, Jimmy and Bobby...Steve and I wish to express our sympathy at the loss of Bob. His positive and friendly nature, along with his very competent work skills will be remembered. It was evident how much he loved all of you. May you be comforted by the many wonderful memories you all share. God Bless You All.Love, Steve and Mary

December 12 at 8:00 PM

TG

The Grays posted:

We are shocked and saddened by this loss. It seems unreal still. Mark says he will miss seeing and talking with Bob out in the yard or on the lake on the weekends. Smokey and Boo Boo, i'm sure will miss visiting Bob (as he relaxed in his hot tub) for a throw of the frisbee and kong! Thanks to Bob we will not sweat this coming summer. Time and again he came after a busy day at work to get our A/C running for us. Thanks Bob!!What a wonderful neighbor to have had.We watched from across the yard over the years as Bob worked Jimmy and Bobby out there. He did you boys right. He wanted to teach you everything he knew. We happen to know that he was very proud of all three of you, Kassie, Jimmy and Bobby.And Patty, you were clearly the love of his life. How nice to see such a happy couple. We can't think of a time when Bob was NOT smiling!! We are so very sorry for your loss. DO call on us if ever you are in need.The Grays

December 11 at 8:00 PM

DM

David Mccready posted:

sorry to learn of your loss. May you know Gods love at this difficult time.

December 10 at 8:00 PM

JH

Jon & Lyn Haas posted:

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will all miss Bob tremendously... know that we are only a phone call away if you need anything,

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AR

Aleisha Rosse posted:

Living in Canada made it hard to keep in touch with everyone. This family was a favorite part of my childhood. Kassi, Jimmy and Bobby remain to be amazing and strong people. i know that Bob played a huge part in making them who they are. My wishes and love to all of you. Rest in peace, Bob. You will be missed.

December 10 at 8:00 PM

SS

Stephanie Stephens posted:

I just read of the news and I don't know the details...but I had the honor to work with Bob for about a year. Even tho it wasn't as long as many other people got to know him, for me it was like a lifetime of knowing a wonderful person. He would do anything for anyone. My heart goes out to his family and closest friends. He will definitely be missed.

December 10 at 8:00 PM

TW

Tera Weiss posted:

Bob was a wonderful man! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My sympathy goes out to his family.

December 9 at 8:00 PM

BW

Barry Weiss posted:

Dear Bob, I still see your chipper smile through my office door on Tuesday as you were standing there waiting for me. How sad I am that I didn't just kick the guy out I was meeting with to let you come in. That extra few minutes of time that would have been shared would have been so special to me had I known that the lord was offering you a spot right next to him so soon. I want you to know that a piece of me is with you and will stay right by your side even if only to hand you a tool or two. Please know that I will always try to be here for your loving family anytime they may need me. I will never forget our times together and the friendship we shared. I could continue writing my feelings for you in an infinite window here because I would just never be able to stop! I know that some day when it is my turn, I will get to see you again. Until then, I will keep you in my thoughts and use those thoughts to motivate me as did you. I love you and will miss you dearly forever and ever! Your friend forever Barry

December 9 at 8:00 PM



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KL

Kyla Lyon posted:

Hello Kinkers,I just wanted to relay me sorrow to you guys. Bob was great and he will never be forgotten. I hope to see you all soon. Lots of Love.

December 9 at 8:00 PM

AL

Alyssa Liquori posted:

Bob,You were such a great man for the short time that I got to know you. You ended up being one of the few people I could look up to. I know you're looking down on us now and keeping us safe. I love you and your family so much! Miss you see you later!Love Always,Alyssa Liquori (&Brayden)

December 9 at 8:00 PM

CS

Casey Shannon posted:

I'll always remember bob as The father of my family away from my family. In all the 8 or 9 years I knew bob he was always witty and kind and funny and relaxed. He will be missed by all of his kids and family and friends. He was a great man and a great father and husband and friend

December 9 at 8:00 PM

KA

Kathy Alexander posted:

Thank you Bob for teaching me how to Boogie Board! Although you and I know the truth of if I ever mastered it or not! You are never gone my friend, for you are always in my heart, my thoughts and my memories.Love you

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Kassi Kinker posted:

Dad, you were such an important part of my life. It's unreal that the strongest man in my life is no longer here to smile at me. I look back at your life and good memories flood my mind. Despite this rough time, the thought your love for me brings a smile to my face. You stopped at nothing to ensure our family was taken care of. Mom said that if we grow up to be half the person that you were she'd be proud. Our hearts are healing because we know you are looking down on us. Jimmy knows you're having a beer with God. Up until this point I have always believed that everything happens for a reason; I can't figure out what the reason for you leaving us is, yet. However, I do know that you will always be missed and loved by your family and countless friends. I will miss your smile and crazy personality the most. I love you Daddy.

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