



Mr. John Albert "Bo" Anderson of Elgin

January 22, 1951 - December 3, 2017

John Albert "Bo" Anderson, 66, of Elgin, Illinois; beloved husband, father, brother, and friend passed away December 3, 2017 in Elgin, IL. He was born January 22, 1951 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He is survived by his sister, Melanie A. Meche of Lafayette, his wife of 10 years, Lora Lee Anderson of Elgin, IL, his son Warren Baer Anderson and his wife Brandie of Lafayette, his son John Wyatt Anderson of Lafayette, his daughter Aubrey Anderson Ratchford and her husband Chris of Charlotte, NC, his stepdaughter Shanah Lee Kukielka and her husband Rich of Cary, IL, and 7 grandchildren: Landen Baer Anderson, Hudson Charles Anderson, John Victor Ratchford, Garrett Anderson Ratchford, Aubrey Michelle Anderson, Marcus Lee Ruehmann, and Patricia I. Engelhardt. Bo is also survived by his former wife and mother of his children, Margaret "Bootsie" Durand and his former wife Karen L. Anderson.

Preceding him in death was his father Lewis Baer Anderson, his mother Angie Smith Anderson, and his brother-in-law, Nathan O. Meche.

After moving to Lafayette at the age of 5, Bo spent his formative years living on Marilyn Drive and attending L.J. Alleman School where he formed many life-long friendships that he always cherished and often spoke about. Bo went on to play sports at Lafayette High School, where he graduated in 1969. He attended University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) and graduated in 1973

with a bachelor's degree in Marketing. During his years as a student at the current University of Louisiana, Bo was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as the chapter's President for 1-2 years.

After graduating from college, Bo began his 28 year career in the family business, Anderson Wholesale Furniture. Near and dear to Bo's heart were the employees of Anderson's and their families. He was particularly proud that employees such as Loney Hebert, Sr., Harold Moroux, Carol Guilbeaux, Carol LeBlanc, Ray DeLoach, Lori Menard Duhon, Jerome Domengeaux, Mark Speyrer, Stanley Mouton, Milton "Melo" Sam, Peter "Forrest" Julien, Joseph "June" Senegal, and Joseph "Rock" Jolivette were each dedicated to Anderson Wholesale Furniture for in excess of 20 years, and some as long as 38 years. As part of his last wishes, Bo (and the entire Anderson family) want to thank all of the valued employees who contributed to the success of Anderson Wholesale Furniture for its 45 years of existence. The biggest heartbreak in Bo's life was when he was forced to close the doors of the family business in May of 2001. A year later in 2002, Bo moved to Las Vegas where he met his future wife, Lora, and subsequently moved with her to the Chicago suburbs in 2005. Bo and Lora were married September 15, 2007 and have lived in Elgin, IL, since that time. Bo continued his career in the furniture business until his retirement in 2014.

For many years, Bo was actively involved in the Krewe of Gabriel, Krewe of Brigands, and Krewe of Bonaparte, for which he served as King Napoleon in 1988. When Bo came back to visit Lafayette in recent years, he made it a point to eat at his favorite restaurants like Café Vermillionville, LaFonda, Don's Downtown, Don's Seafood Hut, and he would never leave town without having at least one cheeseburger (with grilled onions of course) from Judice Inn. Bo spent countless weekends at the camp in Cypremort Point that he adoringly and appropriately named "Grand Central" and fishing in the surrounding waters for speckled trout in his boat, "Miss Behavior."

If there ever was a social butterfly, Bo was it. He truly enjoyed being the life of the party. He could always be found in the middle of a group of people telling

jokes to anyone who would listen or making people laugh with his quick wittedness and one-liners.

Memorial and cremation services are being handled by Morizzo Funeral Home in Hoffman Estates, IL. Visitation will be held December 7th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The contact information for the funeral home is 847-752-6444 and www.morizzofuneralhome.com.

A celebration of Bo's life will be held at Café Vermilionville in Lafayette on Saturday, December 9th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The attire should be dinner casual and please come prepared to share your fondest (and funniest) memories of Bo.

Considering the fact that Bo was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, in lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made to the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation (www.rizzo44.com). The Cubs first baseman's charity raises money for cancer research and to provide support to children and their families fighting the disease.

Family and Friends will meet Thursday, December 7th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a visitation at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos and videos. For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Albert "Bo" Anderson of Elgin*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *I used to be Bo's neighbor down the street. He would be out on the front porch and would always say "Hi" and have a friendly word for my dog or my cat, who also followed us sometimes. What a nice guy. We'll miss him.*

Sue Dettman

Thomas Dettman - December 20, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - December 10, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *Bo was so much fun and will be dearly missed. My deepest sympathies to his family*

Janelle Mabie - December 10, 2017 at 01:31 AM



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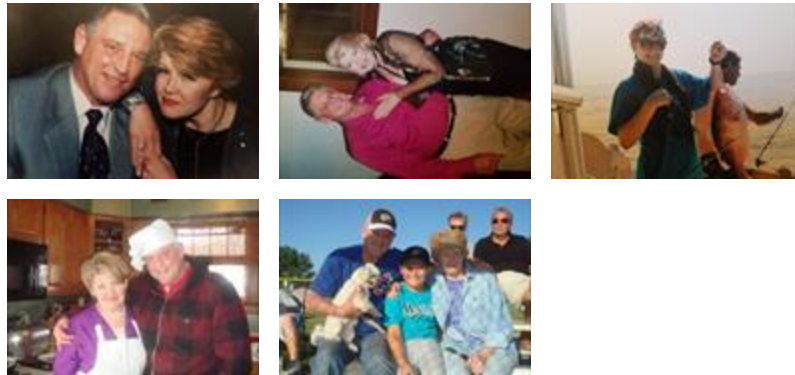
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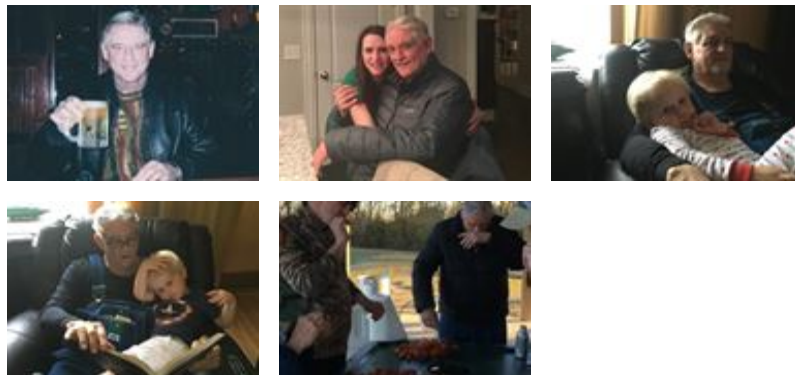
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