



Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch

January 7, 1963 - June 2, 2019

Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 2nd at the age of 56. He was born on January 17, 1963 to Richard and Eleanor Butsch in Louisville, KY.

An avid rock climber, Rob opened Rocksport Climbing Gym in 1996 to spread his passion of rock climbing to others. This led him to teaching rock climbing classes at the University of Louisville for many years. As a UofL fan he was elated when he was asked to serve as the flying Cardinal at the men's basketball games for multiple seasons. Whether he was climbing in the Red River Gorge or designing climbing walls for schools his creativity and passion was seen by all and will truly be missed.

Rob was preceded in death by his father, Richard; brother, David; niece, Staci. He is survived by his son, Josh, mother, Eleanor, sister, Kathy (David), brother, Rick (Pam), ex-wife, Denise, and many nieces and nephews. He also had a very special relationship with his best friend Faye.

Service will be 12 noon, Friday, at Our Lady of Lourdes, 508 Breckenridge Ln.

Visitation will be 3-7 pm, Thursday, at Pearson's 149 Breckenridge Ln.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home

149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

JUN **Service** 12:00PM

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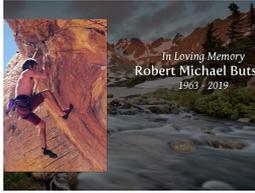
Our Lady of Lourdes

508 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Pearson Funeral Home - June 07, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch.



June 06, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ I met Rob in the late 1980s and he became one of my good friends and climbing partners. We spent many days climbing in the Red River Gorge, New River Gorge and in North Carolina. His passion for climbing was contagious. In the early 90s Rob and I were partners in the original Rocksport at the River City Soccer Club. Those days changed the direction of all of our lives and I am eternally grateful that I had the opportunity to spend some of the best days of my life as Rob's friend and partner. Rob was incredibly creative and passionate about climbing and he made a difference in a lot of people's lives doing what he loved. This is a great loss to his family and the climbing community.

Jim Link

jim link - June 06, 2019 at 07:18 AM



“ I started climbing with rob at age 5 and now I'm almost ten. I will miss rob a lot. I am sad he passed away. I remember him teaching me stretches, and once he helped me complete a climb I had been working on for a while. I loved all those red river gorge climbing trips he planed. I am short and he was short and he Inspired me. he also taught me to never give up.He was a very good teacher.

Maitreya RM.

maitreya RM. - June 05, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ Mark Wilburn purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch.



Mark Wilburn - June 05, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch.



June 04, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch.



June 04, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ I will miss you a lot buddy! You taught me how to climb and introduced me to a wonderful dimension to my life. I used to laugh when I would work a redpoint and then you would downgrade it as soon as I sent. My deepest sympathy to all your friends, family and especially to Faye. Climbing will never be the same without you and I'll think of you and the things you taught me whenever I'm on the rock metaphorically and for real.

Kevin Downs - June 04, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Rob was a great teacher and an inspiration to me. When I first started climbing there two years ago, he challenged me to learn how to traverse around the center tower twice without stopping or falling, and I came in there three times a week to practice, and to meet his deadline. His push got me committed to training, and he would give me great explanations about "barn door" and other body mechanics that he was so good at explaining.

Thanks to him, I was able to start a non-profit group for people in recovery from drugs and alcohol to learn rock climbing free of charge (he negotiated a big discount with me to enable me to pay for the group). I have a lot of gratitude to him and those who helped him keep Rocksport running as long as it did.

Terri Lykins

Terri Lykins - June 04, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ Melissa Powell lit a candle in memory of Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch



Melissa Powell - June 04, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ Doug and Melissa Powell purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Robert "Rob" Michael Butsch.



Doug and Melissa Powell - June 04, 2019 at 03:55 PM