



Robert K. Purington

September 10, 1946 - September 1, 2018

PITTSBURG – Robert K. Purington, 71, of Pittsburg, and formerly of Peabody, Mass., died on Saturday morning, Sept. 1, 2018, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon from complications of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born in Lynn, Mass., on Sept. 10, 1946, a son of the late Kenneth and Dorothy (Kinney) Purington. Bob attended Lowell State College until 1971 where he studied music.

After college, Bob played for many years in jazz bands and function bands around Boston and the seacoast of NH. In 1985 he started playing music on cruise ships, plying the waters of the Caribbean on Carnival, Commodore, and Royal Caribbean cruise lines. In 1986, along with his drummer friend, Rick Erwin, he joined The Freddy Guerra Orchestra at The Balsams Grand Resort in Dixville Notch. He played music there during the summers, while working on cruise ships in winter. In 1995, he began working year-round at The Balsams, and continued to do so until the resort closed in 2011.

It was during his last years at The Balsams that Bob met and fell in love with the love of his life, Michele Daniels, and she and her daughter Delaney then became the main focus of Bob's life. Following his career at The Balsams, he continued to play music with other Balsams musicians, including pianist Greg

Goodwin, and drummer Rick Erwin. He also enjoyed working with the band Black Jack. In addition, he most recently worked with the band "DC3" based out of Sugar Hill, with Dennis Cote, and Rick Erwin, playing regularly at the Mt. Washington Resort.

Bob was the consummate musician. He loved playing the bass, and continued to practice every day. He was a proficient classical guitarist, a fine pianist, and an accomplished music arranger. He enjoyed teaching music to the student who showed sincerity in the process of learning. Additionally, he was an excellent tennis player, and enjoyed teaching tennis. He loved to cross-country ski, alpine ski, and snowshoe. He loved reading books, and collecting records and CDs. Bob was a huge Red Sox fan, and cheered for all teams Boston.

Bob was a peaceful and gentle soul, who quietly went along loving life, and making the world a better place with his music and kindness.

He leaves behind his beloved partner, Michele Daniels and her daughter Delaney of Pittsburg; a brother, Richard Purington and his wife Peg of Danvers, Mass., and an extensive family of fellow musicians and friends who will all miss him dearly.

There are no public calling hours. A Celebration of Bob's Life will take place at a later date in November, of which notice will be given.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Tribute Wall



“ I first met Bob as a musician at a hotel gig in New Hampshire. From there we worked on the Mardi Gras Cruise ship together. One day Bob asked me if I wanted to ride with him to get the brakes on his car fixed. I went along on the 15 minute drive. When we arrived at the garage Bob pulled into a parking space and we crashed into the wall. His brakes were totally gone! We looked at each other in disbelief.

Always a great listener everyone gravitated to Bob. One of the nicest people on the planet. We both loved the Tolkien books and were completely blown away when we found out that they were making a movie of his work. R.I.P Bob

Mark Buselli - January 02, 2023 at 06:29 PM

HD

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved. You are in my thoughts Michele and Delaney. Sending my love to both of you in this time of tragedy. Please know my heart breaks with and for you. I wish there were more words I could say to express how deeply sorry I am for the loss of your loved one. Please know I am thinking of you and eating for you. Love you both so very much.

Harmony Daniels - September 20, 2018 at 12:46 AM

HD

Praying for you, not eating for you

Harmony Daniels - September 20, 2018 at 12:47 AM

DY

“ So very sorry for your loss. Never saw Bob when he wasn't smiling. He was such a friendly guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Sid & Dee Young

Dee Young - September 16, 2018 at 12:35 PM

LB

“ Michele and Delaney, So sorry to hear about Bob. Our prayer and thoughts are with and your family during this difficult time.
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard

Lisa Bouchard - September 13, 2018 at 06:18 PM

RP

“ I have so many great memories of growing up with Bob as his younger brother. He was a great athlete and a very talented musician. Bob lived his life to the fullest every day. He was happiest to be living in Pittsburg with his partner Michele, her daughter Delaney and their dogs Crystal and Charlie.



We can't believe that he is gone but are sure that he is celebrating the reunion with our mother, father and our younger brother, Don. He will surely be entertaining everyone in heaven with great music.

Bob is very much loved and will greatly missed by his family.

With Our Eternal Love,

Rich, Peg and Christopher

Rich Purington - September 13, 2018 at 12:25 AM

LC

“ *Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Robert K. Purington*



Linda Clogston - September 12, 2018 at 10:12 AM

LC

So sorry Michelle, thinking of you and the Black Jack band

Linda Clogston - September 12, 2018 at 10:14 AM

 Valerie Mahnke

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Valerie Mahnke - September 12, 2018 at 10:11 AM

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“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Michele and Delaney. RIP Bob. I have wonderful memories of Bob, Rick, and Greg playing in The Tavern at the Balsams when I worked at the front desk. Terrific music and they would sometimes talk to me during their breaks. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone who knew Bob and remember his music and gentle ways.*

Valerie Mahnke - September 12, 2018 at 10:10 AM

LV

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Michele and Delaney. RIP Bob. You will forever remain in our hearts. Your kind and gentle soul, always remembered. Thank you for the music.*



Lisa Vashaw - September 11, 2018 at 08:39 AM