



Robert P. LaBonte

October 13, 1951 - December 18, 2020

Robert P. LaBonte, age 69 of Lakeland, Florida, passed away with his loving family by his side on December 18, 2020 after a massive heart attack. He was born on October 13, 1951 to Aime and Theresa LaBonte. He grew up in Lewiston, Maine. In 1977 he married Charlene Whittier and they raised their family in Lewiston. In 2005, the family relocated to Lakeland, Florida. Family time was extremely important to him; he loved spending time with his children and his beloved grandchildren and attending their events; they meant the world to him. He felt empty if he went a week without seeing or talking to them. He was an amazing grandfather and it was obvious by the way his grandchildren idolized their "Poppy". He was a Vietnam Veteran who proudly served his country. During the war Bob was exposed to Agent Orange, which later in life caused him many health issues. He was awarded the Air Medal and Bronze Star for his outstanding service. Bob worked as the Service Manager for CoolSys Refrigeration.

He is survived by his loving wife Charlene LaBonte, his son Nicholas LaBonte, his daughter Mandy Cyr and her husband Derek Cyr, who he loved and treated as his own son, and his grandchildren Mason and Madelyn Cyr. He also leaves his sister Irene LaBonte, brother Richard LaBonte, brother and wife Maurice and Cindy LaBonte whom all supported and loved him dearly; his Mother and Father in law Betty and Paul Whittier; nieces and nephews, including Pam, Amy and Mike who he watched grow up living next door and many dear friends. Bob was loved by many and his spirit will live on through

all the lives he touched.

During this difficult time, there will be a graveside service on Wednesday, December 30th, 2020 10:00am ET, at Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, Florida. Hopefully by summer, conditions will be safe and a Celebration of Life to be held in Maine will be planned and announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to charities that touched Bob's heart, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>) or the ASPCA (<https://www.asPCA.org/>) .

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Tribute Wall

TM

“My sympathies to the entire LaBonte family. Bob was one of the good guys you are lucky enough to meet in life. He always had a story and I loved his passion for the business, the customers and HIS guys!! He was always willing to share and impart his wisdom and he earned the respect of everyone around him. I also loved comparing him to Belichick and his beloved NE Patriots. I would always ask him...." Bob, what would Belichick do?" We both laughed.....a lot.....

He will truly be missed.

God Bless Bob and the family.

Terry Mimnaugh - January 19, 2021 at 12:23 PM

MB

“We were so sorry to learn of Bob's untimely death and send you our deepest sympathy. We remember your wonderful family from the days when our daughters were friends at Pettingill School. This was just one chapter of his full life.

Marcia Baxter & Bruce Damon

Marcia Baxter - January 13, 2021 at 01:44 PM

NB

“Dear Irene,
I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I know that you are a very close family and this must be especially painful for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.

*Nancy Boilard
Lewiston, ME*

Nancy Boilard - January 04, 2021 at 02:29 PM

SC

“ Like so many here at CoolSys I was shocked and saddened by the passing of our friend Bob. He was so passionate about taking care of the customer. A personality like no other who always seemed like he was in a good mood. I never met a person that didn't like Bob. My prayers go out to his family.

RIP Bob - hopefully your playing golf everyday up there and one day when I make it past the pearly gates we'll get a tee time together.

Steve Cruse - December 31, 2020 at 03:50 PM

SH

“ Mandy you and your family are in my prayers.



Sheila Hever - December 30, 2020 at 09:01 AM

AM

“ Rest in peace, Uncle Bob. I have comfort knowing you are reunited with others gone before you, but your departure leaves a huge hole in my heart. Always willing to help anyone, never one to complain. If I close my eyes, I can still hear your contagious laugh, or see you taking practice swings with your golf clubs in front of the pool. My deepest sympathies to Aunt Charlie, Mandy, and Nick. I wish I could be there with you. Love, Amy

Amy Morin - December 29, 2020 at 10:13 PM

AM

“ *Amy Morin lit a candle in memory of Robert P. LaBonte*



Amy Morin - December 29, 2020 at 10:11 PM

WR

“ *Wish I could be there. Love, Rick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.*



Wish I could be there. Love, Rick - December 29, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.*



December 29, 2020 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ *Charlie, Nicholas and Mandy, we want to express our heartfelt condolences. We loved Bob and have such good memories of Bob growing up and the many family get togethers with his parents and siblings Richard, Irene and Maurice. Our thoughts and prayers with you all during this painful time of loss and grief. With sincere sympathies we offer you our love and support. Aunt Jackie and sons, Gerry, Norman and Ron Baril, Lewiston, ME.*

Jacqueline Baril - December 28, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.*



December 28, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Ribbon of Remembrance-Sterling Pendant & Necklace was purchased for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.*



December 28, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Sending love from Miami Team. Bob has Positively impacted so many people with his wealth of knowledge and experiences. He truly cared for people and worked hard to support them. We Miss him dearly.*



Eduardo Luxardo - December 28, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Love, Connie purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.*



Love, Connie - December 28, 2020 at 09:07 AM

GB

“ Charlie, Nick and Mandy, we are so sorry to hear that Bob has passed away. Our condolences to you and prayers for strength and peace as you grieve the loss of such a gentle, caring and loving man. We have not had any contact with Bob since you moved to Florida, but have some of the greatest memories, growing up in Lewiston, me a cousin, and then Linda and I as teenaged friends hanging out together, learning about life, and living it to the fullest. If there will be a memorial in Maine, at any time, we would both cherish the opportunity to attend and share in the remembrance of our dear friend Bob. With our love and deepest sympathies,
Gerry and Linda Baril, Carrabassett Valley, ME.

Gerard Baril - December 27, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.



December 27, 2020 at 11:30 AM

CL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindy LaBonte - December 26, 2020 at 05:27 PM

AM

“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Amy Morin - December 26, 2020 at 03:54 PM

LL

“ Love, Amy Adam Ella & Lexi purchased the With Distinction for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.



Love, Amy Adam Ella & Lexi - December 26, 2020 at 03:15 PM

MC

“ Moe & Cindy purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.



Moe & Cindy - December 26, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CL

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Charlene LaBonte - December 25, 2020 at 06:03 PM

CL

“ 60 files added to the album Memories Album



Charlene LaBonte - December 25, 2020 at 09:09 AM

NC

“ Bob, words cannot express our feelings of loss. All the good times we shared with you and Charlie are memories that we will cherish forever. The world has lost a true gentleman. You touched all of our lives with your kindness and true friendship. You will live on in our hearts forever.

Norm and Maryse Cyr - December 24, 2020 at 02:10 PM

NM

“ Norm and Maryse purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.



Norm and Maryse - December 23, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.



December 23, 2020 at 01:59 PM

LA

“ I'm at a loss for words. Its been awhile since Bob and I last spoke but I can still hear his voice in my head. Bob was one of the great ones that I had the pleasure of knowing. You will always be remembered. RIP Bob

Lisa Andersen

Lisa Andersen - December 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM

AL

“ I have known Bob for about 17yrs. He liked to tell the story about "how we met"...me sending him to a call 2hrs away, lol. We always kept in touch and whenever he had an opening, he called me. I am certainly, very grateful he made that call almost 5yrs ago and brought me back to work with him. I cant find the words to describe what a great guy he is. He was always "trying to make me think" :-). This office will not be the same without him. Bob, you are LOVED and will be missed

Alyson - December 23, 2020 at 11:04 AM

NS

“ I have known Robert for over 10 years. We started off as business associates; but that relationship quickly grew into a true friendship that extended well past our business dealings. Robert was a warm caring man who was always willing to go the extra mile to help anybody in need with a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed.

The Nick & Moes family sends our sincerest condolences to his family. May he rest in peace!

Nick Sallem - December 22, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Robert P. LaBonte.



December 21, 2020 at 09:09 PM

CL

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Charlene LaBonte - December 21, 2020 at 08:57 PM

CL

I had to say goodbye to my amazing, caring, generous, loving husband, soulmate, and best friend in the whole world. I am wearing his favorite jacket with eyes filled with tears as I write this. At this moment, I cannot image life without him by my side. He was grilling burgers, and within minutes was having a massive heart attack. I know that someday we will be together again. Bob, I love you with all my broken heart, but have comfort knowing you are pain-free and have reunited with your Mom and Dad, and can also be with your beloved dog Caesar who I am sure was soooo happy to see you. Until we meet again, please watch over me and our family. We love you beyond words.

Charlene LaBonte - December 21, 2020 at 09:10 PM

BL

I am so sorry for your loss Charlene. He was a very special cousin. Used to go to their house almost every week-end while growing up. Met Pat there. Stay safe. Bert & Pat

BERTRAND LABONTE - December 23, 2020 at 11:38 AM

 Jet Thompson

“ *Robert LaBonte is someone I will always remember, respect, and miss. Everything about Bob was memorable and enjoyable. I can't imagine how much his family will miss him, my thoughts and prayers go out to them sincerely. He was a legend in the industry and loved by all that knew him.*

The Thompson family sends our deepest condolences.

Jet Thompson - December 21, 2020 at 08:35 PM

CT

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob for many years. The highlight of my day was talking to Bob on the phone every morning before the day started. We spoke about work, families, our personal lives and just chatting about nothing. I'll miss sharing an ice cream cone with him in his office and his laughter and room brightening smile. Rest In Peace Bob, you earn it and you will be dearly missed.

Chris Thomas - December 21, 2020 at 08:31 PM

MW

“ I worked with Bob closely for 12 years , He was a great mentor, and well loved by all customers,he will be greatly missed ,

Michael Williams - December 21, 2020 at 07:33 PM

SM

“ Bob and I worked together for many years. He was a very caring and loving person. We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this hard time.

Steve and Christina Moss - December 21, 2020 at 07:21 PM

RL

“ So sorry for your loss. May God bless you and keep you.

Reece Littleton - December 21, 2020 at 07:05 PM

TB

“ My heartfelt love and prayers go out to Bob's beloved family and wonderful friends.

Terri Brown - December 21, 2020 at 06:42 PM

VL

“ Will always cherished the time you invited me to join you and family for BBQ, get together for other function, your children wedding Etc. You will surely be missed. RIP

Veny Lavoie - December 21, 2020 at 06:40 PM

DC

“ Memories like Bruins games (pictured with Mason), Mason's first Christmas and Birthday Celebrations at Outback (video) will always be treasured.



Derek Cyr - December 21, 2020 at 05:34 PM

DC

“ I miss you Bob, I'll always treasure all the good times we had and the memories we made. You will live on through all the seeds of goodness that you planted in the lives of those you touched.



Derek Cyr - December 21, 2020 at 05:28 PM