

Robert Eugene Bartlett of Worthington, MA passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on October 6th, 2022, at the age of 86.

Robert was born in Northampton, MA on August 8, 1936, to the late Sarah (Lane) and Robert T. Bartlett. He was raised in Chesterfield and Worthington and graduated from Huntington High School.

He served in the United States Air Force as a weapons mechanic and armorer in the 131st Tactile Fighter Squadron, loading ammunition and packing parachutes for the aircrafts.

He was deployed overseas to France, Germany and Africa. He then went on to serve in the National Guard for 5 1/2 years.

As he entered back into civilian life, he was truly a jack of all trades. He worked for Sears Roebuck and Co. installing and remodeling kitchens and bathrooms. He worked for Texon Corp. in South Hadley and Russell, did some truck driving and ran a video store out of his home for many years. He ultimately found his true calling and became a self-employed general contractor and amazing craftsman, building, remodeling and restoring many beautiful homes. "Prunebread", as he was called by many in town, and "Bobby Gene" to many of his family, had many hobbies and pastimes. He loved driving around town scouting for deer,

hunting, fishing, dancing to country music and ballroom dancing, listening to country music, producing maple syrup in his backyard sugar shack, gardening, building keepsake furniture and cabinetry, snowmobiling, racing cars when he was young, watching his grandson ride motocross and going to races at Monadnock Speedway. Most of all he was an avid Nascar fan, and it was hard to get him out of the house if there was a race on. He loved vacationing with his family and took many trips driving down south or across country, visiting relatives all along the way. He once was mistaken for Don Knotts in a restaurant down south and was given a free meal! His most cherished vacation though was packing up his family in the big red suburban every summer and heading to the hunting camp in Vermont that he helped to build as a young man.

He certainly loved "jawing" and would talk to everyone he crossed paths with. If you saw him around town, he would talk your ear off for as long as he possibly could!

Robert is survived by his wife Diane (Brisson). His children Brenda (Bill) Arnold, Carol Bartlett, Jeff (Lisa) Bartlett, Ellen (Raymond) Laroche.

Grandchildren Bethany, Christopher, Michelle, Aimee, Jacob, Sarah, Nicholas and Emily and 9 great grandchildren.

Siblings Richard (Anne) Bartlett and Bonnie (Tom Hinton) Borst as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to send their heartfelt thanks to all the staff and caregivers of Care One Facility and Cooley Dickinson VNA & Hospice for their exceptional care and support.

Contributions in Robert's memory can be made to Cooley Dickinson VNA & Hospice or The Alzheimer's Association.

A celebration of Robert's life will be on October 22nd at 1:00pm at the Chesterfield Four Seasons Club in Chesterfield, MA.