



Robert Charles Gravolet

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Robert Gravolet lost his battle with ALS on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at the age of 55. Beloved husband and soulmate of Rhonda Smitherman-Hickman. Loving father of Robert C. Gravolet II and Reed C. Gravolet. Step-Father of Ryan C. Hickman (Chelsea) and Rhett C. Hickman (Karley). Son of Karon Warren Decker and the late Robert Henry Gravolet. Son-in-Law of E.D. and Joan Smitherman. Nephew of Sharon and George Davis. Brother-in-law of Shelley Smitherman Taylor. Brother of Ryan Charles Gravolet. Uncle of Renee Jaunet Hayes, Ryan Gravolet, Nicholas Gravolet, Meagan Taylor Canville, Peyton Taylor and Anthony Taylor. God-Father of Bella LaBruzzo.

Words could never describe Rob Gravolet! He was truly one of a kind. Rob impacted so many people's lives and left behind so many awesome friends and everlasting memories. His love for life and others was genuine, sincere, pure and Godly. He will always be remembered for his beautiful smile and his talented athletic ability. Rob was very competitive and always gave 100% -- even in his fight with ALS. Rob optimism and faith in God was amazing. Rob attended Holy Cross High School and was an incredibly gifted athlete. Rob was a Holy Cross Tiger Football Running Back #29. He was a member of the Track Team and played on the Holy Cross Baseball Team. He was inducted into the Holy Cross Sports Hall of Fame in 2017-- Class of 1983. Rob attended Louisiana Tech on a Football Scholarship, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Rob played for the Bulldogs as a Defensive Back #20 from 1983-1988. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Louisiana Tech. Rob began his Career with Lockheed Martin in 1990 at the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans East. He worked with Lockheed for 18 years on the NASA Shuttle External Tank program before accepting a position with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the same facility. At NASA, Rob was an Engineering Lead over a variety of different NASA programs. Rob loved football, duck hunting, fishing, cruises, and spending time with his friends. Rob was blessed to have a yearly Fundraiser to help with medical expenses accrued given by his Friends at Desi Vega's Steak House. He enjoyed the yearly Cast and Blast Tournament in Pointe a la Hache. Rob received



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encouragement, knowledge, and love from the local St. Tammany ALS Support Group. He confirmed his faith and strength in the Word of God from New Beginnings Church in Covington.

Rob is no longer in pain and is now at peace in his Eternal Heavenly Home. He will be greatly missed but NEVER FORGOTTEN!!

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Robert's life at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 3:00 PM with visitation on Monday beginning at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Robert to be made to Holy Cross Athletic Association in honor of Robert C. Gravolet #29.




Events

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Visitation

 **Monday**, December 2, 2019

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

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Celebration of Life

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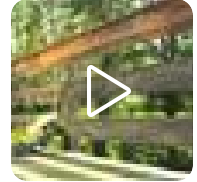
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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



November 29 at 9:17 AM



Hal Simoneaux posted:

My sympathies to the Gravolet family. I had the great pleasure at Michoud of both working and patrolling the softball outfields with Rob. The world has lost a wonderful man.

December 2 at 8:24 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Gravolet family.



December 2 at 7:58 AM



With Love, Kaki, Liam, Karen, Norrie, And Kenny sent a Serene Retreat to the Gravolet family.



December 2 at 6:21 AM



Eric Shoemaker posted:

I was lucky enough to call Rob my boss and even luckier to call him my friend. So thankful for the time that we had. Going to miss you pal. Rest Easy. Eric Shoemaker

December 2 at 3:52 AM



Wesley & Jody Gravolet posted:

You are always in our Hearts , Robbie, and We Will Always Have Gran Isle ❤️❤️ With All our Prayers we raise you up 🙏 Uncle Wesley and Aunt Jody

December 1 at 11:49 AM



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KR

Katherine And Rick Russell sent an Arrive in Style to the Gravolet family.



November 29 at 5:32 AM

HV

Hope Vessier posted:

Rhonda , so sorry to hear of your loss you and your family are in my thoughts

November 27 at 2:27 PM

83

"83 posted:

Crux Spes Unica

November 27 at 1:07 PM

JH

Jackie Helmstetter posted:

Rhonda, I am an old friend of your parents. I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you strength and comfort.

November 26 at 5:31 PM

CW

Chi Chi Williams posted:

Rhonda I am so very sorry for your family's loss. My heart goes out to you all. Sending love and prayers and gods strength.

November 26 at 4:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Gravolet family.



November 26 at 11:11 AM



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AN

Anna posted:

Dear Rhonda & family, We are truly sorry for your loss. We are grateful for the opportunity to have worked with Robert and you during his journey with ALS. May he now rest in forever peace! Anna Campo, Nikole Billiot & the staff of Access Respiratory Homecare.

November 26 at 10:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gravolet family.

November 26 at 10:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gravolet family.

November 26 at 7:59 AM



CM

Chris, Jennifer, And Will Miller sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Gravolet family.

November 22 at 10:42 AM



MF

Maf Nasa Family sent a With Distinction to the Gravolet family.

November 21 at 6:32 AM



BW

Brian, Natalie, Elizabeth, And Michael Wall sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Gravolet family.

November 21 at 3:35 AM





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Jackie Michel lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Sorry for your loss.

November 20 at 2:32 PM



Sue Ellen Lyons November 26 at 7:21 PM

Robbie's memory will be eternal in the hearts of all who loved him. Sue Ellen Lyons



Catherine Stechman November 26 at 5:46 PM

Rhonda so sorry for your lost... Robbie was one of a kind...we all loved him. He will be missed..love you Robbie



Media

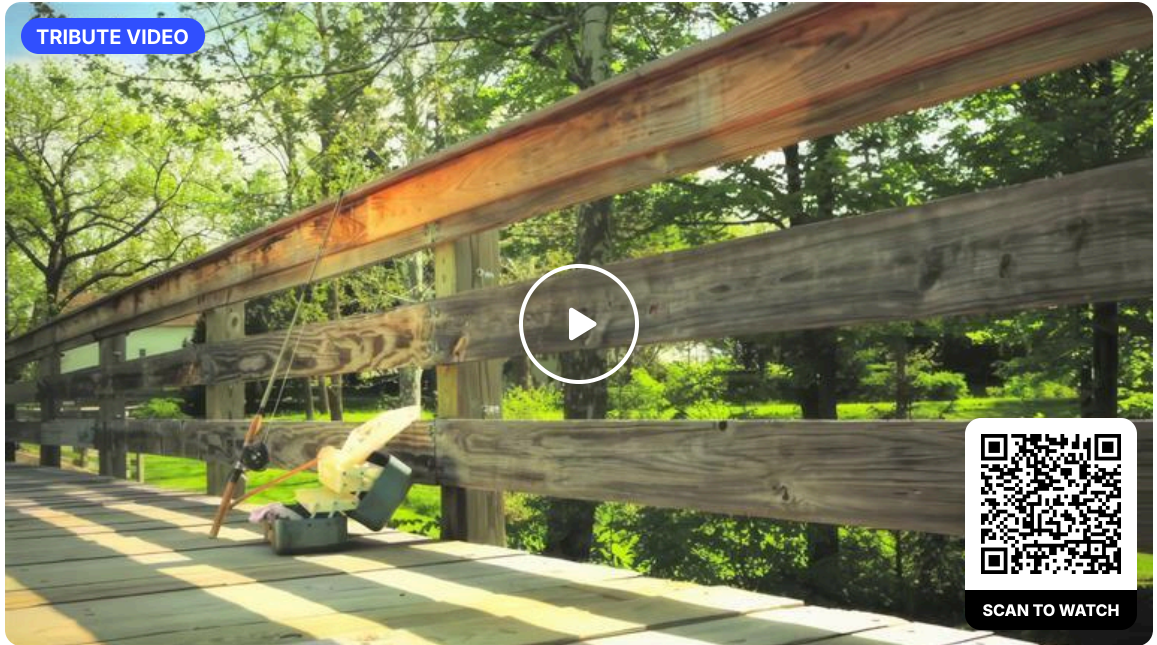
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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