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Robert Allen Banck departed this earth for his heavenly home on October 19, 2023 surrounded by his adoring wife, six children and grandchildren. Rob loved his family, was a man of faith and integrity and passionately pursued learning his entire life. He will be missed.

He adored his wife, Suzanne “Suzie” Althans Banck, who he met when he was just twelve years old. Rob and Suzie were happily married for 57 years. The length of their marriage is a testament to Suzie’s patience and Rob’s motto of “one life, one wife.” On a serious note, their abiding love was obvious to their children with early morning hugs in the kitchen during the flurry of raising six children, their common passion for all things food, family, horses and a country life, Rob’s tender care for Suzie during a recent recovery from a broken limb, Suzie’s tender care of Rob in his final days and everything in between. His truly was a life well loved!

Rob was born on November 11, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, and although he made two attempts to live “up north”, Louisiana always brought him home. Rob graduated from University of New Orleans in history and political science, which aside from horses and his wife (perhaps in that order), was his one true love and passion. When Rob was not working around his micro-farm and peddling artesian bread at local markets, Rob would be found reading his favorite subject, history. He was a voracious reader and had a superior intellect as he gladly shared with anyone who would listen.

Rob’s early success in business evolved into a career in business consulting, which allowed him to actively pursue his dream of being a master horseman, expert lawnmower, skilled DIYer, and reluctant baker. Rob came to faith in middle age and had a calling for ministry and a simple life. For more than 20 years, Rob led both the Southshore and Northshore chapters of the Christian Business Men Connection (CBMC) Executive Forums, which was an accountability group of faith-minded business leaders focused on a Christ-centered approach to running their businesses and being leaders in the community. Never one to mince words, Rob took his calling seriously and entreated his groups to live a life of honor and integrity following Christ’s example in their



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personal lives and in their professions. Rob was not afraid to speak truth regardless of the consequences.

For nearly 25 years, Rob and Suzie owned and operated Windfield Farm Bakery, an artisan bakery in Franklinton, LA. Rob was a good (although disinclined) baker, and he absolutely loved the connection and community of the local open-air markets where their bread was sold. Rob was generous with his time and a treasure to his community. He loved sharing his joy of life, sharp wit and wisdom with his friends and customers at markets who quickly became friends.

In his later years, Rob acquired the very important title of Pappy. Pappy was a loving grandfather to his thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Pappy could be seen teaching his “grands” to piddle around the farm. He was a patient and loving grandfather and was glad to wander around his farm with a train of little and big grands behind him. Pappy needed no excuse to hook a trailer behind his tractor or saddle up a horse to take everyone for a ride. His truly was a life well lived.

Rob is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Allen Banck and Emma Isabel Roberts. He is survived by his adoring wife, Suzanne Althans Banck; his sister, Karin Lynn Helms; his children Elke Karin Carter, Krestina Suzanne Banck and her soon to be wife, Catrina Wilson; Robin Banck Taylor; Christian Emmanuel Banck and his wife, Dokyung Banck; Sarah Abbott Leonard and her husband, Nathaniel Thomas Leonard; Andrew Michael Banck and his wife, Elaine Banck; his grandchildren, Steven Allen Carter and his wife, Jessi Carter; Hunter Nicholas Carter and his wife, Chelsea Dulin; Zachary Allen Taylor; Jack Thomas Taylor; Annabelle Lee Taylor; Isabelle Nena Banck; William Holt Banck; Robert Daniel Perkins; Adeline Mae Perkins; Coralee Abbott Perkins; Henry Lee Gonzales; Chloe Lee Gonzales; his great-grandchildren, Aurora Marie Odette Carter and Madeline Grace Carter. He is also survived by his acquired daughter, Amanda Lucille “Lucy” Leatherwood, and his close devoted friends, Collette and Darwin Sharp and Stella Nester and Gary Richardson.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 22139 Level Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 1:00pm with visitation beginning at 12:00pm until service time.

E. J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at www.ejfieldingfh.com.

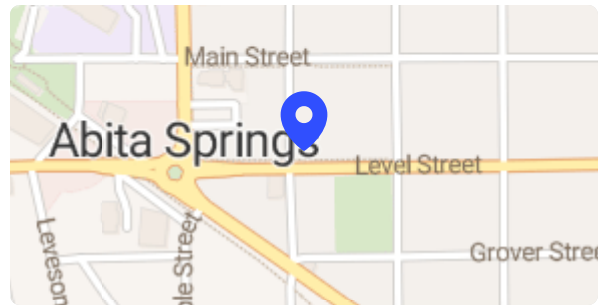


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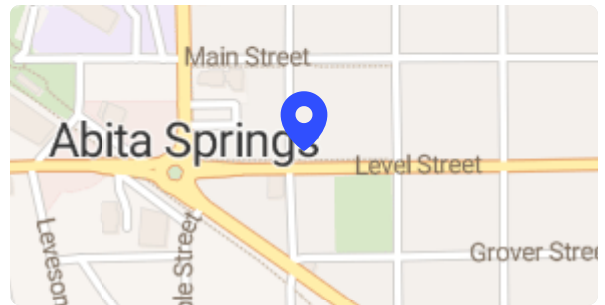
Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, October 28, 2023
- 🕒 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT
- 📍 **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**
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Funeral Service

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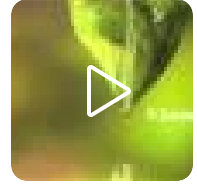
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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



October 25 at 8:23 AM



Barbara Carter posted:

When my son Steven had a major surgery and we were so concerned for his welfare, Rob came to the hospital and spoke with him for a few moments. His smile and pleasant demeanor caused Steve to change for the better and I feel so sad at the loss of someone who brings joy with his presence and leaves some with those he touches. We can benefit if he just saves us a spot.

November 4 at 12:13 PM



Cheryl D. Gross shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I will miss Rob's advice that he would give me every Tuesday and Saturday mornings at the farmers markets we worked together. My booth was next to his and when it got slow, we would talk about life. When my son Christopher started working for me on Saturdays, Rob and he became good friends. It was Rob who helped to encourage Christopher to join the Coast Guard, and now he is an officer. This picture was one in which my son created this sign for himself when the market got really slow one Saturday. He gave it to Rob for this picture. It always brings a smile to my face and makes me laugh. Thank you Rob for your friendship and for blessing me and my family with yours words of wisdom. Love, Cheryl Gross

October 28 at 4:53 AM



Cherie Fouquet posted:

Rob was always a sweet, kind and gracious friend. He always had a smile on his face and family. It's been a long time since I have seen all of them, but the memories are sweet. Bless your precious family at this time. He is with our Lord and taking all of the beautiful sites in. Rest in peace friend.

October 26 at 9:41 AM



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Terry Grisamore posted:

Even though I have not seen Rob for a while, I still consider him as one of my closest friends. Rob & I go back to high school days and much further as well. We were room mates at Studio Arms in Jefferson, La. and spent so much time together solving the problems of the world at the Velvet Swing in Lakeview. The years we spent together is what made us who we were. We had such great adventures together. Man, I miss you already and look forward to seeing you again in a better place.
Terry Grisamore

October 26 at 6:06 AM



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Dar Wolnik October 27 at 8:19 AM

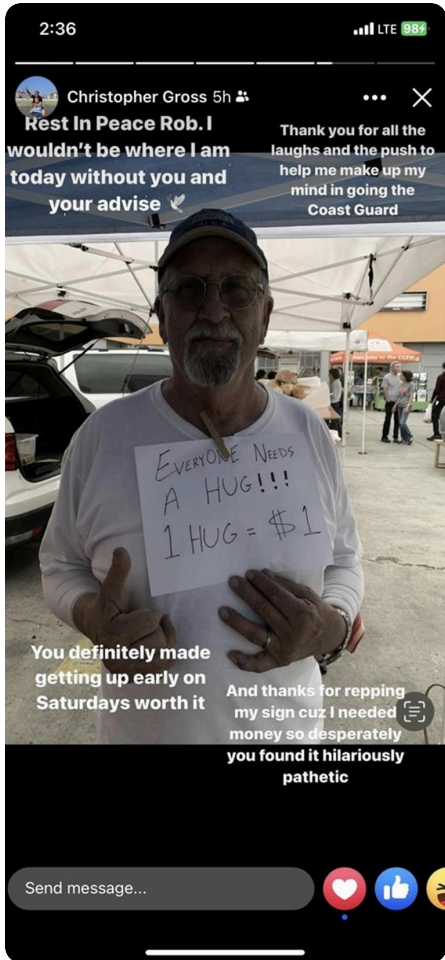
Oh my. This is a tough one. For me, Rob was a true "running buddy" at the farmers markets that we both worked at, sitting on the edge of the trunk listening to him and laughing with him, humorously shaking my head at Christian or Suzie at some statement out of Rob's mouth....

But honestly he was a such a mentor for me as a market manager and when I began my own business after 2011. So much wisdom and humility learned from Rob. I'd travel across the lake to catch up with the Bancks long after I wasn't hanging with them any more at CCFM. . Many many sweet memories of Rob talking about his family and friends. Suzie- my deepest condolences for a loss I cannot still believe. Dar Wolnik



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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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