



Robert Auclair

April 3, 1947 - August 21, 2021

Robert Edward Auclair, Sr. (74) passed away Saturday, August 21, 2021, after a short illness. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Auclair; mother, Doris Edith Patrick; and sister Marjorie Oaks. He is survived by his wife of 52 ½ years, Nancy; his sister Cindy Gilliam (Roger), his four children, Charin (Marc Patton), Buddy (Doni), Andy (Kristina), and Minda (Abdel Judeh); 13 grandchildren: Nancy, Ben, Esther, Hannah Grace, Travis, Alana, Kirsten, Kaylee, Tyler, Drew, Adam, Kandace, and Derek; and one great granddaughter, Wonder Ellie.

Bob was born in Flint, Michigan, on April 3, 1947. At age 7 he was picking pears and heard music coming from a small building, peeked in and was invited to come in. It was a Sunday School extension from Mayfair Bible Church. Bob got saved there at age 10. He was “bus kid without a bus.” His father would drop him off for church, go play chess with his buddies, then pick him up after the service. When he graduated from high school in 1965, his youth pastor directed him to Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. The third day of college, sitting in the front row of chapel, God got a hold of his heart and called him into full-time Christian service.

He married Nancy Ellis on December, 21, 1968, during the Christmas break of their Senior year. Upon graduation, Bob went on to grad school for his masters’ degree, while Nancy began teaching school. After graduation, they went to Fort Davis, Texas, and started Blue Mountain Church and School for ninth and tenth grades. In May of 1972 they came to FBC, Hammond to teach at Hammond Baptist Schools.

Bob taught English in the high school for one year, then became principal: 10 years at Hammond Baptist Grade School, 3 years at Hammond Baptist High School, and 2 years at City Baptist Grade School. He was also Assistant Superintendent of Hammond Baptist Schools for 20 years. He taught at Hyles-Anderson College for 27 years. He was captain of bus route 44 for 29 1/2 years. Bob also taught High School II with Mrs. Colsten and was superintendent of Junior 3. He loved working with kids and did VBS, junior camp, Eagles Club soul-winning for fathers and sons, and Summer Fun for boys.

After leaving the schools, he became editor of "The Voice", the church newspaper. In 2010 he began working at Park Press Printing Company, and then was back to the church to work with the Better Roads Recovery men for 1 1/2 years. He retired in December, 2020, after completing 40 years of ministry at First Baptist Church. Not wanting to sit around, retired, he became a Door Dasher!

One of his passions was photography, and he took photos of countless weddings, yearbooks, family events and of course, flowers and trees! Bob loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and 1 brand new great granddaughter very much. He had many "adopted" kids as well. Bob loved his church and his God. He is happy today with his Saviour.

He loved life and loved telling people about the way, the truth and THE LIFE. He never knew a stranger and was always a friend to the under-dog. Generous to a fault, he never said no to someone who needed help.

Bob was loved by many and will be dearly missed!

The visitation will be on Monday, August 23, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy Crown Point, IN 46307. The funeral service will be on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 10 a.m. with a one hour visitation prior to the service. Interment will follow.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

AUG 24. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

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Service

AUG 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Robert Auclair*



Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home - March 04, 2025 at 07:30 PM

NL

“ *I have many fond memories of Dr Auclair. He was my Sunday School superintendent as a youngster and taught me many lessons about life from a Biblical perspective and for that I will always be grateful. Dr Auclair also played the goofy, crazy and half blind Gospel magician Phooydini during Vacation Bible School for as many years as I can remember and as Dr Bob was very good with kids it made us laugh and really have a good time will learning Biblical lessons for life. Rest Peacefully In Jesus Dr Auclair you will be remembered fondly and greatly missed. My condolences to Mrs Nancy Auclair and family.*

Nathaneal Lee - May 19, 2023 at 03:16 AM

GF

“ *He and his family were a great example to us the George Wilder family. He will be missed by all here on earth but most of us are a little jealous that he beat us to his new home . Love your family. 💕🙏*

George & Evelyn Wilder Family - August 30, 2021 at 01:39 PM

BR

“ *He loved the candy sales at HBGS. We had some great ones and the trips we took were super. We golfed at Wicker together a couple of summers.. He was always positive and was a teacher's principal. He will truly be missed.*
Brett Rhoades



Brett Rhoades - August 25, 2021 at 01:28 PM

CJ

“ May I add besides being Superintendent of the HB schools, he was also a “fill-in” bus and van driver, and filled in a lot! My sister Amy and I rode the van and got to spend a lot of time with Dr Auclair. We thoroughly enjoyed him. —Chad Jones

Chad Jones - August 23, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Auclair.



August 23, 2021 at 06:07 PM

WC

“ Wayne, Jean, Rachael and Christina purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Auclair.



Wayne, Jean, Rachael and Christina - August 23, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Auclair.



August 23, 2021 at 02:29 PM

KJ

“ I'm sorry to hear of Dr.Auclairs passing. He was a wonderful man and a good friend to many he met. May his family be comforted knowing he's in Heaven!! Many prayers!!

Karen Jendrzewski (Hubbard)

Karen Marie Jendrzewski - August 23, 2021 at 01:05 PM



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



August 23, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Robert Auclair.



August 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert Auclair.



August 23, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert Auclair.



August 22, 2021 at 10:39 PM