



# Robie William Sokolow

June 4, 1956 - June 23, 2020

On Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020, Robie William Sokolow, loving husband, father to his only son, and grandfather of two boys, passed away suddenly at the young age of 64.

Robie was born on June 4th, 1956 at Fort Dix, NJ to Robert and Colletta Sokolow, and was raised in Marina, California.

On July 1st, 1978 he married Christine Bretiweg, together they raised their son Benjamin. Robie joined the Military in 1974 and was stationed in Germany where he later joined Lockheed Martin and remained in Germany with his family until their move to Florida in 1986.

Robie retired at age 62 from a long career as a mechanical technician and was ready to enjoy the Florida Lifestyle. His favorite place was at home by the pool and the Tikibar that he single-handedly built in his family's backyard. There he would love to gather friends and family to cook and enjoy each other's company.

Through his professional career he held many titles, but was most proud of his time with Lockheed Martin where test firing rockets became his new passion. He would tell many stories about it to anyone who would listen.

His wit was legendary, making friends and family laugh with his hilarious comebacks and smart alec comments.

Robie's life was cut short with so much he still wanted to accomplish, like restoring his motorcycle that was as unique as Robie's personality. If someone wasn't sure if they had met him, the response would have been: If you met him you would surely remember.

Always perceived as a tough guy, but close friends and family knew of his consistent genuine spirit. He would, without hesitation, drop what he was doing to help and support as best as he could and you could always count on him to be there for you.

Retirement also meant having the joy of spending more time with his grand kids, swimming with Kane and practicing Knox's baseball swing. Robie was the family's rock, the person to go to, who always knew what to do in every situation and he will be missed dearly.

Robie was preceded in death by his father Bob, his mother Kelly, and sister Cindy.

His memory lives on through his wife of 42 years, Christine, his son Ben, daughter-in-law Jerica and his grand kids Kane Benjamin and Knox Robie as well as his extended family

in California and Germany.

According to his wishes, we will not hold a traditional service, but instead have a "Cheers to Robie" gathering at the Tikibar with a date to be later announced.

# Comments

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“ Wenige Menschen sind mir so im Gedächtnis geblieben wie Robie. Seine Herzlichkeit und sein Lachen waren ansteckend. Ich kann nur bedauern ihn nicht besser gekannt zu haben

**Iris Hölldampf** - July 02 at 10:49 AM

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“ Robie was the real deal! There was nothing fake or phony about him, what you saw is what you got, and I loved him for that! I've had known Robie over 30 years and through numerous circle of friends. Robie ,Chrissy, and I hung out at Rosie, Gators, and other numerous Orlando places as well as at the Tiki Bar, which Robie built himself. I will cherish those good times forever! I will miss his laugh, his wit and all those "Robie sayings". Robie was a character and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him, myself included. Goodbye dear friend and bro! I will miss you always...



**ANGELA MCCALLISTER** - June 30 at 08:32 AM

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“ Angela McCallister & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robie William Sokolow.



**Angela McCallister & Family** - June 30 at 08:10 AM

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“ ALL OUR MEMORIES & STORIES OF ROBIE WILL LIVE ON WITHIN EACH OF US...HE WILL BE MISSED.

**BETSY** - June 29 at 06:31 PM

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“ BETSY purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robie William Sokolow.



BETSY - June 29 at 06:23 PM

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“ Ricky Sundberg and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robie William Sokolow.



Ricky Sundberg and family - June 29 at 01:29 PM

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“ My thoughts & prayers to you Christine, my sweet friend; and all of the family at this difficult time.  
Such a huge loss with Robie's passing so soon!  
Please know I'm here if you need anything at all.  
Much love, hugs and prayers  
Jules

Julie Darnell - June 29 at 10:54 AM

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“ I remember fondly when I was allowed to visit my family in the usa when I was twelve. We were able to see and experience a lot, but what still fills my heart with joy is the memory of the tour with Uncle Robie on his Harley through Florida - you made this day so special for me!

Your visits to Germany were always an experience too - I remember Uncle Robie spending the night with the cat on the terrace because he didn't want to wake anyone up ... we had so much to laugh!

I regret that we can no longer make memories, but I am very grateful for the memories we have.

Even if we are so far apart - feel hugged! Our thoughts are with you!



**Bibi** - June 28 at 12:47 PM

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“ When Hurricane Charley ripped through Florida back in 2004 it did extensive damage to my Kissimmee neighborhood. I was heartbroken and overwhelmed by the destruction. Robie and Chris were some of the first people to arrive at my home. In true Robie fashion he showed up with his handheld saw (or maybe it was a hatchet - I don't recall exactly) and wasted no time getting to work. He was not intimidated in the least by the massive trees laying all over my yard, across my fence and on top of my neighbors house. He spent days working on those trees in the August heat using nothing but Robie power and sheer determination. I don't know how I could have gotten through that time without him. He was a good man and a great friend. I know he is going to be dearly missed.



**Ann Medley** - June 27 at 03:34 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robie William Sokolow.



June 27 at 01:44 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, may God comfort and heal your hearts during this painful time.



**Neo Isaacs** - June 27 at 01:16 PM

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“ Every day was a new adventure with Robie we spent many hours at his tiki hut and Skokonuts. Every gathering was memorable and filled with laughter. We will miss our friend and neighbor Robie.

**Lew & Agnes** - June 27 at 01:12 PM

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“ I will miss him. He always made me laugh. The Tiki Bar King for sure. A great host always. He was definitely one of a kind. He will be missed by many and may he rest in peace.

**Theresa Schuster** - June 27 at 11:31 AM

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To Christine, Ben, Jerica, Kane and Knox- even if we are so far apart - feel hugged!  
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**Bibi** - June 27 at 08:53 AM

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“ Robie always gave me a hard time about smoking, would mention it every time I would see him. I would get a little annoyed but he was the first person I wanted to tell and most excited to tell when I finally quit almost 10 years ago, he was so proud of me! He was my Dads best friend and as tough guy as he was, would always tell me how much he loved my Dad and that he would do anything for him. For over a decade he would often call me Alisha, most recently when talking to my Dad over the phone as he was having a beer with Robie at his tiki bar. It gave my Dad a good laugh and I'm still not sure if he ever knew my real name. He is already so missed and my thoughts and prayers are with all who loved him as I know this is a great loss! Amanda

**Amanda Tyler** - June 27 at 08:25 AM

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“ Robie, your kindness, witty humor, and unwavering love of and for life, have been a true testament to life well lived! Fly high Robie, fly high! Shelley



**Shelley** - June 27 at 06:52 AM



“ Robie, you were a true American, trusting, honest and solid. You will certainly be missed. God bless! D.Watts

**J. Dean Watts** - June 27 at 03:15 PM