



Robert "Bob" Ashcraft

August 6, 2025

Robert "Bob" "Pop" Dwight Ashcraft

August 13, 1952 – August 6, 2025

Robert Dwight Ashcraft, known affectionately as "Bob" by friends or "Pop" by his grandchildren, passed away on August 6, 2025, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, just one week shy of his 73rd birthday. Born on August 13, 1952, at Kanawha Valley Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia, Bob lived a life marked by deep love for his family, unwavering resilience, and a relentless sense of humor.

Bob earned his degree in Business Information Management with a minor in Mathematics from Kutztown University in 1980, a reflection of his lifelong passion for technology and learning. He built a long and accomplished career in the fields of information technology and cybersecurity, bringing a sharp mind and generous spirit to every project he touched. He created the first touch screen program for the restaurant industry in 1990, MFA in 1998, digital pen for government tracking in 2004.

Bob had a deep love for music and could often be found tee-ing up for golf with his friends or family. He was a devoted fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers and always had a dad joke at the ready. His passion for cars, especially BMWs, was only rivaled by his dedication to fitness and wellness, often waking up before dawn to hit the gym. Despite multiple surgeries and serious health challenges, Bob not only regained mobility several times over but thrived, participating in Spartan Races and powerlifting well into his later

years.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Ashcraft of Upper Macungie, and his loving children and their families:

Alvin Ashcraft and Stelene Greco of West Grove, PA, and their daughters Adrianna, Lucienne, and Rubina.

Sonja Bell and her partner Corey Siegfried of McMurray, PA, and grandchildren Colby, Joshua, and Bea.

Jothi Strohmetz and her husband Albert Strohmetz of Downingtown, PA.

Alexis Soltis and her husband Scott Soltis of Northampton, PA, and grandchildren Mason Wolfe (fiancée Hannah Phillips) and Corbyn Wolfe

Michael Ashcraft and Charlotte Ashcraft of Bethlehem, PA.

Bob is also survived by his brother, John M. Ashcraft III, Esq., of Macungie, PA, and his children Emily Meyers, Julie O'Leary, and Andrea Klaverkamp, as well as by his sister, Helen Fenstermaker of Macungie, PA. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Marion Ashcraft and Mary Helen (Skaggs) Ashcraft; his sister-in-law, Dorothy Ashcraft; and his brother-in-law, Clement Fenstermaker.

Bob loved his dogs Brody and Gracie who were also his running and race partners. He never turned away kisses, cuddles and paws for affection from his granddogs Chewie, Duke, Ziki, Maycee, Zoey, Roscoe and Emery. He was preceded in death by his beloved dog Dylan.

Those who knew Bob will remember him for his unwavering strength, his generous spirit, and his infectious sense of humor. He had a special way of brightening a room: whether through a well-timed dad joke, a playful exchange with a waiter, or a friendly wave to strangers just to see who'd wave back. He always had a line ready. If you asked him, "What are you up to?" He'd say, "Oh, about five-foot-eight!" with a smile. Bob never let hardship define him. He faced every challenge, from surgeries to serious illness, with humor, optimism, and determination. Time and again, he overcame the odds,

always moving forward with laughter and love.

A dedicated member of the Kiwanis Club of Allentown, Bob believed deeply in community service, our youth, and giving back. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kiwanis Club of Allentown or your local Kiwanis chapter in his honor.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 A.M. at St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church 1879 Applewood Drive Orefield, Pennsylvania on what would have been Bob's 73rd birthday. Reception to follow, time and location to be determined.

His life was a testament to perseverance, playfulness, and love. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
1879 Applewood Drive
Orefield, PA 18069

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ I am deeply sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He was a cherished colleague of mine and my husband's at CBIZ. Our deepest sympathies and many prayers. Bob was extremely kind and generous and he will be greatly missed. I re-read all our emails this weekend when I heard the news.

Jennifer Travis - August 18, 2025 at 01:48 PM

BF

“ Cindy and family we send our deep sympathy for the passing of Bob. Hard to believe the good Lord has called him home. Tom & I will miss seeing Bob, Gracie, & Brody running year round and stopping by our home for water, heat, cooling station or just to talk. Bob is already missed at the 7AM Mass. But, mostly we will miss Bob's kindness that he has shown us.



Brenda Fix - August 12, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JD

“ The entire Island Systems team enjoyed working with Bob. His knowledge, experience, insight and kind spirit will be missed. Our sympathies to his entire family during this very difficult time.

James Duffy - August 12, 2025 at 06:38 PM

JD

“ James D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.

James D. - August 12, 2025 at 06:29 PM

AM

“ Sending love and care to Bob’s family. I’ve worked with Bob for nearly 2 decades and he will surely be missed. He was very intelligent and always gave 100% and then some to his work and clients. I was always impressed with Bob’s effort and dedication, but when he started doing the Spartan races, that really blew my mind. He would send me pictures and summarize some of the things he did in the event and I would just shake my head while reading it. I knew he would be working 14+ hours a day, juggling home and work life, but then to also do 15+ miles, lifting or carrying heavy stuff, obstacles, etc. I would get tired just thinking about what he was doing. He would get more done by noon than most people do in a couple days. A true inspiration. He will be greatly missed both as a co-worker and a friend.



Audrey Magennis - August 12, 2025 at 03:35 PM

DM

Bob was a drug dealer, liar, thief and a cheated-on Cindy his wife. Bob was convinced of selling herion and spent seven years in prison for his drug dealing. Bob was the most deceitful person I ever met. He was a creep.

Dan McNulty - November 16, 2025 at 02:27 AM

TF

“ Cindy and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending you thoughts, hugs and prayers. 💕

Tina Talotta Folland - August 12, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JK

“ John K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.

John K. - August 12, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JL

“ Am so very sorry for your loss. I enjoyed Bob's friendship for many years. One highlight was that, many years ago, we raced each other at the Velodrome on large tricycles. I'm sure we looked silly, but we had fun. Bob won the race. He was a very good man. Best always.
Jim

Jim Ludlow - August 11, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.



August 11, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.

August 11, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.



August 11, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ Larry Fausone purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.



Larry Fausone - August 11, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Your Fitness Plaza Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.



Your Fitness Plaza Family - August 11, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ Your Fitness Plaza Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.

Your Fitness Plaza Family - August 11, 2025 at 08:57 AM

SB

“ Bob and I go way back... I met Bob through a mutual friend Jeff Downs and I was just beginning to play music at that time and he was part of that little music scene back then... One of the nicest people I've ever met I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

steve Brosky - August 10, 2025 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ Dear Cindy, Michael and family, we are heartbroken for you all and praying that you find peace as you mourn the passing of Bob. May he rest in peace.

Jeanette & Kevin

Jeanette Brady - August 09, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.



August 09, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Bob" Ashcraft.

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