

Rush, Robert E. 'Bob' | 1947-2017

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Robert Rush

Robert E. "Bob" Rush, 70, of Bowie, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, in Decatur, from complications arising from the stroke he suffered in August 2016.

At Bob's request, there will be no services.

Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur is handling arrangements.

Bob was born Feb. 27, 1947, in Long Beach, Calif., to George S. and Thelma (Stainer) Rush. Bob married Versel Diane Wall March 2, 1991, in Wichita Falls. He moved to Bowie in 1995, where he lived until his death.

Known as someone who could fix anything mechanical, Bob had many stories about the jobs in his life, including working in TV/radio repairs when he was 16 and also a traveling dolphin show. He eventually retired from Bowie Industries. He was also a stay-at-home father while his daughter, Sydney, was growing up.

Bob was an ASE certified mechanic, a licensed ham radio operator and an expert jerky maker. Late in life, he became an avid fan of Wahoo! and Uno.

Bob was preceded in death by his father; his mother; his beloved stepfather, Verne Bruegman; and sister Margaret Woeller.

He is survived by his wife; daughter Sydney Renee Rush of Groves; son Morgan Rush of Los Angeles; daughter Danielle Hackbush and grandson Andrew Hackbush, of River Oaks; sister Carol Skelton and family of Wichita Falls; brother Russell Bruegman and family of Wichita Falls; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Denise Bell and husband, Darrell, of Bowie.

Memorial donations may be made to Backdoor Theatre of Wichita Falls or to the Salvation Army earmarked for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort.