



Robert Main

June 11, 1945 - January 12, 2025

Robert Willis Main, 79, Horseshoe Beach, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2025 at home in Florida.

He was born on June 11, 1945, to Willis and Ione (McMaster) Main in Altona, Illinois, where he spent his childhood on the family farm alongside his sister, Frances.

A 1963 graduate of ROVA High School, Robert went on to earn his degree from Grinnell College and pursued doctoral studies in Economics at the University of North Carolina. He had a 29-year career as an Economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Robert served his country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971, including service in Vietnam as a finance officer.

He is survived by his sister Frances (Rollie) Moore; nieces Elizabeth (Damon) Shea and Susan (Ted) Moore-Masters; and great-niece and nephew Mallory and Brady Shea. Bob also held close his Florida family: Allen and Lori Clark, along with Brandon, Brett and Morgan Clark and their children Karter, Kaden and Jackson Clark. In Florida Bob had become known as a Godfather to the Clarks, and it was a role he stepped into with ease.

He was preceded in death by his parents and second mother, Lorraine Main. Bob was as frugal as he was generous. He thoroughly enjoyed classical music, reading and keeping a keen eye on the markets. Bob kept a close circle of friends, family and business partners, and those who truly knew him will never forget him.

Bob in life and after will be remembered for his steady reassuring presence. He was a Pillar in our family that we will miss dearly. Bob found joy out on the water deep sea fishing, jet skiing and exploring the river. He loved horseback riding, hunting and taking rides through the hunting woods. While Bob was a part of so many pivotal moments in our lives, some of our favorite times were spent sharing simple meals together, sharing stories of life experiences and watching him cultivate relationships with those around him. He will be missed dearly and the memories we have will be cherished.

A celebration to honor Bob will be held in Altona, IL at a later date. Memorials can be made to the Altona Historical Society, c/o Anderson State Bank, PO Box 9, Oneida, IL 61467.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com