



Robert Francis Stapleton

APR 22, 1957 - JAN 19, 2026



Scan to Visit



Steverson,
Hamlin & Hilbish
Funerals & Cremations

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 5
Media	Page 7



Robert Francis Stapleton

APR 22, 1957 - JAN 19, 2026

Robert Francis Stapleton, 68 of Tavares, Florida and a former resident of Brewerton, New York went to be with the Lord in heaven where he is no longer in pain and his Buffalo Bills win every Superbowl.

He passed away on Monday, January 19, 2026, in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Stapleton was born in Utica, New York to John R. Stapleton and Helen Olech Stapleton. He moved to the Syracuse area and attended West Genesee High School. In 1977, he married the former Catherine Noboa and began their life together. Bob worked for the American Cancer Society, NYS Division as Building and Grounds Superintendent for 8 years. He was a member of Laborers Local 633, having almost a 30-year career with Murnane Building Contractors. He retired as a project superintendent. He received the Greater Syracuse Builders Exchange Award for supervision for craftsmanship on the Baker Lab, ESF College Renovation project in 2009. He always believed in treating people that worked for you the way you would want to be treated. When possible, there was always a grill on his projects and lunch was often hamburgers, hot dogs or grilled chicken. On hot days, he had a rule his crew would have an afternoon popsicle break as relief from the heat. His motto was "Work smart not hard" and "the right tool for the job" makes it happen.

In 2019, He realized his lifelong dream of moving to Florida. He and Cathy settled in a beautiful community in Tavares. He loved every moment living there, often commenting how blessed they were. He enjoyed puttering around the house, gardening and perfecting his pizza and Italian bread recipes, and hanging out in his garage and enjoying friends that dropped by. Those friends helped make living the dream even better, quickly becoming more like family. His entire life, he was always willing to lend a hand, tool or advice to someone who needed it on a project. But his greatest enjoyment came from his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Noboa) Stapleton of 48 years, His daughter Sarah who he was immensely proud of and also inherited her Dad's do it yourself skills; being his right hand person over the years helping with many projects, the latest a full renovation of their Florida kitchen that he planned out perfectly. His son-in-law, Tim, who he respected and admired and felt he was more a son than a son-in-law. His beautiful granddaughter Madison, who shares her



Obituary

Robert Francis Stapleton

APR 22, 1957 - JAN 19, 2026

Grandpa's love of the Buffalo Bills. His grandson Alec, who shares his Grandpas love of building things and seeing how things work. He is also survived by three siblings, his brother Ken Stapleton of Cicero, whom he was very close with, a sister Pat Baker and brother Rick Stapleton both of Pennsylvania. Also surviving is his brother from another mother and best friend of over 45 years, Bill Beacham of Syracuse. When Bob moved to Florida, they overcame long distance by sharing a "Friday 5 pm "happy hour" phone call every week since Bob moved to Florida. He adored his faithful and loving beagle Abby, who never left his side from the moment she was rescued and the two shared a special bond.

Bob always put others before himself, so in lieu of flowers donations can be made to your favorite charity.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Ten-thirty a.m. at Saint Joseph's Church of Camillus - 5600 Genesee Street - Camillus, NY 13031. Inurnment will immediately follow at Saint Mary's Cemetery & Mausoleum - 4100 East Genesee Street - Dewitt, NY 13214.



Tribute Wall

Robert Francis Stapleton

APR 22, 1957 - JAN 19, 2026



Cathy Stapleton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



April 15 at 5:45 PM



Michael Cowden posted:

Bob was the most dedicated, most loyal, most caring and early on, most underrated employee I ever had at Murnane. He may have been pigeon-holed early on in his career as just a laborer... Bob was way more than a laborer. He became a foreman Superintendent, a leader and someone I knew I could put in any position and he would put everything he had into it. Bob took work home with him... worked on problems, thought about the employees, tried to figure out a better way. Bob never just showed up... he was all in... 110%. Bob had a hard exterior, but he was a man of compassion and extreme loyalty. If it was hot, Bob brought popsicles for the crew. Sounds small, but he did so many things like that. In one of my last conversations with him before he retired, I told him how much he had meant to the company, and to me. He cried, and so did I. He was a good, good man.... through and through. I'm better to have known him. Truly one of the great ones. Thank you, and rest easy, Bob. Michael Cowden, VP - Murnane Building Contractors

April 11 at 8:56 AM



Andrew Stapleton posted:

The first time I had moon shine was with Uncle Rob. It was so smooth

April 8 at 5:13 PM



Andrew Stapleton posted:

I will never forgot this. We were over for dinner one night. I think it was a holiday. We were all around the table when the phone rang. Aunt Cathy got up and answered it and handed it to Uncle Rob saying it was so and so from work. Uncle Rob takes the phone and goes around the corner for a little bit of time. When he comes back Aunt Cathy asked what it was about, thinking it was work related. He responded with "I was sharing my pizza dough". Haha

April 8 at 5:11 PM



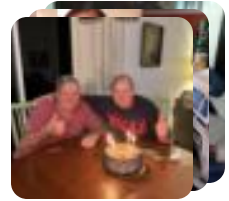
Tribute Wall

Robert Francis Stapleton

APR 22, 1957 - JAN 19, 2026



William Beacham shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



January 25 at 2:45 PM



William Beacham posted:

Best buddy in the world! Had privelage of knowing him since Sarah was 3 years old! Don't know what I'll do with out him? So lucky to have been my happy hour Friday advisor!! Open wound will heal slowly! Still say prayers for him and his family!!

February 25 at 10:28 AM



Kathleen Helmer posted:

No matter how hard or difficult, there is always a light. Always.

January 25 at 8:52 PM



Kathleen Helmer posted:

Memories too many to mention. Bob was one of those humans that embraced hope, loved his family eternally and was the most stalwart of friends. His humor was contagious, his smile warming and his strength courageous. Briefly, he was mu hero. Kathleen Helmer

January 25 at 2:45 PM



Media

Robert Francis Stapleton

APR 22, 1957 - JAN 19, 2026



Cathy Stapleton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 15 at 5:45 PM





William Beacham shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 25 at 10:30 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit



Steverson,
Hamlin & Hilbish
Funerals & Cremations