

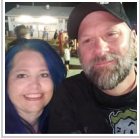


Mr. Robert Keith Protivnak

August 20, 1964 - March 7, 2024

Robert Keith Protivnak, 59, born in San Antonio, Texas on August 20, 1964, and who became a longtime resident of Mobile, Alabama passed away on March 7, 2024 after a short battle with cancer. Robert lived his earlier years in San Antonio graduating from Samuel Clemens High School. He left before many friends in Texas when he relocated to Mobile, AL. to be close to family members. In Mobile he reestablished himself as a valuable and loved member of Ingalls Shipbuilding dedicating 19 years to the industry. He made many friends at work, in the community, and through his family. He was always happy, smiling, laughing, and caring. He would do anything for his job, and for his family. He leaves behind his wife Melody Protivnak, his daughters, and his grandchildren, as well as his loving sister Beverly Protivnak Pairett, his brother Frederick M. Protivnak, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his father Frederick J. Protivnak, and his mother Addie F. Hammons Protivnak, as well as other close family members. Now is a time for personal remembrance, please honor Robert's life through your memories. He will be forever in our hearts.

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Rob for about 10 years. 7 or 8 of those years we worked together everyday. He impressed me with his easy going attitude and how ready he was to help another person. He taught me a lot throughout the years. It was very rare to see him frustrated. If he did not know how to do something, he would figure it out on his own. Rob worked hard all the way up to his last days at the shipyard. Doing things that most of us in his circumstances would have put off on others. I will miss the times we spent laughing till we cried. One time Rob made a joke about another coworker that turned into a foot-in-mouth situation. When he told me what he said we both started laughing uncontrollably till we were crying. We all have been saying his quotes around the office in the past few weeks. "No sense of humor. I swear." "Uh uh uh uh uh." "What makes a grown man be like that?" There are many days I feel like I will look over at his desk and see him sitting there. Looking at paperwork from only a few months ago with mine and his name on it makes his passing seem surreal. Rob was a good guy. He will be truly missed.

Adam White - March 26, 2024 at 06:31 PM

“ Rob was a kind and gentle soul. He always had a smile and there was nothing that he would not do. His work ethic and dedication was second to none. He will be greatly missed. Melody, I will continue to keep you, the kids and grandkids in my prayers.

Troyling Davis - March 18, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ Rob always had a way about him that was unlike anyone else. He was unique and always demonstrated a work ethic unlike any I have witnessed. His dedication to his family and job was one to be admired. Rob always had an answer when sitting in our staff meetings, regardless if I liked the answer or not LOL. However, having worked with him for 19 years, I felt that I knew him pretty well and could anticipate most of his answers. He has left a big hole not only in his family but also that of his work family. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences continue to be with Melody, the children and grandchildren. Rest easy Rob, we got it from here.

Andy Nicholson - March 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM

BS

“ Rob was such a humble, kind spirit, smart and always gracious and will truly be missed by all. To the family a vessel of God hand chosen by his creator. We all loved him but God loved him best, I pray the grace, Joy and peace of God rest, rule and abide with u always. Melody we will continue to pray for u and your family. Bebee

Bebee Stringfield - March 18, 2024 at 07:06 AM

WL

“ I did not know Robert that long...about 2 months. We worked in the same department. However, the memory that I will always have of him is his amazing work ethic. Every time he spoke in our weekly meetings, he delivered his updates with so much knowledge and confidence. He was also very dedicated and loyal to his craft and the company. So, in that short amount of time, Robert made an impression on me...so much that it surprised me when I was brought to tears when I asked my Bible Study group to pray for him and Melody. His friends and loved ones will be in my prayers.

Wendy Lockhart - March 15, 2024 at 09:21 PM

AU

“ So thankful for you being a great man and a great step father! Rest in peace! I love you ~Amanda~



Amanda Ulbrich - March 15, 2024 at 04:05 PM

KT

“ Sending love and prayers to all the family during this sad time! Robbie was a great guy that always had a smile!



Kathe Thompson - March 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM

BP

“ Beverly Protivnak Pairett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Keith Protivnak



Beverly Protivnak Pairett - March 11, 2024 at 05:25 PM

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One Sweet Day.. Myriah Carry and Boys II Men

*Sorry I never told you all I wanted to say...
And now it's too late to hold you
'Cause you've flown away so faraway ay-ay-ay-ay
Never had I imagined your living without your smile...
Feeling knowing you hear me it keeps me alive alive...
And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
Like so many friends we've lost along the way
And I know eventually we'll be together
Together
One sweet day...
Loving you always and I'll wait patiently to see you in heaven
Darlin' I never showed you
(I never showed you)
Assumed you'd always be there (always be there)
I thought you'd always be there
And I... I... I take
(Taken for granted) your presence for granted
But I always cared
But I always cared
And I miss the love we shared
And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
Like so many friends we've lost along the way
(Lost along the way)
And I know eventually
(I know I know) we'll be together
We'll be together
One sweet day...
And all that I know is I'll wait
(W-h-o-a...) patiently to see you in heaven
Although the sun will never shine the same
I'll always look to a brighter day...
Y-e-a-h... yeah Lord I know when I lay me down to sleep
You will always listen as I pray...
And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
Like so many (like so many) friends we've lost along the way
And I know (yes I know) eventually (I know) we'll be together
Together
(Y-e-a-h...) One sweet day
(One sweet day one sweet day)
Oh, yeah...
And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
I'll see you eventually
Like so many friends we've lost along the way
I know you're lookin' down from heaven
And I know... I... know eventually we'll be together*

*(Ooh-ooh) Yes we will
One sweet day...
One sweet d-a-y...
Patiently to see you in heaven
Sorry I never told you (ooh-ooh)
All I wanted to say...*

I love you, your sister

Beverly Protivnak Pairett - April 20, 2024 at 12:24 AM