



Robert T. Franke

September 14, 1947 - March 13, 2025

Robert T. Franke, 77, passed away on March 13, 2025. He was born on September 14, 1947, in Louisville, Kentucky.

He was a retired bricklayer foreman for Young Construction. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family and God dearly and would read the bible every night.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Eula and Frank Maraman, and son, Troy Franke.

He was a lifetime member of Louisville Street Rods. He loved motorcycling, and Western Dancing. Robert never met a stranger and knew how to make you laugh.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 56 years, Donna Franke; son, Timothy Franke (Dezaray); grandchildren, Carson, Grayeson, and Jaxson; brother, Barry Maraman (Anita); nephew, Eli Maraman; and many other family members and friends.

Many thanks and love to our son and daughter-in-law who have been with us through these hard months. Thanks to Hospice for the care and support they gave to Robert and family.

Robert's visitation will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 12:00-7:00 PM at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy. His funeral service will take place the following day at 10:00 AM with an entombment at Louisville Memorial Gardens afterwards.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hosparus of

Louisville in Robert's honor.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (est)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie Gulley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert T. Franke.*

Debbie Gulley - March 16, 2025 at 09:32 AM

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“ *Debbie Gulley purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Robert T. Franke.*



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“ *Bobby was a great boss and foreman and most of all someone i looked up to. He was always joking around had a story to tell. One time I was asked to come in on a Saturday and was working on a school rooftop. I didn't have a babysitter and snuck my son on the roof began working. He didn't show up until almost 8:30am and surely wouldn't climb 30' in the air, so I felt comfortable with my 2 year old son hidden, hahaha. Here comes Bobby, he was upset with me but understood. Made me carry him back down and said get back up there and finish. He took Andrew to the store bought him junk food drinks and a toy. I looked down many times and Bobby was playing and holding him i was grateful and meant a lot to me. That's just A Saturday morning. I have hundreds of other stories or memories that will never be forgotten.*

William Marquez - March 14, 2025 at 05:29 PM