



## Robert J. Makkay

August 22, 1939 - April 8, 2023

Robert J. Makkay, 83, of Kankakee, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

He was born on August 22, 1939, the son of Irene Makkay. In 1995, he married Janet Meredith in Tennessee. Robert was a hard-working individual. After serving for several years as an Air Force Mechanic, he later owned his own business. He developed and operated Makkay Auto Body and Precision Auto Crafters for 52 years. As a man of many talents, he was also a great woodsmith. So great, in fact, that he also owned Eagle Custom Woodworking for a number of years.

Robert is survived by his dear wife of 28 years, Janet Makkay; his son, Todd (Dani) Makkay; stepdaughters, Tammy (Lance) Hatting and Donna (Dave) McComb; his brother-in-law, Jerry (Alice) Meredith; three grandchildren, Kelsey Makkay, Jake (Mallory) Makkay, and Caleb Hatting; and two great-grandchildren, Kamdyn and Adalyn Makkay.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Makkay*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *He one one of the best! Honored to call him friend. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

**Marion** - May 08, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Todd,Dani & family my deepest condolence to all your family on the recent loss of your Father.*



**Debra Lambert** - April 14, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *I used to weld things for Bob and am sad to see he has passed. He was always good to me and I appreciate everything he did for me. He was a GOOD guy. Rest in peace Bob. Sincerely, Randy O'Connor*

**randy oconnor** - April 11, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *Bob was a Great man .Our sincere condolences to Todd and your family*

**Michael Norman** - April 11, 2023 at 12:40 PM

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“ Probably one of the nicest guys you will ever meet. Was very talented in whatever business he may have run. It had to be perfect or it didn't go out for delivery. A mechanic for Gala lanes, part time body shop and chopper fiber glass sprayer. Purchased a body shop on Station street and then to build Precision Auto. Then on to stained glass windows and Eagle woodworking. A very talented self taught gentleman. A lot of us will miss Bob. My sympathy to the family.

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**Leroy Sarowatz** - April 10, 2023 at 07:32 PM

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“ My condolences to the Makkay family. When I would be working on a wood project and needed help or advice, Bob, would be ready and happy to help. It was a pleasure just chatting with him in his shop about life. I will miss Bob.

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**Gary T Mitchell** - April 10, 2023 at 09:47 AM

RJ

“ Always willing to talk about the air force we were both vets, his wood working skills were Un matched I'll miss him

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**Richard jenkins** - April 09, 2023 at 05:04 PM

TK

“ Proud to know and work with that Man Sorry for your loss

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**Tommy Kroll** - April 09, 2023 at 02:23 PM