



## Robert Gene Layton

June 10, 1952 - April 11, 2023

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Robert (Bob, Bobby, Dad, PawPaw, and throughout the years, Big Dog, Jarhead, Roberto, Webster, Bur, or simply "The Man") Gene Layton, was called away from us on a picturesque morning dating April 11, 2023 at 11:11 a.m. He left peacefully in his home overlooking Knox Lake in Fredericktown, Oh., surrounded by the love and comfort of his family. He was 70 years young, and if you had the privileged to meet him, you'd guess decades younger. He would tell you, "That would be my Honeys' (wife, Debbie Layton) doings." Together they shared 25 years of kodak moments and memories. This match made in heaven had a way of showing the world what it meant to be with someone. A real life Shrek and Fiona Duo... true love. Until you two meet again. Complimenting the love of his life in all those joyous memories are his pride and joys, his children and grandchildren. Who will carry on his legacy and who will strive to continue to make him proud. They know you're watching them and yes, they checked the oil and tire pressure in their cars. His children, who know there are not enough words to express how much of an influence he had on the adults they became. Daughter Amanda (Tedd) Ludtman, Son Colten (Ashley) Riley, Son Clay (Taylor Keener) Riley. The grandbabies, who knew Paw Paw would always say, "Well sure, little one." Kaleah Ludtman, Kyla Ludtman, Marley Ludtman, Milly Riley, and Kasen Riley. They could never forget that Paw Paw was the best.

Family first is how Bob lived his entire life. Born on June 10, 1952, in Columbus, Oh. to the late Lewis and Charlotte (Cherry) Layton. Stepping up to help his mother, he kept an eye on his sisters, Vicky (Tom) Looker and Stella (Craig) Smith. As they aged, they returned the favor by keeping an eye on him. Bob had a band of brothers too, Gary (Annette) Layton, Ed (Becky) Layton, Greg (Karen) Layton, and Lewis Layton. His siblings all agree, that he took the position as a positive father figure not only in their lives, but for others back in those days.

Bob also loved the family he chose Mother-in law, Joyce Buzzard, Father-in-law, Jim Donaldson, Aunt Gladys Diamond, sister-in-law, Alice (Paul) Evans, brother-in-law Jimbo (Tracy) Donaldson.

All the family gatherings, The Ohio State football shenanigans, "poker nights", and our family vacations will miss your physical presence but we all know you... you'll be there.

In addition to family, Bob loved God, Country, and education. A graduate of Otterbein College with a degree in construction management and education. He played football as a center and middle linebacker, earning him the name, "Big Dog". Afterwards, enlisting as an officer for The United States Marine Corps where he was more than proud to serve this great nation, The United State of America. SEMPER PARATI. After his time in the service, he spent many years traveling and working across the country until settling down in Ohio as a Construction Superintendent.

We lost one of the best men here on Earth, knowing God must need an angel like you up there.

A special thanks to all the Hospice home-health aids, nurses, social workers, and Dr. Elder. Your quick response to our specific situation,

expertise, and love will never be forgotten.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bob Laytons family for final arrangements or to Hospice of Knox County.

# Tribute Wall

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## Angie Jones

I think it's so sad that his biological children and grandchildren are not even mentioned in his obituary. Pathetic! We live in an evil World.

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R

## Rich Pidock

I use to play football with Big dog, he was a year ahead of me at Central, I always had great respect for Big dog. My older brother Ray was one of his best friends in those days. Big dog will be missed by many I'm sure. Sorry for your loss.

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## Peggy Frey Wolfe

Awesome Guy Rest In Peace

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## Tari Bowman

Debbie and family: Sending my thoughts I've known you for many year's thru Dr Elders office. God has blessed you with a gift, for caring for many patients, including my family Thank you for your wonderful care, I'm so sorry to here about your husband. I know you loved him with all your heart. My God comfort you thru this hard time Deb.  
Love: Tari Bowman???

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## Jr. Breeze

Being Bob and Debbie's neighbor for many years I have so many memories. In my mind I know I can still out fish him. Bob was a gentle giant of a man and will be missed. Only for him will I ever say " Go Bucks "

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## Carrie Davis

Oh Debbie..my heart goes out to you. Just seeing you and Bob together..you saw true love. God bless you you and love you.???  
Always know he will be with you every day, Love Carrie Davis

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**M**

## Margie Blubaugh

Dear Debbie you may not remember me but I worked with you and Alice at the Centerburg Nursing Center many years ago. My deepest condolences and sympathy to you and all your family. I didn't know your husband but from what I've read, he was a loving good kind wonderful man. Im truely so very sorry for your tremendous loss. I know there is nothing. To be done or said to take away your pain. Just know you and your children grandchildren and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers in this incredible loss now and in yhe days to come my prayer is for you and your whole family to feel the presence of our heavenly father with you and he comfort and bring you peace. I know your heart is broken in. A million pieces but God sees your tears and your heart break may he send comfortable and peace that only he can. God be with each and every one of you. Im doo truely sorry.



"Material\_candle\_red\_thumbnail"  
was lit in memory of Robert Gene Layton

❤ Light a candle

*Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance*

**C**

## Clayton and Taylor

Thinking of you every time we carefully flip our dippy eggs and savor the corner pieces of a thin crust pizza.

**A**

## A Memorial Tree was planted for Robert Gene Layton

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Snyder Funeral Homes,  
Fredericktown Chapel