



Robert J. Letts

June 22, 1943 - January 6, 2020

Robert J. Letts, 76, of Harbor Beach went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Bob was born on June 22, 1943, in Washington D.C, to the late David and Eathel (McCallum) Letts. He was raised in the Lansing community, and graduated from Sexton High School in 1962 and Northern Michigan University with a degree in education in 1968, after serving his country in the United States Navy. He taught US History and World Geography for 31 years at Millington High School. He was not known for his prowess as a donkey basketball player, but he enjoyed being a part of the school community he worked in. He was an active member the Michigan Education Association, as well as the National Education Association for over thirty years. He proudly served in the United States Navy; Active Duty for two years and Reserves for twenty-eight years. He enjoyed camping with his family when they were young; making cookies for and reading to kindergartners in his retirement. He was a member of and an officer in the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Bob enjoyed watching old military movies. He loved to read, and always enjoyed anything chocolate. He will always be remembered for his wit and sense of humor, and his love for his family. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Penny (Callender) Letts; by his children, Laura Letts of Muskegon; Michael Letts of Vassar; Michelle Whistler of Clarkston; Jillynn (Joseph) Keppler of Lake Orion; Jeremy (Nicole)

Arntz of Cedar Park, TX; nine grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Lisa, Nick, Rachel, Cody, Ian, Hailey, Matthew, Justin and Jack; sister, Mary (John) Foess of Vassar; brothers-in-law Thomas (Margaret) Callender of Ruth; David (Nancy) Callender of Surry, NH; and Richard Callender of Pigeon, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his identical twin brother, Thomas G. Letts, who he always affectionately called Elder Brother for being born ten minutes before him.

The family will receive visitors at Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, Wednesday, January 8, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be at Harbor Beach United Methodist Church, Thursday, January 9 at 11 a.m., with Rev. Sari Brown officiating. Military honors will be given, followed by a luncheon. Visitation on Thursday will be at the church beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to a place near and dear to Bob's heart, the Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church
First Street
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Letts*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to The Letts a Family. May God enfold you in His love, peace fill your hearts, words and friendships comfort you and cherished memories all help to ease your sorrow.*

Nilah Berry and Sheila Hebner - January 08, 2020 at 10:55 AM



Nilah Berry

Nilah Berry and Sheila Hebner - January 08, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *After reading the other tributes, I now know where Laura Letts gets her spunk and good spirit. Laura, I did not know you Dad, but I know how much he meant to you. I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Your co-worker and friend,

Vicky Rickert

Vicky Rickert - January 08, 2020 at 08:16 AM





“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert J. Letts.*



January 08, 2020 at 07:34 AM



“ *Mr. Letts was always an amazing teacher. He was a bounty of knowledge and always an interesting conversation. He always made us laugh, and sometimes surprised us, with his quick wit and comebacks to our teenage "know it all" remarks. Thank you for having such a positive impact on so many lives. You were a favorite to many and you will be greatly missed. My many condolences to his family.*

Dawn - January 07, 2020 at 11:36 PM



Thank you, Dawn. He truly wanted to impact his students as best he could.

Michelle Whistler - January 12, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Mary Cosentino purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert J. Letts.*



Mary Cosentino - January 07, 2020 at 10:51 PM

PC

“ Bob was a very very dear friend of ours and we send Penny our Deepest condolences at his loss.
When we were in Michigan and attended the church, most of the time, Mary and I sat right behind them. Bob was an extremely good friend to us and Penny still is.
Phil and Mary Cox, Cresent City, Florida.

Phil and Mary Cox - January 07, 2020 at 10:49 PM

WH

June 22 was our joint birthday and he called me his younger brother, and we played tricks or sent funny cards to each other. One 6/22 since he only lived about 5 blocks away I took my violin over to serenade him with "Happy Birthday to you" Penny met me at the door and said he was taking a shower. That's okay, I'll go in and to the bathroom. I fiddled outside the Bathroom door. I'm sure he was shocked and I can't remember if I pulled the curtain back to see his face. He and Penny were the first to greet our family when we moved to Harbor Beach. Through the years they invited to their backyard picnics great food! They. Lived next door to another close friend of mine: Agnes Will. Oh so many memories. I think I may have visited him Millington hospital after that serious accident he had. For you see, I was his pastor too. Wayne Hawley in Burnet Tx not far from where Jeremy lives

Wayne Hawley - January 08, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JS

“ Bob was a wonderful man who could light up the room with his smile...and even with a wink! Hugs and much love to you all at this sad time. You know where we are if you need anything.

Janet L Smith - January 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JS

“ *Kilts and pipe smoke. :-)*

*Bob, may you find ease, and Bob's family,
may you find peace in trying times.*



Jenny Staroska - January 07, 2020 at 04:28 PM

MW

Pipe smoke is the key. Thank you, Jenny.

Michelle Whistler - January 07, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *Mr. Letts was one of my most favorite teachers.
My friend Kerri and I would go to school early
just to chat with him. We enjoyed him so much.
He was am an awesome teacher and person.
My prayers go out to the family and friends. He
will be greatly missed.*



Danise Danise - January 07, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *May God bless Bob's family and especially
Penny. Comfort and peace to all of you.*



Lana Schultz - January 07, 2020 at 02:06 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Feher lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Letts*



Kathy Feher - January 07, 2020 at 01:21 PM

WB

“ *Fair Winds and Following Seas, Skipper...*

Wm "Burt" Burleson - January 07, 2020 at 12:10 PM

MS

“ *Mr. Letts touched the hearts of so many of his students. He was, by far, one of my favorite teachers at Millington. He will be greatly missed and my prayers are with his family during this difficult time.*

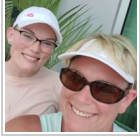
Melissa Fabbro Sandusky - January 07, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert J. Letts.*



January 07, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Sandi Adolph Muska lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Letts*



Sandi Adolph Muska - January 07, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JF

“ *From one friend and vet to another, Rest In Peace until we meet again.*

John Frederick

John Frederick - January 07, 2020 at 10:05 AM

FH

“ *Penny & Family, so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He will certainly be remembered for his wonderful wit, and his helpfulness in any situation. I want to thank you for sharing Bob with me. He will be missed. Fran Hiser*

Fran Hiser - January 07, 2020 at 08:50 AM

JH

“ *Bonded with Bob to the point we called each other Brothers, peace be with all that love him 🙏❤️*

jay howard - January 07, 2020 at 07:48 AM

AT

“ *Mr Letts was by far the best history teacher I ever had. I learned far more about history from him than any other teacher. Having his class early in the morning, yes I fell asleep a few times, but he never reprimanded me. He cared about us students, and Fridays were the best; Casual dress day for the teachers. That meant he'd have his kilt on! It was the best.... My heart breaks and my prayers are with the Letts family in this sad hour.*

Angela Thoeming-Warrick - January 07, 2020 at 05:48 AM



“ *Mr. Letts was one of my favorite teachers. He definitely had a positive impact on my life.*

Mike Wilson - January 06, 2020 at 11:10 PM

RH

“ *A memory I have of you is visiting as kids, and playing at the park in front of your house. The smell of all the old books, and your tobacco pipe. You had so many books on history and it became my favorite subject. I'll miss you Grandpa.*

Rachel Hunt - January 06, 2020 at 10:34 PM

AN

“ *One of my favorite teachers. He always reminded me of the sailor from an old spice commercial. My condolences to the family.*



Ann - January 06, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JW

“ I had Mr. Letts as a teacher in the mid to late 80’s. I know I gave him a hard time. I credit him with my career of becoming a teacher myself. I loved him as a teacher and loved him even more as a father-in-law. He was a great man and a great grandfather! I will miss him!

jeannette wilkinson - January 06, 2020 at 10:30 PM

GS

“ I have known Bob and Penny for years through our work in the MEA and NEA as well as Region 11. I always loved talking to Bob, his knowledge of things, his sense of humor and our mutual love of lighthouses. My deepest condolences to Penny and their family. He will be missed.

Guy Sands - January 06, 2020 at 10:27 PM

JH

Bonded with Bob to a point we called each other brother ,peace be with his loved ones 🙏😭

jay howard - January 07, 2020 at 06:12 AM

RG

“ Truly one of my favorite teachers!! Thank you for believing in me when other teachers didn’t... you truly inspired me to finish school... May your soul Rest In Peace

Randy Gouine - January 06, 2020 at 10:22 PM

SG

“ One of my absolute favorite teachers. I fell asleep in class once (i was exhausted working 2 jobs) and woke with his coat covering me. He truly cared about his students

Sara Gagnon - January 06, 2020 at 10:10 PM

SW

“ I had Mr. Letts in school i always liked him as a teacher sending prayers to his family

Sona Wiley - January 06, 2020 at 10:08 PM

AD

“ I had Mr. Letts as a teacher for several classes throughout high school. He was one of my favorite and one of the most impactful teachers of my life. My thoughts are with his family. He was truly one of a kind.



Amanda DeOrnellas - January 06, 2020 at 10:02 PM

MD

“ I had Mr. Letts as a teacher when I was in high school at Millington around 1994 He ways had such wonderful stories and I always loved when he would wear his kilt. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Melissa DeOrnellas - January 06, 2020 at 09:37 PM

DB

“ Bob and I taught in Millington from the 1970's until our retirements. He was always a wealth of knowledge, full of quick wit and humor, and a wise counsel. Although we saw each other rarely after retirement, he was like an older brother during our years at Millington. Condolences to his family - especially Penny, Laura, Mike and Michelle. Rest well my friend.

Dave Bryan - January 06, 2020 at 09:35 PM

MW

Thank you so much, Dave.

Michelle Whistler - January 06, 2020 at 10:52 PM

KH

“ I had Mr Robert Letts as a teacher in high school in Millington back in the '70s. He was one of the more memorable and interesting teachers during my high school years. Rest in Peace Mr Letts.

Keith Hlavacs - January 06, 2020 at 09:06 PM

LM

“ Some of the first people I met when I got involved in the MEA were Bob and Penny. They were always friendly, knowledgeable, and great to be around. Sympathy to the family and RIP Bob!

Lynn Mason - January 06, 2020 at 08:58 PM

KD

“ Bob was a great person to work with. As a new teacher in Millington, he made me feel welcome and a part of the staff. Prayers to the Letts family.

Karen Dekoski - January 06, 2020 at 08:16 PM