



## Rob M. Sanwald Sr.

October 28, 1957 - January 28, 2022

Robert Michael Sanwald Sr. went home to be with his heavenly Father peacefully on January 28th, 2022. Rob was born on October 28th, 1957 and was 64 years old. Rob is a man with a big heart for his family, his church, his clients, and his community. He owned Building Care Carpet Cleaning Co and ran it with his son, Rob Jr., for 39 years. Rob was born in Wenatchee and lived here his whole life.

He was in love with his wife, Karen. They had been married 43 years. He loved his children with his whole heart. He adored his grandchildren. His children weren't limited to his four, but included every one he met whether a friend of his kids or his nieces and nephews. He loved them all as if they were his own.

Rob was the life of any room. He never left a room without leaving it better than when he entered; both in fellowship and in his business.

Rob is survived by his loving wife, Karen; his children, Lori and Amond of Leavenworth, Rob Jr. of Wenatchee, Greg and Bethany of Rathdrom, ID, and Kristy and RJ of Pullman; his grandchildren, Belle, Emmy, Ivy, Charli, and Randi; his mother, Annie, and siblings, Diane, Terry and Brian, and Geneva. His beloved granddaughter, Lane, preceded him. He had many nephews, nieces, and family that he loved dearly

Rob is greatly missed and will forever be treasured. His story will be carried on for generations. He will live on in our laughter as we remember his goofy sense of humor. His life will continue to be intertwined with ours as we tell his

stories. And his love will never be lost as we carry it in our heavy hearts. A celebration of his journey to Heaven will be held at Sage Hills Church at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 12th. Please bring a simple written story about a way that Rob had impacted your life or made you laugh if you are moved to. His family really loves hearing all these different experiences.

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ *oh i am so sorry i missed this information. Rob was a favorite of our and we just moved back and i knew there had to be a reason i could not locate him. i am so sorry to his family i can't imagine how much you all miss him*

*always*

*Don & Marsha Osborn*

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**Marsha Osborn** - August 23, 2023 at 06:09 PM

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“ Somehow I missed the passing of Rob. I just learned about it today, March 23, 2022. I had just told my husband I needed to call Rob to have the carpets cleaned. Rob has cleaned our carpets since I lived in Sleepy Hollow and he started the business. Years ago he also cleaned my windows.

*I remember seeing Rob at Moore Point on Lake Chelan with his wife and their first child. They were hiking around the hills alongside the lake and Karen had the child in an infant carrier. I was so impressed by this young family boating to Moore Point and bravely hiking the rocky hillside by the lake. It was a testament to what kind of parents they would be and obviously were.*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Rob was such a great guy and we've enjoyed having both Rob and Rob Jr. clean our carpets for the past several years. Rob is gone way to soon but we don't get to make that choice. Rob is with his heavenly father and one day you will all be reunited.*

*Please cherish the wonderful memories of that wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, and friend.*

*Love,*

*Sandy Weaver*

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**Sandy Weaver** - March 23, 2022 at 06:33 PM

CS

“ My family moved to Wenatchee just before the start of fifth grade. That year, I was lucky enough to be in the same class and on the same soccer team as Robbie. Some of my best memories of those first few years in Wenatchee revolve around becoming great friends with Robbie and being welcomed with open arms and hearts by him and his family. Rob Sr. was such a great part of that.

He was always a lively and uplifting presence. He brought his A-game to the basketball court - not shy about dominating the post against the kids. And he sang out in delight along with any tune that caught his ear - particularly Prince's "7" (the "savoir faire" song) on one occasion I remember well.

Rob Sr. was a great and dedicated father, it's evident in the life he lived and those of his family too. He was always there, always cared, and always welcoming. He will be missed, loved, and remembered by everyone that knew him. He is gone too soon, but we are infinitely grateful for the time we had with him.

My love goes out to the Sanwald family. May they be uplifted in the spirit of celebrating Rob Sr.'s life and their time together.

*Cayle Sharratt & Family*

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**CAYLE SHARRATT** - February 12, 2022 at 11:55 AM

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“ My most recent memory of Rob would be running into him during walks during our short time living in town close to the college. We both seemed to like walking in the morning and I often caught him chatting it up with other men that must have lived close by. I know how Rob adored his family having had kids of the same age and also friends. What I remember of our chats from our walks was his heavy heart for his granddaughter Lane but his strength which I'm sure he provided his son and family during her illness. He leaves a great legacy with Karen and his kids. Hugs to Karen and the whole Sanwald family.

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**Sue Steensma** - February 12, 2022 at 12:18 AM

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**Kevin New** - February 10, 2022 at 07:56 PM

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“ We have known the Sanwald family for many years. Rob and Karen have always had a way of making a person feel welcome. Their faith and concern for those around them shines. Even as we visited with Karen after Rob's passing, she was full of light and joy as she talked about Rob and their family, all the while making us feel welcome.

Rob has left a legacy of love, family, and faith in God. And truly, he is not gone but has moved on to his eternal home to be with his Savior forever.

You did good Rob.

See you on the flip side.

Dewey and Paula McGowan

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**Paula McGowan** - February 10, 2022 at 12:20 PM

KS

“ Sending our prayers dear family and friends.

Rob was & always will be the light that shines. His humble and fun personality was a breath of fresh air. Always kind and helpful.

Client's turn into dear friends! Rob's grace is unforgettable.

May God bless Rob in Heaven as much as Rob blessed us here on earth.

Rob, you will forever live in our hearts.

Blessings,

Kym & Kevin Sweepe

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**Kym Sweepe** - February 09, 2022 at 05:04 PM

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“ We send our condolences to the Sanwald family at this sad time.  
God Bless Rob's life and may God's comfort and love surround you  
all as you grieve.

*Greg and Sheryl Twombly & family*

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**Sheryl Twombly** - February 08, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *The older we become the more we realize, it is not what we have in our life, but who we have that matters. Our family was lucky enough to have Rob as a dear friend, and it mattered, in fact, it mattered a great deal.*

*Rob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend to everyone he ever met. He was most proud of his faith, family and friendships. He was an honest man in work and relationships.*

*Rob had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to laugh and enjoyed a good story, especially one where the comments or words of children were involved. We remember so clearly the twinkle in his eye during times of laughter and joy.*

*Rob could have easily recited the following prayer:*

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord.  
Give me the grace to see a joke.  
To get some pleasure out of life,  
And pass it on to other folk.*

*Give me forgiveness and common sense,  
And help keep my courage high.  
Give me calm and confidence,  
And, please a twinkle in my eye.*

*Rob was a person who was kinder than necessary. We will be forever grateful for his kindness, friendship and for the example he set as an honest person in faith, family and friendships.*

*May God bless and keep you, Rob, now and forever more in His kingdom and in our hearts.*

*Gene and Carol Sharratt & Family*

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**Gene Sharratt** - February 07, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Rob was always there when we needed. Our facility is a very big building. He and his son worked always hard and fast but always do it right. We consider him part of our family. He will be missed by all that knew and Loved him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Wenatchee Masonic Center*

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**Steven Guffy** - February 06, 2022 at 10:31 PM

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“ Our family is beyond blessed to have had the honor and privilege of knowing this wonderful man. We will be forever grateful for his tremendous kindness in our lives. We first met Rob at a Bible study hosted by him and his lovely wife Karen. Rob took the time to make everyone around him feel special.

*He showed up for our son's football game, took our family on a boat ride to Stehekin, hosted amazing barbeques and taught our family about Dr. Pepper with lemon slices. His kindness, generosity, and love for the Lord were a great example for all. This world is a much better place because Rob Sanwald was in it, and we are much better people for having known him.*

*Kevin, Shannon, Jimmy, & Anna New*

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**Kevin New** - February 05, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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**Kevin New** - February 05, 2022 at 03:08 PM

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“ I met Rob and his family playing basketball. The guy had the old fashioned, two handed shot, and they went in. What a true joy he was to play with, and a strong friendship grew. We started to talk Disney at one of the games. I had met my match with Rob and his family and the love of Disneyland. He went yearly as did I. I know God is holding him close and Im pretty sure the carpets of Heaven have never been brighter. I will miss my friend, but I feel his presence, even now.

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**Randy Chapman** - February 05, 2022 at 09:56 AM

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“ Rob and his son were our go to carpet cleaners for many years. We got to know them and loved them like family. The last time Rob cleaned our old carpet a few months ago I told him I was thinking we may get new carpet and he just smiled. He knew he'd probably be back in a few months to try to get our coffee stain or tomato sauce out. He was the most cheerful and fun person and what a great father and son team they were. I am heartbroken for the family.

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**Patti Davis** - February 04, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ To the entire Sanwald family, Bill and I send you our love and support. How lucky we were to have Rob as a friend. He was a light in the lives of so many, we will always remember his warmth, kindness and humor. Rare is a man that can keep the spark of joy in his life and share it so easily with others. Your loss is great but you also have the wonderful comfort of knowing that he has traveled the road to home. A home that he shares with his precious granddaughter and a home where he is surrounded with love and joy.

*Our hearts are with you as you find comfort in knowing he is safe in the arms of our Lord.*

*Jane and Bill*

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**Jane Mott** - February 01, 2022 at 05:43 PM