



## Robert Fornoff

August 31, 2024

Robert "Bob" Eugene Fornoff of Holly, MI, passed away on August 31, 2024, at the age of 75. Known affectionately as "Bob the Car Man," his passion for anything automotive was evident to all who knew him. He was born on August 19, 1949, and lived a life marked by his love for machinery and the open road. Bob graduated early from Pine River High School in 1967 and furthered his education at ITT Bailey Technical School in St. Louis, MO, graduating in 1969. He began his career at Coca-Cola, where he worked from 1969 to 1984, when a back injury transitioned him to various part-time roles in machine shops and auto repair, where he could indulge his passion for cars more freely. Beyond his professional life, Bob was deeply involved in the rehabilitation of both domestic and wild animals, dedicating much of his time to caring for creatures in need. His hobbies also included working on, creating, fixing, and designing anything that made noise and moved, a testament to his lifelong fascination with mechanics. Bob's family remembers him as a loving father and grandfather. He is survived by his daughter, Jessie Grinwis; grandchildren, Zaine, Aiden, and Kenzie Grinwis; and his brother, Robin Fornoff. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lyle and Arlene Joy Fornoff; his brother, Roderick Fornoff; and his long-term partner, Cathy Utter. A service to celebrate Bob's life will be held at 1pm on Saturday, October 5th at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, MI with visitation from 11 am to 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Bob may be made to the Basset Hound Rescue of Michigan at [www.bhrom.com](http://www.bhrom.com), reflecting his love for animal welfare. Bob's life

was a journey marked by his passions, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
bgdryer@hotmail.com  
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Celebration of Life

OCT 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy - I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please reach out to me.*

*Robin - Freedom Work Opportunities, Inc.*

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**Robin** - October 23, 2024 at 12:40 AM