

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Roger Alan Cobb

January 31, 1950 - August 8, 2025

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
ST. SCHOLASTICA CHURCH
OFFICIATING CLERGY: FATHER TYRONE ROBINSON
DEACON MICHAEL HEARD
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025, 10:30AM

THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

Roger Allan Cobb was born on January 31, 1950, in Highland Park, Michigan, to the late Dumas Monte Cobb and the late Emma Jefferson. As the eldest of seven children, Roger embraced his role with quiet strength and unwavering devotion. He grew up alongside his five sisters—Linda, Janet, Margaret, Mary, and Patricia—and his brother, Kenneth, forming lifelong bonds grounded in love and loyalty.

Roger attended East Catholic High School, where he was active in the Boy Scouts of America Detroit Area Council and served as its vice president. During these years, he began to demonstrate the work ethic and sense of responsibility that would define his life. Each morning before school, he delivered newspapers—often bringing his younger brother Kenneth along to help. He later joined the high school basketball team and proudly gave himself the nickname “Roger Ramjet,” after the animated superhero who saved the world.

Roger graduated from high school in 1968, the same year the University of Detroit launched Project 100, a groundbreaking initiative to admit high-achieving graduates from inner-city public and parochial schools. He was part of the inaugural class of this pioneering program and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1972. He also participated in the university's Co-op Program, gaining early work experience at Stroh's Brewery and General Motors. Following a layoff from GM in 1975, Roger transitioned to Grand Trunk Railroad (now Canadian National Railroad), where he spent 37 years as a budget analyst before retiring in 2012.

In 1973, a date arranged by his friends Bennie Loyd and Claudia McRipley changed Roger's life forever. That night, at a bowling banquet, he met Rosalind Russell McRipley—and bowled a “strike” in love. They were married on July 13, 1974, beginning a beautiful partnership that would span more than five decades. Together, they raised three children—Roxanne Renee, Randall Patrick, and Ryan Kendall—each a treasured part of Roger's legacy.

The Cobb family made their home in Detroit at 16161 Whitcomb for nearly 30 years, where Roger's pride in his home and impeccably manicured lawn became a neighborhood hallmark. As a proud Detroiter, he was a frequent visitor to local landmarks such as Belle Isle and Eastern Market, where he never failed to pick up his favorite red pistachios from the Rocky Peanut Co. In 2003, Roger's job brought the family to Flossmoor, Illinois, where they planted new roots and forged enduring friendships.

A GENTLE SOUL, NOW AT REST



Family was the center of Roger's life. When his children were young, he often took them to Palmer Park after long workdays to give Rosalind a break—memories they cherish to this day, especially the ice cream trips that often followed. Roger provided a life rich with love, stability, and inspiration. He taught his children the importance of giving back, making wise choices, and leading with integrity. To many in his community, he was a father figure—respected for his calm demeanor, generous heart, and the steadfast example he set as a husband, father, brother and neighbor.

Roger's passions were many. He was a devoted bowler and proud member of several bowling leagues, achieving a perfect score of 300 not once, but three times. He enjoyed golf, movies, popcorn and pizza, cheering on the Detroit Lions and Pistons, and collecting jazz albums and film soundtracks. His travel planning was legendary—always detailed, thoughtful, and inspired by his father Dumas, who became a travel agent in retirement. Summers were filled with trips across the U.S. and Canada, and joyful gatherings with extended family at the annual Hugueley Family Reunion.

Faith was a cornerstone of Roger's life. He was a longtime member of Presentation—Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, where he first attended with his beloved aunt Phyllis Cobb, the church's lead organist. After relocating to Flossmoor, he continued his faith journey as a lector at Infant Jesus of Prague Church.

For 46 consecutive years, Roger faithfully attended the annual retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House in Detroit—many of those years shared with his father, in a tradition that beautifully reflected their endless devotion to Christ.

Roger will be remembered for his gentle spirit, financial wisdom, and unwavering kindness. He volunteered at the local food bank, mentored young people in his neighborhood, and lived a life marked by humility, love, and quiet leadership.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rosalind; his children: Roxanne Benton (Lester), Randall Cobb (Adrienne), and Ryan Cobb (Surayyah); his siblings: Linda McClain (John), Janet Ballard (Frank), Margaret Ross (Robert), Mary Heath, Patricia Barthwell, and Kenneth Cobb; brothers-in-law: Clarence McRipley (Francine) and Gil McRipley; sister-in-law: Claudia Loyd; grandchildren: Cailyn and Myles Benton, and Abdullah Cobb; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

Roger's legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the family he cherished, and the values he upheld. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Matthew 25:21

Tributes **FOR OUR BELOVED** *Roger*

God's ways are mysterious. I may never fully understand this pain or loss, but I do know this: Roger was a bright light, reflecting Christ's love like a mirror for all to see.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

He was a devoted husband and a wonderful father. I marveled at the way he helped me raise our children. I am so blessed to have shared my life with him.

I miss his loving voice, the joy and laughter – the many tender moments we shared. I treasure the days we spent dreaming dreams and making plans, building a life filled with love.

Most of all, I miss the happiness we created together. Roger, you meant the world to me.

Love Always,
Rosalind, your best friend and wife of 51 years



ORDER OF *Service*

OPENING SONG “BLESSED ASSURANCE”

Vocalist/Pianist – Mona Godbold

GREETING/OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING (OLD TESTAMENT) ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM “PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD”

SECOND READING (NEW TESTAMENT) CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

Dr. Linda Cobb-McClain

GOSPEL

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Kenneth Cobb

PREPARATION OF ALTAR SONG “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Cailyn Benton & Dante Barthwell

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION “I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”

MEDIATION SONG “GOODNESS OF GOD”

OBITUARY

Patricia Barthwell

CLOSING PRAYER

RECESSIONAL SONG “WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN”

A GENTLE SOUL, NOW AT REST





Tributes **FOR OUR BELOVED** *Father*

All praise to God for blessing us with a father who cared so deeply for his family.

You made us your number one priority and loved us unconditionally. You guided us with wisdom, led by example, and raised us with the same values your parents instilled in you.

In your final days, you were surrounded by love—and we were there for you, just as you were always there for us. Dad, the ache in our hearts comes from the depth of the love you gave us—a love that will never fade.

We are forever grateful for you, and we will honor your legacy in all that we do.

With all our love,
Your children – Roxanne, Randall and Ryan



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Tributes

FOR OUR BELOVED *Roger*

My Beloved Older Brother,
I cherish the talks around your table in Flossmoor where
John and I discussed for hours your commitment to your
faith in Jesus Christ. Enjoy eternity with the Father, Son and
Holy Spirit! I will see you there. You were a good and
faithful servant (Matt. 25:23)

Love,
Suzy (Linda Cobb-McClain)

Growing up and surrounded in age by five sisters, I was truly blessed to have "Roger Ramjet" as my big brother, although nearly seven years my senior. For me, besides being our fearless leader, Roger was my first roommate, family chores partner, baseball catch partner, and touch football teammate, just to name a few. In fact, I followed in his footsteps being an altar boy, newspaper boy, Camp Ozanam summer camper, and Stroh Brewery summer employee, as well as getting good grades, having a strong work ethic, and taking care of money. As our late parents aged, Roger was a devoted and loving son, visiting them frequently and taking dad to church. These past two months, Roger fought a courageous battle to the end. His spirit remains strong and his legacy lives on. Yep, Roger was 'simply the best!!!'

Kenneth

Roger, It's so hard to believe that you're gone, It's just so surreal that my oldest brother is no longer here. You have always been such a blessing in my life - sweet, helpful, protective, with such a pleasant demeanor. I looked up to you because you were smart, studious, and always focused. Your sisters were always so special to you. Thank you for being the best big brother ever. Take your much-needed rest after fighting for 55 days. Frank and I will never forget our last goodbye fist bump and my final "I Love you, Roger". Rest In Heaven

Your 2nd Sister,
Janet



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Roger, you were the best big brother and a true epitome of an older sibling—steady, protective, and full of love. You were not only that, but also an amazing father, a devoted husband, and a protector to all who mattered to you. I will always hold close the good memories we shared growing up, and I will rejoice in knowing you are now at rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You will truly be missed.

Love,

Margaret



R - remarkable man who was the epitome of a big brother who set the bar for his siblings.
O - often away but never forgotten
G - God-fearing and grateful that you lived a full life
E - eternally blessed to have spent time with you during your last days
R - rest well my brother

Love and miss you,
Your sister Mary

Roger, what an awesome big brother you've been for me my entire life. I could not ask for a better example of love, calmness, caring and peace and I will treasure these memories forever. You will be missed but never ever forgotten. Love you forever!!

Your Baby sister!
Pat

Acknowledgements



The family of Roger Cobb extends our deepest thanks for the outpouring of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this profoundly difficult time. Your compassion has been a source of comfort and strength.

We offer special gratitude to the dedicated team of caregivers on 3 East ICU , Progressive Care at Corewell Health Troy, and Select Speciality- Oakland whose exceptional care meant so much to our family and to Roger.

A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

With heartfelt appreciation & love,
The Cobb Family

Arrangements

Haley Funeral Directors
24525 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

Repast

Immediately following the service
Tapestry Banquets
24580 Evergreen Road
Southfield, MI 48075

Family and friends are welcome to share remarks at the repast

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS