



## Mr. Michael S. Bobowiec, Jr.

September 24, 1941 - July 28, 2016

Michael S. Bobowiec, Jr., 74, of Stamford, VT, died on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at Berkshire Medical Center after a short illness, with his family by his side.

He was born in Adams, MA, on Sept. 24, 1941, the son of the late Michael and Gertrude (Herrmann) Bobowiec. He attended schools in Adams and graduated from the former Adams High School. He then went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Science from the former North Adams State College.

Mr. Bobowiec taught science initially in the Bennington school district and then for more than 30 years in the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District until retiring. He was known to be a strict, but entertaining and inspirational teacher, who had an insatiable love of learning, which he enjoyed sharing with his students and friends.

He was a member of the Stamford Community Church. He was also a member of the Stamford Sportsman's Club and the National Rifle Association. He was an avid gun enthusiast and an advocate for gun safety. He had also taught Judo classes at the North Adams YMCA. He loved living in Vermont, delighted in teaching his sons about geology and astronomy, and was never more enthusiastic than when yelling "Fire in the hole!" before setting off a cannon in the backyard.

Mr. Bobowiec is survived by a son, Paul Bobowiec of Stamford; a sister, Marion King of Lanesboro; his former wife, Carolyn Bobowiec, his daughter-in-law, Terry Bobowiec, both of Stamford, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was predeceased by his son, Daniel Bobowiec, in 2015, and a sister, Margaret, in 1997.

The funeral will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 1:30 p.m. at the Stamford Community Church, Main Road, Stamford. The Rev. James LaMothe, Pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Millard Cemetery, Stamford. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stamford Volunteer Fire Department, 142 Stebbins Lane, Stamford, VT 05352.

The Paciorek Funeral Home, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, is in charge of arrangements. To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *He was an amazing teacher and person. He will be missed by many.*

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**Scott Balawender** - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

DD

“ *I had Mr. Boboweic a couple of times as a teacher. I loved his classes, and his infectious love of science helped me decide on a career in science. I have a degree in Biology from Westfield State College. He instilled curiosity and love of learning in his students. We are all better for having had him as an instructor. I'm very sorry for your family's loss*

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**Donna-Lee DePrille** - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

JS

“ *He will be missed. I'll never forget him telling the story of when he was pulled over by police for strapping a rocket launcher to his bicycle. Or, writing the word "YAGO" (which stood for 'you are goofing off') on low test scores. So many unique memories attest to how special he was!*

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**Jonathan Shears** - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

KC

“ *Mike was one of the smartest and funniest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Teaching alongside of him was a joy everyday. My deepest sympathy to his family. He was truly one of a kind.vj*

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**Katherine Caffrey** - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

AM

“ *I remember how he was always throwing zinc into hydrochloric acid to make hydrogen, then lighting it on fire. And his constant quote "That really turns my crank." Also, "interfibrous friction holders."*

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**Aimee Marko** - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

BY

“ *My favorite Teacher, Professor, and Mad Labs instructor. Have had him in my mind since I took his class in grade school and I hope he's bringing the roof down (with pyrotechnics) wherever he is now.*

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**Brenda Yagmin** - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

BF

“ Mr. Bobowiec was a great teacher. My memories of him teaching and walking back and forth behind his lab table not knowing he was lighting a homemade firecracker just to get everyone's attention which he did. Teachers like him are one in a million. thank you Mr. Bobowiec for being one of my mentors. May you rest in peace.

Bruce Felix - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

AM

“ I am a Mechanical Design Engineer with an Aerospace Specialty, largely attributed to the curiosity and love of science instilled by my great science teacher. Your lessons and memories...and legacy will live on always.

Ali Maher - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

LJ

“ Mr. Michael S. Bobowiec, Jr.

Lawrence Jacques - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

LJ

“ Sensei, you taught me to fall, roll and enjoy a new sport. You also showed me the way to reload. ( I still use the recipe we made 30 yrs ago ) You are and will always be missed .

Lawrence Jacques - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

DR

“ I had Mr. Bobowiec for 8th grade science in 1992. I can remember almost every thing he ever showed us in class (the fire extinguisher, getting shocked, smelling rotten eggs, burning phosphorous, etc). He made science fun and crazy and exciting and wonderful. I often think of his classes and teaching style even now and thank him for being so incredibly wonderful.

Daniel Roy - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

FC

“ Very sorry to hear about Mike. He was a friend and fellow science department member at the Junior High many years ago. My classroom was next to his and you never knew what was going to happen next door with his unique teaching method. We all had a great time. My condolences to Caroline and family. Fred Chalfonte

Frederick Chalfonte - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

KC

“ R.I.P. Will never forget when you use to get us kids wet with your beaker. Nice teacher :)

Karen Caron - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

MB

“ Mr. Bobowic taght me that when you fall, you get right back up. Carol and family please accept my deepest heart felt sympathy.

Michael Benson - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

KK

“ I have wonderful memories of our times together growing up in Adams. We were best of friends all through our school years. He loved experimenting with chemicals. So, we would go to McKinley's drug store and buy them, then go to my home on Anthony street and construct some small rockets and launch them skyward. What a blast we had! Chichull (my nickname for Mike) I will surely miss you.

Kenneth Kleiner - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

ES

“ Mike and I were good friends, "steadies" in high school, which meant best buddies for dances, proms, afternoon walks after school, chowing down on Angelina's subs while sitting on the hill behind Adams Memorial High School. Mike, you are remembered. I still have the heart bracelet. You will always be a part of my teenager heart. God bless your life. A good life.

elaine stoll - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM

FA

“ Please accept my condolences. Mr. Bobowiec was my science teacher grades 7-9 at Mt. Anthony in Bennington. I'm only sorry I never apologized to him for fooling around in his classes! May God rest his soul!

Fr. Andrei Alexiev - June 07, 2018 at 11:26 AM