



## Mr. Robert P. Herrmann

June 23, 1944 - January 13, 2026

Mr. Robert P. Herrmann, 81, of Savoy, died Tuesday afternoon, January 13, 2026 at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

He was born in Adams on June 23, 1944, a son of the late Paul K. and Florence M. (Chamberlain) Herrmann. He attended Adams schools, graduating from the former Adams Memorial High School with the Class of 1962. He served with the Massachusetts Army National Guard from 1965 until 1971. He had lived in Savoy for the past 55 years.

A machinist by trade, Bob was the owner and operator of H & R Machine Inc. in Adams from 1967 until his passing, working until the day before his passing. In collaboration with C.H. McCann Technical Vocational High School, he would provide hands-on training at his shop to apprentices in machine technology, preparing them to enter the workforce. Earlier, he had worked at the former E.D. Jones Machine Corp. in Dalton, becoming an instructor for new employees before leaving to start his own business.

Bob was a Savoy firefighter for 24 years and served as Fire Chief for 19 years until retiring. Even after his official retirement he continued to mentor young firefighters for many years. He also served as the Civil Defense, and later, Emergency Management Coordinator for the town, and had also served two terms on the Board of Selectmen. He had also served on the Board of Directors of the former Adams Ambulance Service.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed all outdoor activities. He was a member of the Hoosac Valley Motorcycle Club for many years, as well

as the Adams Outdoorsmen for Youth.

Bob is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, the former Mary Ann Salamon, whom he married on March 6, 1971; his son, Timothy J. Herrmann of Adams, his daughter Alicia S. Herrmann of Troy, NY; his sister Margaret A. Rotti of Pittsfield; two grandchildren, Isaac and Rachael, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Kurt F. Herrmann, a sister-in-law, Beatrice Herrmann, and his brother-in-law Lawrence J. Rotti.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on a date to be announced in the Spring. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Savoy Volunteer Fire Dept., 17 Center Rd. Savoy, MA 01256, or to the Adams Outdoorsmen for Youth, PO Box 122, Adams, MA 01220. The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 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

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“ *My sincere condolences to Bob's Family with his passing. I was on SVFD in the early 80's with Bob as Chief. A true dedicated Fire Chief and a man of outstanding character. May You Rest In Peace Chief! Chris Stefano*

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**Chris Stefano** - February 05 at 10:19 PM

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“ *Maureen and I are saddened to learn of your passing, Bobby. As you are a mentor for new firefighters, you were a "cousin mentor" to me and helped me navigate the woods and waterways of the Berkshires. We miss you and I am grateful for the years we spent growing up in the beautiful nature of western Massachusetts. Ed and Maureen Herrmann - Duxbury, MA*

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**Edward Herrmann** - January 20 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Rest in Peace Bob. You were a great role model, and the absolute best teacher, boss, mentor a young machinist and young man could have. The knowledge that you passed on to your young students and apprentices was seemingly unlimited. And your natural ability as a teacher will never be matched. Not only did I benefit from your knowledge, but your life experience that you shared. The stories from the earliest days of snowmobile racing and local motorcycle racing. Working on stock cars and modifieds after hours for various friends and customers of the shop. And the characters that I was introduced to! So much to say and be thankful for. Our condolences to Tim Herrmann , Ali Herrmann , Mary Ann, and the entire family. Thank you, Chief Robert Herrmann. You will be greatly missed.*

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**Phil Reeves** - January 20 at 01:04 PM

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“ *Condolences to the Herrmann family in your loss. Words cannot describe the loss that the world has just seen in Bob’s passing. He was, and always will be, a stellar gentleman of few words and many attributes and skills. I enjoyed and will always value my friendship with him, from fixing things nobody else could, to serving in the SVFD under him, to having him as my mentor to take over as Chief after him, to wonderful times with friends hunting with him. You will truly be missed Chief, Godspeed!*

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**Tom Decker** - January 20 at 11:55 AM

JM

“ *always enjoyed chatting with Bob. When I was working down there. Or when he was working on a project for me .my prayers are with the family.*

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**Joseph Moncecchi** - January 20 at 11:23 AM