



## Robert Victor Kidder

December 10, 1937 - February 1, 2015

Robert "Bob" Victor Kidder died peacefully on February 1, 2015 at Florida Hospital in Sebring after a long battle with COPD. Bob was born on December 10, 1937 in Berlin, New Hampshire, the son of Victor Loran and Ruth Arlene (Hammond) Kidder. He grew up in Shelburne, New Hampshire and moved from there to Wauchula, Florida in 1981.

As a young man, he entered the family nursery and landscaping business, eventually becoming owner of Kidder's Greenhouses. He briefly served in the Naval Air before marrying Lorna Lucille Morey on August 3, 1961. They later divorced, but remained in love - neither remarried. Bob was an amazing man - an adventurer (he traveled to Belize and Honduras for months on end; he raced cars in his younger years), a singer and musician (he had perfect pitch and could play instruments by ear), a writer, an artist, a voracious reader...a lover of animals, plants, old cars, a cup of coffee with his buddies, and puns (with the last name of Kidder, how could he not?).

Our "Indiana Jones" was an intelligent, compassionate man, whose faith and friendship with God made him the richest person we knew.

Bob is survived by his beloved ex-wife, Lorna Morey Kidder of Portland, CT; his daughters ("The Girls"), Kim-Stacey Kidder and Stephanie Joy (Trevor) Nash of Naples; grandchildren, Caleb, Aria, and Ivy Nash; sister, Nancy Ann

(Maynard) Bruns of Manchester, NH; nephew, Keith (Laura) Bruns of Liberty, ME; nieces, Kathy Workman of WV, Kelly (Geof) Gonter of Derby Line, VT, Heidi (Braxton) Walker of Greensboro, NC, Hope Hundley of Concord, NH, and Kenny-Lynn (Edward) Dempsey of Loudon, NH; several great-nephews and nieces; his close childhood friend (who was like a brother to him), Robert "Bobby" Kennedy of Littleton, NH; and many other dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at Robarts Garden Chapel on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 1:00 PM. The family is requesting memories and photos of Bob.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to Faith Home Ministries Honduras ([www.faithhome.net](http://www.faithhome.net)) or to Forgotten Children Ministries Honduras ([www.fcmhonduras.org](http://www.fcmhonduras.org)).

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Between Riv and I, we used to open Friendly Moon on Delphi on Saturday mornings. Seems we had a race to see who would open the room first. :) We shared many a virtual morning coffee that way, sharing stories and just general chit chat. He and I shared a love of animals (cats especially), travel and books and those subjects always worked their way into our conversations. I was at a loss for words when I heard of his passing. I knew he had been ill and had sent him several cards during his times in the hospital when I heard from Ron that he was back there again. Saturday mornings are just not the same now. My sincerest condolences to his family, he will be greatly missed. I know his memory will live on in our hearts and that thought is wonderful to me, he will not be forgotten.*



---

**Jean** - February 22, 2015 at 07:10 PM

NI

“ *Riv was a wonderful friend and staffer at Middle Age Friends (MAF) on DelphiForums. I have tried five times to post a memory so I will keep trying until one of them stick. Riv always shared his travel stories and his love of cats stories. I sent him a handmade quilt of cats several years ago and he thanked me many times for it. He was a kind and loving man and friend, and his friends in Delphi will miss him greatly.*

---

**Ninee** - February 15, 2015 at 10:43 PM

NI

“ Let me just finish by saying that my prayers go out to his daughters and family. I have done a memorial for him on DelphiForums at <http://forums.delphiforums.com/gbnf/messages/303/1>

*RIP Riv*

---

**Ninee** - February 15, 2015 at 10:40 PM

NI

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



---

**Ninee** - February 15, 2015 at 10:32 PM

NI

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



---

**Ninee** - February 15, 2015 at 10:31 PM

NI

“ *Ninee lit a candle in memory of Robert Victor Kidder*



---

**Ninee** - February 15, 2015 at 10:03 PM

NI

*So very sad to hear of Rivik's passing. He was such a very dear man and friend to all in MAF. Our prayers to the girls and the rest of the family. RIP Riv.. You deserve sweet rest...*

---

**Ninee** - February 15, 2015 at 10:04 PM