From Psalms 139:14 “I praised you (God) because I am fearfully and wonderfully made”…and indeed, Bob Michela was fearfully and wonderfully made!

His absence leaves us with huge holes in our hearts. We loved him so dearly.

Some Favorite Memories with Bob and Cathy Michela

* Getting to know Bob at Fort Lewis on our first assignment with batteries in the same building on post and Bob’s good friend and ski buddy was my Battery Commander, John Ellerson
* Angie’s first bridge game at the newly married Michela’s, and Bob (her partner) fell asleep while contemplating a bid
* Learning to ski, with the Michela’s help, over 44 years ago
* Our special time at Fort Sill, living a few blocks away, starting to raise families
* Filming our children’s birthdays, eating their first cake and Cathy as Cyndi’s God Mother
* Moving to Reston to make the drive to/from Michela’s easier on game nights
* Occasional Friday night dinners with the Michela’s at the “Tort” (their weekly date night/place)
* Bob taking care of his mother, Cathy of her mother and both being very loving to my mother
* Bob’s telling of his mother getting dressed when well into Alzheimer’s, understanding what we were going through with my mother
* Starting the Class of 1964 Ski Group and having 15 wonderful years of a bonding event for and with our classmates, wives, and friends
* Bob’s strong devotion to his church and his family
* Watching Bob improve the Biannual Class Ski Newsletter each year and his caring touches he made in the “awards presentations” and hard work to keep the costs as low as possible
* How unselfish Bob was with his time to help all desiring ski fittings or lessons
* Our 5 years of sharing season tickets to the Washington NATS baseball games and rarely seeing a win
* Learning about Bob’s health issues and learning how to protect Bob and Cathy’s privacy
* Joining a Bible Study group and praying for Bob and Cathy each Wednesday
* Angie attending a Saturday Catholic Mass with Bob in January at Vail and being able to pray with him

Bob’s Characteristics Examples or Description

* Patient Teaching and preparing friends to ski
* Courteous Listened “generously”
* Thoughtful Never wanted to hurt anyone’s feelings
* Good Sense of Humor Especially in honoring classmates/wives
* Mischievous Could open 1NT with zero points
* A Gentleman Always willing to help and bring out the best
* Sparkling Eyes Always made each individual feel special
* Crooked Grin Always upbeat and happy
* Courageous To the End – Fought the good fight, never complained
* Athlete Serious tennis player (even with Magruder rules) and expert skier
* Caring Took an interest in your problems over his own
* Loving Devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend
* Natty Dresser Almost a fetish, especially ski outfits
* Porsche Fetish Had to have one, and loved it
* Ski Fetish Totally up to date on all aspects of skiing
* Luggage Fetish A closet fetish known only to a few