



ROBERT GRILL

July 11, 2011

Obituary of ROBERT GRILL

Robert Frank Grill, 67 of Mount Dora passed away Monday, July 11, 2011 in Tavares, FL. Born in Los Angeles, California, to Louis and Anna Jo (Chrisman) Grill, he grew up in Los Angeles and was a longtime resident of Mount Dora. Rob was the original lead singer and bass player for the 60's rock group The Grass Roots. He was an avid bass fisherman and golfer. He is predeceased by his son, Christian L. Grill. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Nancy Grill; brother: James Grill and several nieces and nephews.

Services

A memorial service will be held 6PM, Saturday, July 30, 2011 at the Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Umatilla.

Memorials

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your local foster care program

and Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ He was a patient of mine, what a lovely soul. He came looking for me to drop off an autographed CD but I was off that day and he never left it. We had long conversation that day I met him, what wonderful stories what a remarkable career! I've been a fan of his most of my life and his music we're honor was actually meet the man himself! Rest in peace Mr Grill and God bless you and your family

Jerry - May 24 at 05:22 PM

KC

“ Love your music great singer and songwriter. Greatly missed still listen and watch videos of the Grassroots. The movie Uncle Buck John Candy mentions the Grassroots. Rest in peace my friend.

Kevin Cielec - May 03, 2025 at 10:01 PM

JT

I only discovered Rob Grill and The Grass Roots this year and I'm 76!! I was a 60s child and followed The Beatles, Rolling Stones etc. How on earth did I miss them. It broke my heart to learn that he died so young. I think I have watched and continue to watch every video on YouTube. I just wish they would have the dates on them. You Americans were so lucky to have him in your lives for so long. He is still loved.

Janice Tonge - September 30, 2025 at 03:38 PM

JG

“ I was thirteen years old when I first heard a Grass Roots song on our local radio station. Temptation Eyes, man was I hooked for life. RIP Rob Grill

Jimmy Gilstrap - April 21, 2025 at 12:27 AM

MK

“ Mary Kathleen

I have such fond memories of Rob. We met in Minneapolis - maybe the tour mentioned - in 1974. My girlfriend and I joined he and the band at their table for drinks and conversation. We hit it off almost immediately singing and dancing at the club. I joined him at his hotel room for the night and he invited me to continue with him for the tour. He did seem lonely and was so very handsome and charming. I had to go back to school but never forgot him! I wrote to him for awhile to his address in Thousand Oaks. What a kind, beautiful man with an angel's voice.

Mary Kathleen - October 19, 2024 at 06:49 PM

DT

Mary Kathleen: Its been 14 years Rob Grill passed and I just found out this year 2025, a week before Easter that he had passed in 2011! I have cried my eyes out, almost ingredients the Grass Roots twice, but something happened both times & couldn't go. I'm so jealous! Weren't you nervous around him o go up there to his room? Staying ALL NIGHT AND him asking you to go on tour with him was a BIG DEAL! HAD IT BEEN ME, I would have fallen on the floor! LOL! I loved him & the Grass Roots since 1967 and my sister and I harmonized together on their songs. I will always love him/them. Please tell me if he made you feel comfortable staying with him or not. I'll keep it to myself. Hope you are doing well. R.I.P. ROB, your loving woman. Donna Tanner-bluecornflower2020@gmail.com

Donna Tanner - July 13, 2025 at 12:42 PM

DT

That's supposed to be "almost met" them twice

Donna Tanner - July 13, 2025 at 12:52 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Rob and his drummer back in '82 where I was working. He gave me a personal autograph and took my name and said he would leave it with the guys at the door and I could get in free. You never forget someone that nice. To his family, along with all who read this tribute, may you know God's matchless grace and mercy in a wonderful way, both now, and always..... Romans 10:9 - 13.

Jim Martin - October 30, 2023 at 06:12 PM

SS

“ My heart is so heavy learning of Rob's passing. He was one special man. So gifted, kind, wonderful Dad and Husband to Nancy. I followed him since the late sixties, and through out his career. The Grass Roots were my favorite band growing up and even now. His voice was angelic. Rob was so handsome and combined with his music.... He was the perfect musician to watch and play! May he rest peacefully and may God bless him. Prayers to his family. 🙏



Susan Summers - September 28, 2023 at 11:20 AM

“ Rob Grill Memorial - July 30, 2011

I am honored to be here today... not only to minister at Rob's memorial service... but to also be here as his friend. Thank you, Nancy... for giving me this opportunity.

Family, friends and fans We are here today to honor a great man... Robert Frank "Rob" Grill... who not only was an excellent singer and an accomplished musician but was also a very down-to-earth humble father, husband and friend... who loved life to its fullest... and wanted to do good... and make a lot of people happy... not only in this room... but to the millions of his fans all over the world.

Rob and I go back almost 40 years to the day. I was his manager in the early '70s. I remember walking into Rob's house after being interviewed by his band partner at the time, Warren Entner... for the gig as manager of the Grass Roots. Warren had given me the ok at his house but handed me off to Rob for his final approval. Entner said, "Hey if Grill approves... you got the job." I thought "Oh great! I just hope I don't have to deal with a big rock star's ego.... along with a 'I'm better-than-you attitude.'" Boy was I ever proved wrong for thinking that about Grill!

Rob welcomed me into his house with open arms. I could not believe what a nice guy he was. Within one minute he made me feel completely at home!

He offered me something to eat and drink... and before I knew it I was relaxing on his couch. I said to myself..."I thought this was supposed to be a job interview? This is more like a house party!"

Rob showed me all his fish (including live piranha) in his fantastic looking fish tank. He asked me if I wanted to shoot pool. He showed me his stuffed wide-mouth bass collection on his wall and also his wall of lifetime career achievements.

We sat around that night and listened to just about every record he owned. He never.... not even once ... asked me one question about my ability to be his band's manager.

Here I was sitting in a man's house that literally sold over 20 million records, received two platinum albums, two gold albums and thirteen gold singles and he was treating me like family! I had never met anyone like him... in all the years that I worked in the entertainment business and afterwards. There is only one Rob Grill. God threw away the mold when He was done with him.

As we walked to his door much later that evening I didn't even know if I had the job. We never talked about it once.

Grill just shook my hand, gave me a hug and said.... "See you next Friday at the airport, Marty. We have to be in Minneapolis that night to start a new tour."

I learned over the next year or so working with Rob that we were kindred spirits in more ways than one. We had similar situations happen in our lives... We both were bitterly divorced... We each had one child who we adored... We were both very lonely... and extremely broken-hearted.

We liked to put on the "I am fine face" and pretend nothing bothered us. But eventually we shared each other's burdens and became very good friends. He never once treated me as only his employee.

Most of the guys in the band at that time had wives or special girlfriends who met them at the gate when we arrived back in LAX from a concert tour... but not for Rob and me.

We always lagged behind together... sometimes being the last ones off of the plane... because we knew no one was going to be there to greet us... so we wasted our time on the plane pretending it didn't really matter or did it bother us much.

However, sometimes Grill... after finally leaving the security of the airplane... would run up to a garbage can in the airport lobby and hug it and say, "Oh hi honey... thanks for coming to meet me." It was kind of funny... we would laugh... yet it really was very sad.... but he got through it.

After my years as manager, Rob and I stayed somewhat in contact with each other. I unfortunately went off the deep end ... but Rob stayed as focused as he could... to keep his music career moving forward.

I ran into him at a gig in Baltimore one time. I had just gotten out of prison for cocaine possession but had become a Christian throughout that time.

God changed me into a new man... one that I always wanted to be. I was so excited to share this with Rob and I found him backstage and surprised him by saying, "Hey Grill... Jesus loves you and so do I!"

He turned around... and took one look at me... ran over and threw his arms around me... and gave me one of the biggest hugs I've ever received in my life. We caught up for the moment... but had to move on... Grill with his gigs... and me with my newly formed prison ministry.

I learned over the years from Rob that he had met and married a wonderful and very beautiful young lady. I was really surprised. He told me with a sparkle in his eye, "Her name is Nancy!" He told me all about her... and how much he loved her... and how happy he was... and that his life was really all turned around for the better.

He attributed that directly to Nancy. I was so thrilled to hear him say that. I flashed on his numerous airport garbage can hugs and chuckled to myself, "Rob truly has finally found peace. Thank you Jesus." When I eventually met Nancy, I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt exactly what Grill meant.

When I said to Grill that time in Baltimore that Jesus loved him.... he told me... "I know that Marty.... I have known that most of my life... more now so... than ever before." I know Rob never wore his faith on his sleeve, but he was a believer in Christ deep in his heart never-the-less.

I never thought that I would be standing here today at a memorial service for Rob Grill's passing. He was way too young of a man... to be gone so soon. I know he really struggled with so many different ailments... and every time I talked to him it was always something new... or an old problem re-surfacing.

My heart ached for him knowing how much he suffered. I prayed God would help and heal him. And actually He finally did. In 1 Corinthians 15:55,57 - it states: O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ... But thanks be to God... who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rob won his fight He finally has victory ... He even beat death. His illnesses only made his faith in Jesus Christ grow stronger and stronger over the years. They didn't make him weaker... They made him stronger so when he finally got to the end of his life... he was ready for the final note to play... so he could continue on into eternity.

Grill knew he was in good hands. I am sure he was sad having to leave his family and friends behind knowing how much he loved them. However, he knew he would see us all again on the other side. We spoke about this many times.

That is the beauty of having faith in Jesus Christ. He promises anyone who believes in Him eternal life. In the scripture John 3:16 states: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Christ is not bound up in man-made religions.... but allows us to have a deep personal relationship with the God who created us in the first place.

I know Rob knew this as he progressed along in life. He is now reaping the spoils of his battle with his flesh... and is a living free spirit in heaven... In 2 Corinthians 5:8 it reads: We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

I am sure Grill is belting out one of his smash hits for all his family, friends and fans who greeted him there upon his arrival. His late son Christian must have been thrilled to see his old man walk through the door. I know how much Rob really loved him and was truly crushed when Chris passed away. But now they are together again.

The Bible teaches us that God has special times arranged in all of our lives... when he fires his spiritual arrows at us to get our attention. When things seem to be going along ok in life... we have tendency... to forget about God.

However, when those Godly arrow situations hit us... we can easily turn them into huge wake-up calls.

As we think over our own lives today... we might all remember when God used some very serious situation to get our attention... be it a death of a loved one... a sickness... possibly an arrest, a divorce or maybe even an addiction problem .. or now... even today... here at Rob's passing.

God's arrow is usually some very larger-than-life situation that we absolutely have no control over... and is so big that we really need to rely of God's help to get us through it.

We can either listen to what God is saying... to draw us closer to Him in our time of need.... or turn negative... and blame Him... and bitterly continue on in life... missing the opportunity to get right with Him... All that really does is to "kick the can down the road" ... for another day... another arrow... at another time.

Jesus said TODAY NOW.... is the day of salvation. We can all

have fulfilled lives now... as we turn to our Savior for grace, mercy and love. So when we.... as Rob did... get to the final round of our own lives... God will be there ushering us into His full presence saying, "well done, my good and faithful servant."

I sure hope we will use the arrow God directs at each one of us today with Rob's passing... to search our hearts and to use this time to listen to that still small voice within us saying.... "It's ok.... I love you... I forgive you and I am here for you. I have a much bigger plan and purpose for your life. Trust me." If it is not today in your life that this happen... then I pray it will be soon. Please... let's not let God's salvation opportunity arrows just hit us without searching our hearts for what God is really trying to say to us today.

Thank you, Nancy. I love you so much for taking such great care of Rob. You were really a huge blessing to him... and I know how thankful he must be... and is also so proud of you today to bring us all together this way to celebrate... not his death... but his life. He is still very much alive.... and the promise is... we will all see him again someday... and at that time... it will be forever.

Marty Angelo, former manager - May 20, 2021 at 06:23 AM

LA

Marty. I love Jesus too. I was so blessed to hear of this story and testimony, for you and Rob. I spent many years in Mount Dora visiting my grand parents. I love the place, and so happy Rob found it a nice place to settle down, and catch fish! Love his singing, and songs. I will never forget them.

Larry - September 01, 2022 at 04:11 AM

GJ

Beautiful, Marty

ginger jackson - October 01, 2022 at 09:02 PM

SS

There will never be a better musician, singer , writer, sportsman, in the world as Rob Grill and man was he handsome! The absolute best looking man, and so kind.

I miss him, but I play his music every single day of my life.

I don't like current day music but I love the 60s and 70s and that is all that I listen to.

It comforts me to reminisce about Rob and the band, it just makes my day.

May he rest in peace, and he will never be forgotten! I'm so glad he's not in pain anymore!

Susan Summers

Susan Summers - September 27, 2023 at 03:54 PM

PM

I am so glad that I have read this! To find out one of my favorite singer since I first saw him on American Bandstand in 1968, was a born again Christian means so much to me! Thank you for sharing this at his memorial!

My other favorite was Elvis, who was also a Christian, I will look forward to see both!

Patty Martin - March 07, 2024 at 06:01 PM

MK

Mary Kathleen

I have such fond memories of Rob. We met in Minneapolis - maybe the tour mentioned - in 1974. My girlfriend and I joined he and the band at their table for drinks and conversation. We hit it off almost immediately singing and dancing at the club. I joined him at his hotel room for the night and he invited me to continue with him for the tour. He did seem lonely and was so very handsome and charming. I had to go back to school but never forgot him! I wrote to him for awhile to his address in Thousand Oaks. What a kind, beautiful man with an angel's voice.

Mary Kathleen - October 19, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ **ROBERT GRILL**

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My wife and I have been devoted Rob Grill and Grass Roots fans for many, many years. In our opinion Rob Grill epitomized all that was good about the true American music of the 50's through the 70's. He was the consummate performer and in the many shows we were privileged to attend, his love for the music of the Grass Roots, his love of performing, and most important, his love for his fans was so obvious to all who watched him and his band. How he loved to work a crowd and you could always tell that he knew everyone there loved him and the Grass Roots. He always would close with "Midnight Confessions" and with some comment about knowing how to "throw a party". I'm sure those infamous musical Rob Grill "parties" are now being performed in Heaven. May God bless Rob, Nancy and the members of the Grass Roots as they all cope with this sudden and untimely loss. Know that the memories of Rob, his band, and his music will always be special to us and know also that all of his music will live on forever, as he will in all of our hearts. We will truly miss the one and only, Rob Grill. Rest in peace Rob.

Tom and Dee Learn - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ If you believe in Forever, then Life is just a one-night stand. If there's a Rock & Roll Heaven, Rob is in the band. Rest in Peace, Brother. We raise our glass and toast you. Heaven Knows we loved you. Mike & Morella Trayford Miami, FL USA

Mike & Morella Trayford - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Nancy... Please accept my sincere condolences. Rob will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with you and your family. Wayne Hunnicutt Wolfman Jack Entertainment

Wayne Hunnicutt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Condolences to Nancy and family. Rob's voice was truly beautiful to experience. Very saddened by the news of his passing.

Joan Boera - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Nancy and Family, We pray for God's Blessing on all of you. I remember how much Bev loved "Midnight confessions." Call us for anything, or just to talk. We love you.

Jerry, Bonnie and Christi - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ RIP Rob. We saw you at a concert a few years back in Las Vegas and you sounded great...Brought back many wonderful memories of my childhood. I am 55 now and cannot say how terrific I felt when I walked away from that concert that night. We sat not more than 3 feet from you! The Grassroots were always one of my favorite bands and you were the main reason. We bought tickets for The Capital One Theater in Westbury, NY a couple of years ago and was so disappointed to see you not there. Although we later found out why (that you were ill) the show was not the same without you. Rest in Peace, Rob.

Vince LaPorta - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Nancy, my heart goes out to you and your family during this time. I adored Rob and loved seeing the both of you at Jack and Liz's. Our thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow. Love Naomi and Rick Bourgoin

Naomi Bourgoin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ i met rob when i first came to lake county. i did not know until later on that he was a celebrity. he always had time to talk and was very down to earth. that smile was contagious. we will all miss him very much but he left us with many great memories. very fortunate in his career but more fortunate to have met nancy. my heart goes out to her. gary willis mt dora

gary willis - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Rob,, You will be so missed by many.Nancy was so blessed with having you as long as she did. Nancy, my heart goes out to you, I know life without Rob will be terrible.I love you Nancy as well as we all loved Rob.

Dee Hawking - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Mrs Grill, Deepest sympathy on the passing of your husband, Rob. I have a "Grassroots Station" On Pandora as this music is the soundtrack of my life as a teenager growing up in Western New York. His voice will always be heard through these recordings. God Bless you. Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Buckley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ rest in peace! You will be missed!

colleen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ You left us too soon Rob. Wanted to see you live at least once in my life. Happy you are finally Glory Bound however. RIP

A fan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *From a huge Grass Roots fan who only had one opportunity to see them, way back in 1973, my condolences. Great group, great music, led by a fine musician.*

Phil Wabbe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Mrs Rob, You smiled when we call you that at Epcot. We had so many good times there. I am very grateful for Rob's music, and actually had the chance to personally thank him. It just meant so much to me. I will always remember the days of putting on eye patches at his concerts to mimic his pirate AYE. He touched so many lives, I hope it will be some comfort to know how much we all loved him. It will be hard to go to the concerts this spring, but know he will always be on our minds..*

Cathy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Nancy & Family -- My thoughts & prayers go out to you during this very difficult time. May you find great strength and peace in knowing that Rob is no longer suffering or in any pain. Instead, he is dancing with the Lord!*

Holly Stratton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ Rob Grill and the Grass Roots were one of my all-time favorite bands growing up, and I had the fortunate opportunity to see them a few times. The last time was at a local event in Washington, DC quite a number of years ago. Rob was so gracious and personable. My husband and I met him and posed in pictures with Rob. He was a consummate performer and singer, and will truly be missed by many. May you Rest in Peace, Rob. You left us too soon. My deepest and sincere condolences to his wife, Nancy (a fellow Marylander), his friends, and many, many fans. Valerie Emmer-Scott Lothian, Maryland

Valerie Emmer-Scott - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We were very fortunate to see Rob perform several times with the Grass Roots. Actually we have tickets for the Happy Together Tour next week at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. I will always remember how friendly he was with his fans always signing autographs or posing for pictures with them. Rob and The Grass Roots were a huge part of my early musical life. Thank YOU Rob for all the music and all the memories. We love you, we will miss you BUT you will live on forever in your music and in the hearts of all your fans. Our thoughts and prayers to Nancy, his family and friends. Please know that we share in your loss. RIP Rob God Bless You.

Darlene of New Port Richey, FL - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Nancy, You are in my prayers at this sad time. I wonder if you would consider writing a book so that Rob's life and legacy can be preserved along with his music? As Rob was one of the true rock legends with millions of fans it should logically be you, who knew him best, to tell his story in a way that will truly do him justice. It has been said that "there is a book in everyone"; Rob's life was surely unique and has touched multitudes. Many of us see Rob and you as great inspirations in a world that longs for "ordinary heroes" who have over come great adversity. Rob surely has shared with us the value of dedication, and the art of maintaining hope in spite of the circumstances.

Linda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Nancy. Rob touched so many lives over the years. I have been a fan for 40 years and everytime I was feeling down all I had to do was put on his music. I had the pleasure of meeting him 3 times and he was always so good to his fans. Take care, Nancy and my prayers will be with you.

Janice Blatchford - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Nancy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your husband was a great entertainer, I was deeply saddened by hearing his passing. What a wonderful voice he was. Sincerly, Cissie Cochran

cissie cochran - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ to the grill family. i am very sorry for your loss. rob was a very gifted entertainer that i will remember for years to come. god bless you all at this time. r g

rob g - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Robert F. Grill. He was an inspiration to me in so many ways, and in his passing he leaves this world a little less bright, but his light will shine in the hearts of those who were close to him and loved him.

Patrick Ewalt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Please know that the Grill Family and friends of Rob are in my thoughts and prayers. I was fortunate to meet and talk with him at length in 1986. He was such a kind and gentle soul and has left his imprint on generations to come. It was a huge loss to his devoted fans, but please know that he will always live on in our hearts. May our Lord give you strength and comfort during this sad time. We his fans loved him and will never forget the joy and memories he has left in our hearts. May he rest in eternal peace. I'm just so sad to know he is gone from a generation that loved his beautiful voice and amazing kindness to his fans.

Debi Clarridge - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Nancy, I was so sorry to hear about Rob. You know my family adored him! You are in my thoughts and prayers! I'll be in touch! L - Candy

Candy Trosper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Nancy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Both Al and I will keep you and Rob in our thoughts and prayers. Rob was a bright light in the world and he will be missed.

Pat Brantly Fisher - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dear Nancy: I've read your comments on the Grass Roots fan web site. Your love for Rob is truly inspiring. He was lucky to have you be his wife. May I extended my most sincerest sympathies on Rob's passing. So sad that this happened to him, and you, and all who knew and loved him. I saw him in person in Syracuse NY in the early 80s, with the Turtles, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, and another group. Rob was absolutely the standout of all of the performers. And, yes, wasn't he incredibly handsome!!! At a little tavern in my neighborhood, we played Grass Roots songs all night on Thursday, July 14th. But we also have an "older" group of people who stop in on Saturday afternoons, and we all play lots of oldies, with the Grass Roots being the number one band we play. To Rob ... Thanks for the memories. It was the greatest of times, and you helped us make great memories. Nancy, may your loving memories of Rob be with you forever, and may they bring you comfort and joy for the rest of your life. You are a very lucky woman to have been his wife.

Terry - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ dear grill family. i am so very sorry for your loss. they say in life a person can make a differance and rob was one of those guys. his music to me was like a blessing in sky all thru my years growing up i would always listen to his music. thank rob for the great songs you sang. i am gone miss you.

r c - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Nancy, My heart breaks for you. I didn't hear about this until yesterday or I would have contacted you sooner. Please know that I am still your "step-teacher" and friend. I am here when or if you need me. All my love, Cathy

Cathy Preston - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Nancy; We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are here if you need anything. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Albert and Betsy

Albert & Betsy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Rob and the Grass Roots helped many of us get through the teen years with their upbeat music. I saw them in concert four times. Rob had an amazing voice. Love and prayers --

Ann Carbone - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Nancy I am so sorry to hear about Rob. You and Rob were good friends for a time in my life. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I also want to express my sorrow over Christians loss as well. I will always remember you guys.

Kim Logan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rob's passing. Nancy, I'm not sure if you remember me, but I was in your 'media' class during my senior year at Umatilla High. You were my favorite teacher and I always remember my mom telling me how big of fan she was of the Grass Roots! He was an inspiration to many and will be missed by millions. Nancy is an amazing woman and I'm sending prayers your way. God bless you and your family.

Marlene Straughan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Mrs Grill, My sincere condolences of your loss. Rob's great voice throughout the years made the world a brighter place. RIP Rob.

Marc Gendron - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Rob left a great legacy for musicians wanting to create, spread positivity and live inside the music. I was touched by the news the last sounds he heard were comforting words of love and "Let's Live for Today". God Bless the Grill family and all Rob's fans. Prayers for Peace.

PG Woods - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Rob's music followed me through my early life- now as am a grandparent- they too will know the magic of his music.I had the opportunity many times over the years to chat, and take photos with Rob after showa- he was kind, and decent and genuine. He was so respected by all of his peers.Sometimes you could feel his feel, but he always let us know"New Jersey, you sure know how to throw a party!" Nancy, thank you for being such a devoted wife to him,all of those of us who love him owe you so much appreciation and respect.Although I am unable to attend the service, I will keep you in my heartfelt prayers.I reflect on one of my all time favorite pieces, The Dash-the way Rob spent his dash will ring on through the ages...God Bless, Rob- safe trip Home....

Maggie De - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ My prayers are with Rob's family at this tough time. I'm a fan of "The Grass Roots" music and Rob will be sadly missed:(

Noel - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Rob brought much pleasure to all of us music freaks! My band will be playing a gig in his honor this Saturday evening.

Steve Couch - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ If there's a rock & roll heaven, you know they have a heckuva band. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Nancy and family ... my condolences to you and your loved ones during this difficult time. Rob fought the good fight for many years ... now it's time for him to rest and reap his reward. Peace and love be with you.

Lou Etta - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Rob had the "IT" factor. His stage presence wasn't fake as he truly appreciated his audience and the shows became a shared event not just a show. He singled me out in the audience and shared my hand, head and arm movements thus even though many feet away we shared a moment in dance. He made each member of the audience feel that we were special to him. I bet he and Christian are making some great music together now in heaven. All my love and prayers to Nancy!

Deb Young - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Rob had a sweet voice and sang some hits with a bit of "urgency". Great thumping bassist too. Great music from different times. Prayers for his wife and all of his friends. We will miss him and his style. He really cared about his fans.

Mark in L.A. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ He was a great person and entertainer. He did a lot to keep the music of his era alive for two generations after the 60s. Huge loss and wont be replaced.

Brian Williams - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I was so saddened to hear of Rob's death. I had the good fortune to meet him in 1983. What a talent he was and he truly loved what he did. My prayers and deepest sympathy go out to Nancy. I cannot attend the memorial service but I will be there in spirit.

Pat Starr - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ My thoughts and prayers to you, Nancy. Rob, I thank you for all the years of your beautiful music....you will be missed but never forgotten. Rock on in heaven.....

Elizabeth - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ To All of the Grill Family, You are all in my Prayers. I thank you for sharing this time with Rob's fans and friends. May God shine is light in your hearts as a reminder that Rob's light with also be there always. May you find Peace that he is able to see all of you with all his love. R.I.P. Rob

Connie Gill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Nancy, My heartfelt condolences to you on Rob's passing. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed. My sister passed away last month and she was a huge Grass Roots fan. Now Terri, Rob and Rick Coonce (the drummer who passed away in February) will all be singing in heaven. Take care, Christine

Christine - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I first met Rob when I was 15 and the Grass Roots played the Fantasy Fair at Devonshire Downs in Chatsworth, California in June of 1967. He was very kind to a young girl who had a huge "teenage crush" on him. I later went on to become friends with Rick Coonce as well - who also passed on earlier this year. It was with sadness that I learned of both of their passings and wish to send condolences to their families. Sincerely, Georganne La Piere (Bartylak)

Georganne La Piere Bartylak - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Nancy, I never had the pleasure of meeting Rob but I've been a fan of The Grass Roots since I can remember it seems. I hope that you can find comfort in the good times that you have had with Rob and of the legacy that he leaves behind with his "timeless" music.
Sincerely. Kenny

Kenny Amis - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone that was touched by Rob. We go back to the beginning of The Grassroots. Rob will never be forgotten. We will cherish the many memories we have. Deepest sympathy.

Linda and Charlie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Please accept my sorrow at this terrible time in your lives... I never knew Bob personally, but I was in a Central Florida band in the 60's called We the People, and I knew of him through his great voice and music... He was a part of our 60's generation, and in that respect we were all brothers. My heart grieves for all of you... :-(~ Wayne

Wayne Proctor - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Nancy Please know my heart breaks for you , I wanted to stay in touch after Chris Merrell Benifit, but somehow never did. Please call or contact me I would love to talk to you.

Cathryn Buchanan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Nancy my heart is crying, I keep picturing how you met Rob and how much he loved you.. I remember your wonderful dating stories, the fun and love you shared. Disney! The lake house and bass fishing - good times to cherish now. Rob's smile and laughter.. if you need anything just contact me.. Love You and I am sad today. Goodbye Rob, God Bless

Laura Almand - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Nancy, We were saddened to hear about Rob. He touched the hearts of so many and will always be there in our memories. And you were his world here and made so many happy times together. We are not able to attend Saturday but please know you have been in our thoughts and prayers. Although we will miss Rob's big smile we will always have his music. Love to see you again. Judy & Art

Art & Judy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Nancy..I know my good friend David Wood is there with you. Tonight I lit a candle to Rob and another for you. My sorrow is for my youth and my first love ..my sincere sympathy to you.. Christain always said "nancy is great..she is funny..you two would love each other." Now he is gone as well.Please tell David to hold you a moment for me. Again..from my heart to yours...Stacey

Stacey Cashin-Chamberlain - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Nancy, Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to you from our hearts, in the loss of Rob. You are in our thoughts and prayers and may God give you comfort and strength through this difficult time. Rob's music will live on forever and all the kindness he showed will stay with all. Please know we are thinking about you. So sorry. With deepest regards, Gloria Baker and Michael Gambino

Gloria Baker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ May you dance in heaven Rob...No more pain and suffering. You will be missed by so many but your memories will live forever. I am so glad to have had the pleasure of knowing you and Nancy, and when Nancy brought a picture of you to give to my son that you autographed for me, meant so much. As you found out later that she taught my son at Umatilla H.S., and that you played with Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids in Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1972. It was the first concert I had ever attended and was in high school at that time. Little did I know we would cross paths and actually know one another after you met and married your soulmate Nancy. I will always hold the wonderful memories of that first concert near my heart, and miss running into you and Nancy at the old Publix in Mount Dora. Who would have thought? You were as genuine as anyone could possibly be. R.I.P. my friend. Your music will live forever. Thank you.

Gloria - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Nancy and Rob's family, I am so sad to know of Rob's passing. He was a special person, and he gave so much to his fans. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, and my love is always sent to Rob. God bless you all.

Marilyn Havard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Dear Nancy & James, I have been a fan since 1966 of your husband and brother Rob and the Grass Roots. I was greatly encouraged by his wit, humor, and passion for his music. Luckily, I saw him in a 1998 Grass Roots concert in St Paul, MN, from the 3rd row. Rob outshined them all with his genuine passion for his fans & his music...clearly, Rob was a happy soul... and in Aug. 2011 Rob's spirit was at the Minnesota Grass Roots concert, could feel his presence there..."Heaven Knows" we will remember Rob. May God bless you all.

Elly W. Anderson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Rob on a flight many years ago. It was great to meet someone who was an idol to me as I grew up in th 60's and 70's. He was cordial, engaging and self effacing. I felt when the plane landed I had made a friend. My deepest condolences to his family.

Bob Brogren - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM