



## Robert Allen Keselowski

August 1, 1951 - December 22, 2021

Robert (Bob) Allen Keselowski of Mooresville, NC, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at his home, surrounded by friends and loved ones. Bob was born August 1, 1951 in Rochester, Michigan, he was the adored youngest son of Roberta Chere Keselowski (Hammel) and John Keselowski. Bob leaves behind his brother Ron, and sisters Beverly (Lubinski) and Patricia (Rohlman); the mother of his children, Kay Keselowski ; sons Brian Keselowski (Jen Calendrillo) and Brad Keselowski (Paige); daughters Ginger Hoffman (Harry), Kathy Samborski and Esther Dawn Franck (Dave Brandt); grandchildren Merrissa Hoffman, Reanna Samborski, Kristina Samborski, Tristin Inscho, Garrett Hoffman, Kyle Graham, Scarlett Keselowski and Autumn Keselowski; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; his dog Millie who brought him so much joy, and his dear friend and neighbor, April Brogan, who cared for him and Millie in the last years of his life.

Bob (aka the Black Bandit) was a fierce racer and the hardest working man in any shop, from Auburn Hills, Michigan to Mooresville, North Carolina. Having grown up in a racing family, his interest in racing began at a young age, building and running home-made box cars and snowmobiles. He and his brother Ron raced as a team, with Ron building engines and Bob driving, throughout the Midwest and across the country. Their successes in the local short track circuits translated to a long run and Championship in the ARCA series. They fielded trucks in the NASCAR Truck Series for 11 years, with Bob

driving for 6 years and Crew Chiefing for 7 more. In his later years, Bob set records in Land Speed cars and focused on guiding his sons in the racing world. Known as a firm but kind-hearted and generous man, he influenced many in the racing industry and was always there to offer guidance and advice.

Bob had a heart of gold. If you were one of the people he cared about, he cared about you deeply. This sometimes meant you would get a good natured ribbing, and sometimes it meant you would get a life lesson whether you wanted it or not, but you always knew that you were a special person if you had a relationship with Bob Keselowski. While he was often quiet and reserved with his emotions, he showed his love in many subtle ways and those who loved him knew just where to look for that mischievous smile or that comforting presence. If you know how Bob takes his coffee or if you had a nickname from him, you're probably on this list.

Visitations will be held at Cavin Cook Funeral Home, 494 E Plaza Dr., Mooresville, NC 28115, on December, 23, 2021 from 6-8 PM and at Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd, Rochester, MI 48307, on January, 4, 2022 from 4-8 PM. Bob will be buried at the Van Hoosen Jones Stoney Creek Cemetery in Rochester, Michigan on January 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Bob Keselowski to Save the Salt Foundation, [www.savethesalt.org](http://www.savethesalt.org).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Keselowski family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of myself and my family - - I would like to send our condolences to the Keselowski family on the loss of their Patriarch. It is so very hard to lose a loved one, but know that there are many people who are there to lend support in various ways to all of you. On a memory note - - - years ago, Bob used to come up to Delaware Speedway, outside of London, Ontario Canada to race his Late Model, along with some other American visitors. My late hubby got to interact with Bob on several occasions and thoroughly enjoyed meeting, chatting and lending a helping hand at the time. God bless all of you and take care...  
Darlene Jacques and family.....

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**Darlene Jacques** - January 05, 2022 at 09:39 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Keselowski family 🙏



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**Telisa Speer** - December 26, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Robert Allen Keselowski.



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December 23, 2021 at 03:57 PM

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“ Bob was my Dad - he "inherited" me and my 2 sisters when he married my Mother, but he never chose to treat us as step-children. Dad always referred to us as his girls and was happy to include us in all of the family and racing activities as we desired. He helped present me at my wedding, holding me up when my knees buckled. He offered fatherly advice and supported my endeavors, encouraging me in whatever direction I chose. Whenever I was hurt, he was available for a warm hug. I cherish the memories. Cappaccino will miss him!!

Kathy

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**Kathy Samborski** - December 23, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Allen Keselowski.



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December 22, 2021 at 11:44 PM