



Robert E. Topping

October 10, 1965 - January 18, 2026

Mr. Robert E. Topping, also known as Rob, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2026 at the age of 60 in AdventHealth Hospice, Altamonte Springs, Florida. He was born in Woburn, Massachusetts on October 10, 1965, to parents Kenneth Topping Sr. and Sandra A. Nichols, who are now deceased.

Rob was the youngest of 3 siblings. His eldest sister, Debbie Mock, passed away in 2018. He is survived by his brother Kenneth, his niece Angie Whiteside, his nephew Roland Mock, his Aunt Carol Nichols, and many cousins including Ricky, Michael, and Terri Nichols – Karen, Donna, Mark, Steven, and David Adams – Jay, Nick, and Darlene Nichols.

Rob graduated from Chelsea High School in 1984 and worked as manager of Burger King and other fast-food franchises for several years. As restaurant manager, he worked with local organizations like the Easterseals to raise money for disabled children, often appearing in the local newspapers kneeling next to the children who benefited from his fund-raising efforts.

Rob had a passion for cars from childhood, so when he moved to Florida in the early 2000's, he worked for a variety of car dealerships learning the fundamentals of the industry. He started off as a Service Writer, gradually working up to Service Manager and eventually to Service Director. He finally

settled into Orlando Volkswagen South in 2010. While there, he excelled and was constantly being offered positions with other dealerships in the Orlando area, often for more pay, but never accepted their offers. He had created a special and unique bond with his team at VW South.

As Rob said many times, he was a “workaholic”. He dedicated his life to his work, establishing a reputation of going above and beyond the call of duty. The technicians, service advisors, and other employees that he worked with and oversaw at Volkswagen say that Rob was a compassionate boss who always looked out for their best interest. He called them his “kids” and they referred to Rob as “dad” or “brother”. His Volkswagen team was indeed his Florida family.

A Celebration of Life followed by a reception are scheduled for Sunday, March 1, 2026, from 1pm-4pm at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 North Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL.. Chaplain Jose Torres will preside over the services.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Rob’s life.

Flowers and condolences may be sent to the DeGusipe Funeral Home at the address above.

In leu of flowers, a donation can be made to the AdventHealth Hospice in Altamonte Springs

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Previous Events

Memorial Gathering with Reception

MAR 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert E. Topping.

February 27 at 08:34 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Topping.



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“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Robert E. Topping.



February 23 at 06:25 PM



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“ Love Terese, Bill and Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Topping.

Love Terese, Bill and Thompson - February 23 at 02:15 PM

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“ Love Terese, Bill and Thompson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert E. Topping.



Love Terese, Bill and Thompson - February 23 at 02:15 PM

ML

“ Marnie Pillsbury and Susan Lowry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert E. Topping.



Marnie Pillsbury and Susan Lowry - February 21 at 10:28 AM

ML

“ Marnie Pillsbury and Susan Lowry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Topping.

Marnie Pillsbury and Susan Lowry - February 21 at 10:28 AM

AF

“ Aunt Carol and the Nichols family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert E. Topping.



Aunt Carol and the Nichols family - February 15 at 02:48 PM



“ Sending love and light to the loved ones. May he rest in peace 🙏

Ammara Muhammad - February 03 at 04:49 PM

JE

“ Thinking of you all. My heart and prayers are with you during this time. Sending so much love.



jacquelyn elder - January 26 at 08:30 AM

TM

“ Tamara Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Robert Topping



Tamara Mckinney - January 24 at 08:19 AM

TM

“ You will be missed Rob. Grateful we got to say goodbye. Thank you for always being supportive over the years. Rest in peace my brother. Tamara

Tamara Mckinney - January 24 at 08:19 AM

CB

“ Our sincere condolences to you and your family



Charles and Lexie Bennett - January 23 at 06:16 PM

DT

“ Robbie I was so happy to be in touch with you again after years of not being in touch and now I won't be able to stay in touch anymore. I always appreciated you hiring me at Burger King when the boys were small and the compassion and understanding you showed me during my struggles. I will miss your smile and laughter and will cherish the time you and Kenny came to visit me. You will be missed but you will always be loved



Denise Thomas - January 23 at 06:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert E. Topping.



January 23 at 05:15 PM

SR

“ Rob and I met working at the VW Dealership in 2008 , he was a great colleague and later a Service Manager. But even more important he was a good human who even though I had moved to another Dealership always stayed in contact and was supportive when I went through my own Cancer treatments and surgeries , he would always check on me to ask if I needed anything. He will be greatly missed.

Stefanie Robichaux - January 23 at 03:40 PM

ST

“ My heart is heavy today. He was more than my manager—he was someone I truly respected and admired. I always told him I had never had a boss like him and asked him not to leave our company. He stayed, and I am forever grateful for the time I had to work with him. I wish I could tell him again how much he meant to me. Rest in peace. You will always be remembere

Sandra Torres - January 23 at 01:27 PM