



Robert Stanford Webb III

January 11, 1957 - February 12, 2025

Robert Stanford Webb III died Wednesday, February 12, 2025. He let go of this life secure that he was loved and would be part of our family forever. Stan, as he was known as a child, or Robb, as he preferred to be called, wore the title of the third uneasily. He was handsome, intelligent, and extremely artistic. He painted and carved beautiful alabaster sculptures. He took found objects like stones, sticks, or bits of mica, and made exquisite tiny houses complete with stairs, doors, windows, and bare-bones trees that perched on cliffs of stones or shells waiting for their tiny inhabitants to arrive. All through his life, whether dressing or decorating his home, he had a distinctive style.

But Robb was plagued with schizophrenia, the killer of relationships. Where we hear just a refrigerator turning on and humming, he heard voices and saw people. He said the antipsychotic drugs made him feel like a stone, so he refused to take them.

He loved the desert and lived many years in California, but he would always come home to Western North Carolina and to his family. Many times, he would camp up near Shining Rock, setting up a neat campsite near a stream with a small alter-looking area where he befriended the chipmunks.

He was good with animals and seemed to understand them more than people. He once found a tiny owlet being stalked by a cat. He rescued it and kept it

safe until it was strong enough to go on its way.

A life-long smoker, he was finally overcome by lung cancer at the Four Seasons Hospice - Elizabeth House.

He lived life his way, solitary and in the midst of both beauty and darkness. We will miss him. He is at peace.

A private graveside service will be held in the spring at Riverside Cemetery. He is survived by his siblings, Julia Webb Gaskin and her husband, Jeep Gaskin, Laura Webb, and her husband, John Hoskins, and John Webb.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to homewardboundwnc.org or FourSeasonscare.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve been searching for Stan for years. We met in Santa Fe, NM in the late 80’s at an artist workshop in Chimayo. He was sculpting dolphins, weaving rugs and being creative in so many ways. We became quite close and had many adventures in NM and San Diego where he loved swimming with dolphins. He attracted them and it was beautiful to watch. We lost track of each other when I moved to TX. I loved him a great deal and I am saddened to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to his family. He was a good , decent loving being. May he find the peace he had when swimming with the dolphins. Much love to you Stan

Robert Quintana

Robert Quintaba - September 22, 2025 at 01:44 AM

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“ I never met Robb. My name is Mary Lou Travis. Age 66. I live in USA, North Carolina, Asheville. I am diagnosed bipolar. I have respect for Robb. The man, the human who has died. I thank the person who wrote the obituary. You show respect for humanity. Thank you.

Mary Lou Travis - February 18, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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“ Julia, Just know your in my thoughts and prayers.

Ralph Davenport Morris - February 16, 2025 at 03:49 PM

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“ TO THE FAMILY OF ROBERT STANFORD WEBB111

JUST WANTED TO SEND YOU ALL THIS SHORT NOTE TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE IN MY THOUGHTS & IN MY PRAYERS EVERY DAY & ESPECIALLY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ALWAYS & KEEP YOU ALL IN HIS LOVING CARE. AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE I HAVE KNOWN MOST OF THE WEBB FAMILY AS THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE.

LOVE IN CHRIST, JEAN SHEAROUSE

JEAN SHEAROUSE - February 16, 2025 at 02:17 PM

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“ *Stan took in my cat Loki when Loki's sister passed. Stan allowed him to be in touch with his inner-kitten so that Loki could be wild in the woods, or snuggle up warm in the den. Thank you Stan, for your hospitality to him. May your spirit be wild, warm and happy like Loki's.*

Lee Ann - February 14, 2025 at 02:21 PM