



## Robert "Bobby" Lawrence

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Bobby Lawrence, beloved husband, father, teacher, son, brother, uncle and loyal friend, passed away on November 26, 2025 from colon cancer, at the age of 55. A lifelong Californian and resident of Ceres, Bobby leaves behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, unwavering sweetness, and a life devoted to those he loved.

Bobby dedicated his career to teaching at Thomas Downey High School where he inspired generations of students with his patience, encouragement, and genuine belief in their potential. His passion for education earned him the Teacher of Excellence Award, but his greatest honor was the respect he received from his students and colleagues who will remember him for the difference he made every single day.

On the unforgettable date of July 7, 2007 (7-7-7), Bobby married the love of his life, Sharri Lawrence. Together they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, family and occasional head scratches (which he loved). They were together for 20 years and married for 18. Bobby was very proud of his girls, Zoey Grace and Helena Sky, spending time with them walking on the beach or watching Godzilla movies with them. When they were little and sick, he would

grab one of his cats and put him to work to be a “doctor” and make it better. He was a family man who loved Sharri, the girls and his many animals. He was always bragging about his family to others, as it was the source of his joy.

Bobby’s heart extended far beyond his immediate family. He treasured his mother, father, stepmother, grandparents, brother, sister, stepsister, nieces and extended family, always sharing stories that reflected his love for them.

He also believed that friends were family. Bobby was blessed with a close-knit group of friends whose bonds never faded with time. Friday night game nights, backyard barbeques, and football games (when they were younger) became treasured traditions filled with laughter, memories and plenty of photographs! He was the kind of friend who showed up, stayed connected, and never forgot the people who mattered. He also was very close to Sharri’s dad and brothers who he loved as well.

Outside of work and family, Bobby embraced life with enthusiasm. He was a Godzilla fan, a passionate Pittsburgh Steelers fan and someone who found happiness in sharing a meal, telling a story or watching a game.

Bobby's kindness, humor and generous spirit touched countless lives. His legacy will live on through the students he inspired, the family he adored, the friends he cherished and the memories that will always bring smiles for years to come.

Though he left this world FAR too soon, Robert “Bobby” Joel Lawrence’s love and influence remain FOREVER in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be eternally missed, eternally loved, lovingly remembered and NEVER forgotten.