



# Robert Vaughan McManus

July 15, 1987 - December 1, 2024

Robert Vaughan McManus, beloved son, fiancé, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on December 1, 2024, at the age of 37. Born on July 15, 1987, Robert grew up with a love for life and a spirit that touched everyone he met.

Robert is survived by his loving mother, Diane McManus, and his devoted fiancée, Kaylee Thibodeau. He leaves behind his brother, Brian McManus, sister-in-law Lulu McManus, and nieces Elle and Amelia McManus, as well as his godparents, Paul and Cindy Shepard. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas McManus, whom he missed dearly.

Professionally, Robert dedicated his career to the food industry, where his talent and leadership shone as a kitchen manager. He cooked with so much love, you could always taste the difference.

A lover of custom and classic cars, he took pride in his 1960 Chevy Bel Air and his uniquely customized Nissan 200 SX. Rob really enjoyed walking his dogs. He had a boxer, Bentley, for 12 years and was able to enjoy the past 3 years with Teddy, another boxer, both of whom he loved very much.

Robert loved sports, specifically the Miami Dolphins, the Florida Panthers, and the Miami Marlins. He was also an avid bowler, competing on numerous

teams and earning countless accolades. When he wasn't at the bowling alley, he could be found enjoying the outdoors, exploring theme parks, rescuing stray animals, or embarking on spontaneous day trips fueled by his adventurous spirit.

Robert lived life fully, with an open heart and appreciation for the simple joys. He will be remembered for his laughter, his smile, his loyalty, and the light he brought into the lives of those around him.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held on Sunday March 2nd, at The Lodge at Wakulla Springs. There will be 12pm & 1pm boat tours for whomever would like to take a memorial cruise. Robert attended the boat tours quite often and we would like to share his love of the water and local animals with you.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Tallahassee Youth Bowling League, or that you simply take a moment to enjoy a sunset, bowl a strike, or share an adventure in his memory.

Rest in peace, Robert. Your legacy of love and joy will live on in all who knew you. You are so greatly missed.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (est)

The Lodge at Wakulla Springs  
550 Wakulla Park Dr  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kaylee Thibodeau - February 03, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Love you & missing you Rob



Kaylee Thibodeau - January 02, 2025 at 09:17 PM



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

December 26, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ *The best boss anyone could ask for. Every day, he would make "family meals" for us. simple dishes he threw together, but they always tasted incredible! I watched him constantly engage with others, always going above and beyond for people. His work ethic was truly inspiring. Despite facing some of the toughest challenges in his life, he never faltered—he showed up every day and gave his all. He’s had a profound impact on my life, and I hope to carry forward the lessons I’ve learned from him.*



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**Katie Jacobs** - December 15, 2024 at 11:09 AM