



Robert "Fish" "Catfish" Gofinch

June 30, 1945 - December 19, 2023

Robert, or “Catfish” and “Fish” as he was known to his friends and family, was born on June 30, 1945 in Aspermont, TX. He moved to Amarillo as a child, where he graduated from Palo Duro High School in 1964. He worked several different types of jobs throughout his life, including truckdriving, working at Tradewinds Airport, and Toot-n-Totum, but spent the majority of his life working at IBP, which later became Tyson. He married Sue (Pope) Andrews on December 8, 1989. She preceded him in death in 2022. Fish lived life on his terms, he enjoyed riding his Trike and took many memorable trips including riding to Sturgis with his wife Sue. His favorite memories were spent on his porch with his wife Sue counting airplanes and feeding jack rabbits, most likely with his Lonestar beer. One of his other favorite places to be was The Handle Bar and Grill. The family wished to express their sincere appreciation to Keith and the staff for the love and friendship they showed to Fish.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Crystal Gandy and husband Jack; 2 sons, Tommy Gofinch and wife Diane of Billings, MT and Joey Kent and wife Rebecca of the DFW area; 11 grandchildren, Jessi, Joseph, Lexi, Caidynce, Issac, Brooklyn, Chloe, Jordan, Trevor, Brady and Branson and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sue Gofinch in 2022 and

his son, Gilbert Lynn Gofinch in 2019.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life at a later date

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Services

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
555 East Hastings Avenue
Amarillo, TX 79108

Tribute Wall

AN

“ Fish was a great guy. I know my mom and aunt Jo are celebrating with him in heaven!

Angie - January 20, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JS

“ I met “Catfish” when I was barely 20 , in 1980. He was the Hot Scaler, I worked on Trim Out. I remember one day, (those of you who have worked at IBP will understand) a head had fallen into the drip pan overhead by the hot scale and came down the decline just like a bowling ball and knocked Catfish off his feet. He wasn't hurt, Thank God, but never missed a beat, kept right on weighing. We worked together a lot of years. It was years later his wife, Sue, was running the scale, and I was running Trim Out. We had some good times back in the day. You will be missed Mr. Fish!!💜 You we're loved and respected very much.

Judy Shay - December 31, 2023 at 11:31 AM

JG

“ One of the best persons I have ever known. Worked with him, rode with him, partied with him. So sorry Sue for your loss. It was clearly evident how much y'all loved each other. Rest in Peace brother. You will be missed by many. George and Shirley Griego

Josue A Griego - December 29, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JG

I was not aware Sue had passed away before him.

Josue A Griego - December 29, 2023 at 09:19 AM

CP

Yes she passed May 4, 2022.

Crystal Pena - January 04, 2024 at 06:24 PM

 Russell Winsor

“ *The first time I met "Fish" was in 1986 when I first arrived in Amarillo at IBP. He helped me to transition to the area and shared his kindness and words of wisdom working at that plant. Fish was always willing to help others and he eventually married Sue who really made him toe the line....in a good way. Fish rest in peace you will be missed. God bless you and your family. Russ Winsor*

Russell Winsor - December 21, 2023 at 02:46 PM

VC

“ *The first time I met Catfish was out at the "Beef". he was helpful and kind that day. (my first time at the Beef). I grew to know him through the love of motorcycles and family. I was told once, when I got to the beef to find Robert. Well, I proceeded to tell them I didn't know a Robert. We argued back and forth until finally they said, Robert IS Catfish. We laughed about that story he and I throughout the years of our friendship. I am glad I got to know him and Sue through the years and grew to love them both. I will cherish that friendship always.*

VaRhonda Carter - December 21, 2023 at 09:24 AM

KT

“ Always enjoyed our conversation s with Catfish & Ms Sue. They truly Loved one another & always talked on how they met & What an life adventure for them both. Know he's at Peace as with his 'Sweet Sue' in the arms of our Lord ...They both are Truly Missed,



kt texas - December 20, 2023 at 10:00 PM