

Robert Alan Holl
April 9, 1980
Age 25
Cleveland, Ohio

Robert Alan Holl died on April 9, 1980 at age 25 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bob's best friend in high school, Rob Corns, offered these wonderful memories of their years together—years that were tragically cut short when Bob was killed when someone ran a red light and smashed into this truck that he had purchased just a few weeks earlier.

"I met Bob Holl in my sophomore year at LHS," said Rob Corns. "We never attended elementary or junior high together, but one of my home room friends, Dean Kent, introduced me to him. The three of us, along with Jim Roglin and Dan Stanton., hung out a lot together, especially at lunchtime where they all had to listen to my daily stupid jokes. Bob lived on Arthur Avenue and many times I would stop over at his house on my way home. I met his mom and his little sister, Debbie. He had an older brother, but I don't know if I ever met him or not. Anyway, I don't know how I could have made it through high school without his friendship. The five of us had secret code words for things, inside jokes if you will.

"The day after graduation, a bunch of us went to Cedar Point, and I remember on the way over and back, listening in his car, the 8-track tape of The Carpenter's album 'A Song For You' and laughing at their unexpected song 'Intermission.' (You'd have to listen to it to see why!)

"After high school, Bob got me a job at the old Franklin's Ice Cream on Detroit. Although it didn't work out, I always appreciated what he did. We spent many a Friday night watching 'Big Chuck and Hoolihan' and eating pizza at his house."

As happens to all of us, Rob admits that life got in the way after graduation when Bob got a full-time job and Rob went to college. But when he got the call about Bob's sudden death, Rob was devastated. He served as a pallbearer at Bob's funeral.

"For a while, in high school, it was like that old song, me and Bob against the world...a couple of nerdy guys who loved to joke around," says Rob. "He was a good guy and is still missed to this day."