

ROBERT PAUL PRICE "BEAU"

1992



Robert Paul (Beau) Price
February 11, 1944 – July 17, 1992
Van – “After Hours” – 1977 Black Chevy

My father, Robert (Beau) Price introduced his family to the Vanning Community in 1978. Both my parents at that time joined Action Vans of Michigan when the club was at an all time high of 240 vans. For some reason they ventured off to join Trux Ltd., which was formed from previous Action Van members. My mother eventually dropped out of the Vanning scene and my father returned to Action Vans. Also in 1978, with the help of his 5 daughters, my father's brand new black '77 Chevy Van “After Hours” was created. We attended many eVANts as a family, be it a charity event, a run to Stroh's Brewery or the annual Action Vans kite flying in April. I remember my first truck-in with my Dad, which was Molson's '81 in Barrie, Ontario. He tried so hard to get me on stage in the freezing rain, to no avail. We both ended up with pneumonia. Next years Molson's I introduced my ex-husband to the Vanners and we filled my father's van with balloons. My dad laughed forever it seemed while he attempted to empty out his van to crash that night. I also remember not being allowed to touch the exterior of 'After Hours' or to open the van doors due to my long fingernails. I lost my father to a heart attack on July 17, 1992 while I was attending the 20th Van Nationals in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. When I was told this, I immediately had in my hands change for the phone, condolences from club members and soothing substances to make my drive back home a little more bearable. I thank my father to this day for introducing me to my Vanning Family I have had for the past 25 years. If not for him, I would not have married my second husband whom I've met through Vanning. I continue to meet and make new friends each year. And each year I find myself wanting to become more active, because let's face it, there's nothing like being a part of the Vanning Community! Thanks again Dad. I Love you and miss you tremendously!

Debbie (Price) Gilchrist and sisters

