



## Robert "Bob" Wilson Hechtner

September 1, 1936 - May 7, 2023

Robert "Bob" Hechtner, 86, of Milford passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial with Masonic Rites will follow the service on Saturday in the Spirit Lake Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Robert Wilson Hechtner was born September 1, 1936, in Sac City, Iowa. He was the only child of Robert Raymond and Dorothy (Wilson) Hechtner. Bob graduated from Ida Grove High School and attended college at Morningside College in Sioux City. He married Janice Conover on September 1, 55. They had 3 children together, Angela (Johnston), Arlan and Tamara (Galvin). Bob married JoAn (Stammer) Laubach on June 17, 1985. He became a father to Dawn and Jonathan Laubach.

As a young man, Bob was an active participant in community activities. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Business Leaders, Booster and Country Clubs, and he became a Free Mason.

Bob had a gift for connecting with people and a passion for sales. His long work career encompassed sales for Oliver Tractors, Bell Telephone Co., Ford Motor Co., Farm Bureau Insurance, Northwestern Mutual Insurance, cars,

cars, and more car sales. Later in life he provided DOT certified transportation services for people to medical care and for disabled adults.

Bob's skills at listening and talking to people became a "gift for sales" that won him vacations, awards and many event tickets. He valued sharing these winnings with his family. He created many "family events" from his hard work that will be forever cherished. Bob was a generous man of modest means who always made time for you by listening first, then telling stories, and sharing an "I Love You."

You would often hear Bob talk about Attitude. It's a little thing that makes a big difference. He let it be known when an "attitude adjustment" was needed. He was an optimistic person who valued hard work, being well dressed and promptness.

In leisure hours, Bob enjoyed camping, fishing, cards, fishing, golfing, fishing, boating, fishing, games, fishing, fishing, gardening, fishing, listening to Big Bands (Glen Miller), fishing, reading, fishing, fishing, coffeeing Wednesdays, and Westerns on TV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond, and Dorothy Hechtner. Those left to cherish Bob's memory include his wife, JoAn, children: Angela (Jim) Johnston, Arlan (Laura) Hechtner, Tamara (Jeff) Galvin, Dawn Laubach, Jonathan (Leslie) Laubach; grandchildren, Joe (Meagan) Johnston, Nick (Mallory) Johnston, Allison (Grady) Thiems, Michael (Kimberley) Hechtner, Matthew (Emilie) Hechtner, Quinn and Abbie Galvin, Connor, Alexander and Piper Laubach; great grandchildren: Vernon, Hazel, Calvin and Clara Johnston, Camden and Ryan Hechtner, Peyton Thiems and many extended family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Spirit Lake Memory Gardens

Hudson Ave West  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home  
2317 32nd Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilson Hechtner*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - May 11, 2023 at 10:58 AM

KM

“ *My most sincere condolences to you Joann and your family on the loss of your husband, Bob. As I didn't know him personally, he sounds like he was a very dear man. My best wishes to you as you find strength in this time of your grief. Sincerely, Konnie (Hughes) Mitchell Cedar Rapids, Classmate, Spirit Lake HS Class of 71.*

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**Konnie Mitchell** - May 11, 2023 at 07:01 PM

PW

“ *Angie, Arlan, and Tamara, I have been in Spirit Lake visiting family this week and was sorry to see of your dad's passing. I remember going to ISU football games with him at the old Clyde Williams field. My condolences to you and your families. Pat Welch*

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**Pat Welch** - May 11, 2023 at 05:55 PM

MM

“ *JoAn, I'm so sorry for your loss of Bob. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Marcia Morrison*

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**Marcia Morrison** - May 11, 2023 at 08:50 AM

BK

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. May God help you and all of your loved ones heal and may you remember all the good times and the great memories. Brian Kistner*

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**Brian Kistner** - May 10, 2023 at 11:17 AM

KE

“ *Dear Joan and family ~*

*We are sorry to hear of the loss of Bob. You are in our hearts and prayers.*

*I SAID A PRAYER*

*I said a prayer for you today, although you didn't hear.*

*I asked God to help you with your grief and to lessen your fear.*

*May each day your grief become more bearable, and give you peace of mind.*

*You have lost a very special person who was to everyone so kind.*

*By Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson*

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**Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson** - May 08, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Wilson Hechtner.*



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May 08, 2023 at 05:48 PM

BG

“ *Bob was a fun neighbor, he and JoAnn would come over sometimes at 4 AM and have coffee with mom and I. He was so good with all the guys from Echo Plus when he drove the bus. I will always have fond memories, you will be missed!* ”

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**Bonnie Glover** - May 08, 2023 at 07:03 AM