



## Robert Bringle

September 4, 1950 - October 8, 2020

Robert (Bob) Bringle passed away on October 8th, not long after his 70th birthday, following a lengthy battle with cancer. Robert was born on September 4, 1950 in Estherville, the son of Lubie and Cora (Hutton) Bringle. Robert began his career in law enforcement in Des Moines as part of the undercover narcotics division. He eventually found his way back to Spirit Lake as a Deputy Sheriff, and soon found himself dating a former classmate. That classmate was Alana (Loni), his future wife. They married on May 8th, 1982 and had two sons, Brayden and Brock. Robert's career in law enforcement lasted for 35 years, where he policed with compassion and understanding. He was especially proud of his work with victims of domestic violence and as a school resource officer and DARE teacher.

Robert was loved and known in the community because of his volunteerism. He was a fixture in youth sports, having coached his sons and by extension dozens of others in baseball and football. An accomplishment, because Robert certainly wasn't an athlete. Robert was especially fond of theater, whether it was behind the scenes running lights and sound, directing community and school plays for 8th through 12th graders, or building the sets with the help of his crew. These were some of his fondest memories and longest lasting friendships. Robert also had another love: construction and woodworking. He was always building, sometimes out of necessity, sometimes to help a friend or family member, but always because he enjoyed it. This sometimes earned him the nickname Bob "Vila" and it wasn't just

because of their uncanny beards and flannel.

Robert will be remembered much better than these words or accomplishments by the hundreds of people that knew him, loved him, and will miss him. Robert is survived by his two sons, Brayden (and his wife Yumi) and Brock. He is also survived by his sisters (Pat, Betty, and Janet) and special friend, Doris. He was preceded in death by his wife, Loni, parents, brother David and sister Mary.

Private services for Robert will be held in the East Side Memorial Cemetery in Estherville.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I am so sad to here of his passing ~ I just heard recently. My Dad was Gene Battani and the memories I use to hear were all from my Dad~ My Dad was a narcotics officer when we lived in Correctionville in the 1960's and Bob did undercover work for my Dad ~ he was also a friend of my Dad & Mom & Bob would of been maybe 18? I know Bob out my dollhouse together that I had gotten for Christmas when I was 5 way back in the 60's My Dad & Bob were in contact for a lot of years. I personally contacted Bob after my Dad passed away in 2014 unexpected ~ Bob had came to visit my mom afterwards and unfortunately my mom was not at home so she never got to see Bob again :( Bob and I was in contact when I brought my family to Okoboji for vacation and we were going to meet for lunch but, unfortunately we had to head home early and I never got the pleasure of doing this. I'm so sad that he has passed and I'll never have the chance to actually meet him now that I'm much older. But, my thoughts and prayers are with his family ~ I am so sorry for your loss. My Dad thought the world of Bob ~ Now, My Dad and Bob are together in Heaven ~ 🙏

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**Kristina Battani-Larson** - October 25, 2023 at 12:09 PM

TH

“ What a great person that I had the opportunity to get to know. Bob was my inspiration to continue to pursue playing '60's music. We were set to record something after he got his new keyboard. A great person who shared the love of Carolina Beach music. Take care my friend and one day we will do that song!

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**Tim Hemler** - June 28, 2021 at 01:20 PM

RK

“ Randy Krukow lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Randy Krukow - October 26, 2020 at 11:28 PM

RK

So sorry for your loss!  
Bob was a great guy and a fellow Law Enforcement Officer 🚔♀️  
Take care and God Bless 🙏  
Randy Krukow  
Clay County Sheriff (Retired)

Randy Krukow - October 26, 2020 at 11:32 PM

TB

“ Terry Bergendahl lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Terry Bergendahl - October 22, 2020 at 09:19 AM

CS

“ Charlene (Erickson) Smythe lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Charlene (Erickson) Smythe - October 19, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Bringle.



October 19, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ I’m so very sad that Bob has passed. We are cousins, but only met the last few years. It was so fun to get to know you. I just wish, we were able to spend more family time together

Robbyn Bringle-West ❤️❤️

Robbyn Bringle-West - October 17, 2020 at 01:47 AM



“ Amy Wendelboe lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Amy Wendelboe - October 16, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ I will forever cherish the memories I have with Bob. He always found time to talk to you even if he had things to do and never minded giving hugs and making you feel extremely special. I learned so much from him and will miss seeing that smile and getting those hugs! My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time!

Emily Boettcher - October 16, 2020 at 11:36 AM

KC

“ *Kirt Carstens lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Kirt Carstens** - October 15, 2020 at 05:15 PM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of such a gentle soul. He was a friend to all. Bob and Loni surely have a loving path to continue.*

*Jan McDonald*

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**Jan McDonald** - October 15, 2020 at 04:48 PM

JJ

“ *Judy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Judy Johnson** - October 15, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CS

“ *Our families were so intertwined for so many years! Hugs to Brayden & Brock. Know that you were so dearly loved & cherished by your parents & may you hold all those memories close. Carol VanDer Sluis*

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**Carol VanDer Sluis** - October 15, 2020 at 02:06 PM

RB

“ *Rosemary Booth lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



Rosemary Booth - October 14, 2020 at 06:33 PM

SM

“ *So very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. His family lived a few houses from our home on 12th St. As a young boy he would come around and watch me working on my 32 Ford, always had some questions and was very interested in what I was doing.*  
*Skip Miller*

Skip Miller - October 14, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RA

*We knew Bob as a Deputy but, seen him in personal life events too and He was Always interested in what a person had to say, One Very Special Guy He Was! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE BOB AND RIP! 💙🙏 Thoughts and Prayers are with His Family!*

Ruth Albrant - October 17, 2020 at 02:47 AM

PG

“ *To Bob's sons and family, I am very deeply sorry for your loss. Like your mother, I thought a lot of your dad throughout the many many years I knew him. He was a genuinely good guy and our community was better to have him in it (your mom too)*  
*In Sympathy,*  
*Peggy Gustafson*

Peggy Gustafson - October 14, 2020 at 09:15 AM

BW

“ *Bev Wittler lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Bev Wittler** - October 13, 2020 at 10:56 PM

LD

“ *Dear Braydon, Yumi and Brock,  
We are so sorry for your loss. He was such a kind person and was so loved by his family. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Doug & Lynn Davis*

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**Lynn Davis** - October 13, 2020 at 03:07 PM

TP

“ *Tony & Emily Petersen lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Tony & Emily Petersen** - October 13, 2020 at 02:29 PM

CV

“ *We love you Bob! You will be missed.*

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**Charles Vigdal** - October 13, 2020 at 01:15 PM

JM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time...*



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**Joan Moyer** - October 13, 2020 at 11:38 AM

MU

“ *Marlys Unrau lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Marlys Unrau** - October 13, 2020 at 05:28 AM

 Mary Vander Woude

“ *Wow Bob can't believe you have moved on. I remember and I know you do as well all of our dancing adventures in the late 1960's. You will be missed. ❤️*

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**Mary Vander Woude** - October 12, 2020 at 10:19 PM

MW

“ *Melissa Weber lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Melissa Weber** - October 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM

MB

“ *Margerite Butcher lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Margerite Butcher** - October 12, 2020 at 09:07 PM

LB

“ *Loni And Tracy Brant lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Loni and Tracy Brant** - October 12, 2020 at 07:21 PM

LW

“ *Lori Wiedemeier lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Lori Wiedemeier** - October 12, 2020 at 07:15 PM

MD

“ *Sorry for your loss. I have known Bob since high school and he has always been a good man.*

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**mary k donovan** - October 12, 2020 at 06:20 PM

J&

“ *Janine Gapinski &family lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Janine Gapinski &family** - October 12, 2020 at 06:16 PM

CK

“ *Chris Kielman lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**chris kielman** - October 12, 2020 at 05:45 PM

TG

“ *Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Twyla Garnmeister** - October 12, 2020 at 04:20 PM

KF

“ *May you rest in peace Bob, you will be missed!*



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**Keith and Billi Feller** - October 12, 2020 at 04:07 PM

SG

“ To the family of Bob who was truly a steward to the community at large, a time in need, and fun community theater productions, those few words speak volumes about such a "Hero" and so thankful to have the privilege to meet and many thanks for sharing him  
God Bless

Sharon Wilson Godfrey - October 12, 2020 at 02:31 PM

RD

“ Rosemary Davis lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Rosemary Davis - October 12, 2020 at 01:22 PM

RD

Thoughts and prayers for Bob's boys. He always had a smile on his face and a sparkle in his eyed. We sure enjoyed our times with the Bringles during our sorority years. He is back with Loni and they are both at peace together. Sending our love.

Rosemary Davis - October 12, 2020 at 01:25 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Beverly Sill - October 12, 2020 at 12:53 PM

DR

“ *Dan & Fawn Rogers lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Dan & Fawn Rogers** - October 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM

AM

“ *Bob was such a kind and caring person. Talented in so many ways. We will miss you Bob Vila!*  
*Ann Mugge*

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**Ann Mugge** - October 12, 2020 at 11:25 AM

DD

“ *Thank you Bob for your sense of humor, your compassion, your caring, and devotion to the community. You will be missed.*



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**Diane Daws** - October 12, 2020 at 11:25 AM

VF

“ *Bob was definitely one of the good ones. Thank you for your service. RIP.*



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**Vernon & Darla Flack** - October 12, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *My condolences to the Bringle family. I worked with Bob at the sheriffs office for many years. He was such a unique person. Always ready to give a helping hand. My favorite side to Bob was how he worked with kids for the theater. Rest in peace Bob. Now your with Jim, and Lonnie.*

*Rex Ondler*

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**Rex Ondler** - October 12, 2020 at 08:33 AM

DR

“ *Don & Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Don & Jean Reed** - October 12, 2020 at 12:45 AM

PH

“ *Paula Hagedorn lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Paula Hagedorn** - October 11, 2020 at 11:45 PM

JW

“ *Jim And Judy Weipert lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Jim and Judy Weipert** - October 11, 2020 at 09:38 PM

SF

“ Steve & Dianne Franker lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Steve & Dianne Franker - October 11, 2020 at 09:21 PM

KE

“ May your great memories comfort you.  
Bob and Karen Eichner



karen eichner - October 11, 2020 at 05:01 PM

KE

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karen eichner - October 11, 2020 at 05:01 PM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss. Bob was a great guy and very kind. He will be missed. Prayers to the family.

Sally Christensen DeLoss - October 11, 2020 at 12:51 PM

MS

“ Yes, Bob was a genuine, caring person who made a positive difference in many lives. Prayers for his family and loved ones.

Marilyn Strickland - October 11, 2020 at 12:25 PM

MT

“ Bob was always good for a story and a laugh, very caring, family loving man that will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Bob, we will always cherish your friendship



Mike & Deb Travis - October 11, 2020 at 09:14 AM

DO

“ Don And Sheryl Ogle lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Don and Sheryl Ogle - October 11, 2020 at 06:10 AM

LB

“ Our condolences to Doris, Bob's family, and all his friends. We were saddened to hear of Bob's passing. Thankfully, he was promised the glory of God in Heaven.



Lucia and Bill - October 10, 2020 at 11:27 PM

LN

“ One of the “good guys”. I worked with Bob at the Okoboji Summer Theatre and recently he helped us out with customer contacts at Superior Telephone. Always fun to visit with. He will be missed

Lon and Cheryl Noble - October 10, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Doug Myrick lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Doug Myrick - October 10, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JS

“ Jeff And Andrea Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - October 10, 2020 at 07:42 PM

MD

“ I worked with Bob as a deputy for many years. We should have written a book. Bob was one of the most compassionate and caring person I have ever known. He will be missed by all who knew him. So sorry for your loss. Merle & Pat Dodds

merle dodds - October 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

MP

“ *Merle & Pat lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Merle & Pat** - October 10, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JH

“ *John Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**John Huntsinger** - October 10, 2020 at 03:19 PM

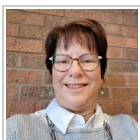
BH

“ *Barbara Haagenson lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



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**Barbara Haagenson** - October 10, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *I have great memories of working with Bob at the Okoboji summer theatre. He will be surely missed.*

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**Rachelle Fratzke** - October 10, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LH

“ I extend my sympathies to Bob's family and friends at this sad time. I met Bob when he came to Harris-Lake Park schools and worked with our theater/musical department. His enthusiasm was contagious. He always had time for a chat and I will remember him for his kindness and generosity.

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**Laura Hanna** - October 10, 2020 at 10:26 AM

CM

“ I have wonderful memories of Bob and Loni. We had so much fun on the Lakes Community Theatre board and putting on plays. He was a wonderful director. He gave me the lead role in "The Rainmaker" in 2002. The first play on stage at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. What a thrill. It was a joy to know him.



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**Connie Mueller** - October 10, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DR

“ Diane Reason lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



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**Diane Reason** - October 10, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DB

“ My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Broocks



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**Dayle Broocks** - October 10, 2020 at 09:36 AM

BA

“ Boys, We have many good memories of your dad and mom. Bill and your dad worked together for a few years doing construction. May he rest in peace.



Bill and Cheryl Aumer - October 10, 2020 at 09:25 AM

RS

“ RIP Bob, you were a friend to many...prayers to the family



Roxane Slifer - October 10, 2020 at 02:42 AM

RC

“ I am so saddened by the passing of a great friend. My prayers go out to the whole family. My husband Marv had the pleasure of working with Bob. Im sure they'll meet up again in a better place.

Rita Childers - October 10, 2020 at 01:15 AM

LG

“ Larry Gjerde lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Larry Gjerde - October 10, 2020 at 12:16 AM

BG

“ Bradley Gibson lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Bradley Gibson - October 09, 2020 at 09:24 PM

AH

“ This Guy will be missed by a lot. Will remember your dad by all the ice cream ect.. he gave us. All the times he came had supper with my parents and us. Iowa Games. I could go on. So sorry. Prayers



amy HarbstBaschke - October 09, 2020 at 08:47 PM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Beverly Atwell - October 09, 2020 at 07:04 PM

NM

“ I am so saddened by this news. Bob and I met when I was a jailer at Spirit Lake. We kept in touch on messenger. I loved him as a friend. Love and prayers to the family

nancy may - October 09, 2020 at 07:02 PM

Sally  
Seleen  
Kness

“ *Sally Seleen Kness lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



Sally Seleen Kness - October 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Reiman lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



Nancy Reiman - October 09, 2020 at 06:22 PM

NR

*My sincerest sympathies to Bob's family.*

Nancy Reiman - October 09, 2020 at 06:23 PM

RN

“ *My deepest sympathies to the boys and the rest of Bobs family. He will be miss by many. Many prayers for you all.*



Rhonda and David Nelson - October 09, 2020 at 05:19 PM

GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Greg & Dee Baloun - October 09, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JT

“ Janelle Treganza lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Janelle Treganza - October 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM

NR

“ Nancy Rickman lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle



Nancy Rickman - October 09, 2020 at 04:00 PM

CM

“ Brock and Brayden I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. My sympathies to you.



christine murphy - October 09, 2020 at 03:54 PM

KH

“ *Kris Rickman Heitner lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



Kris Rickman Heitner - October 09, 2020 at 03:41 PM

CH

“ *Christine Hinkeldey lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



Christine Hinkeldey - October 09, 2020 at 03:32 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



Nancy Rees - October 09, 2020 at 02:59 PM

DW

“ *Deb Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



Deb Wilcox - October 09, 2020 at 02:10 PM

MS

“ *Condolences to the boys and family. Bob will be missed by many. Rest in peace dear cousin 😞*



**Mollie Sander** - October 09, 2020 at 02:10 PM

BG

“ *Bonnie Glover lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



**Bonnie Glover** - October 09, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DK

“ *Denise Nordblad Kastner lit a candle in memory of Robert Bringle*



**Denise Nordblad Kastner** - October 09, 2020 at 02:02 PM

CR

*So very saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I loved him and Loni as good friends. We enjoyed good times together especially working in theatre productions at the Pearson Art Center. May God bless the family with good memories and the assurance of his glorious journey into Heaven!💕 He will be missed by many. He was a wonderful man!*

**Charlene Radcliffe** - October 18, 2020 at 06:44 PM