



Robert "Bob" Higgins

February 20, 1935 - April 27, 2022

Robert "Bob" Higgins, 87, of West Okoboji passed away on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2022, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. till service time on Monday at the church. Military Graveside Rites will be held in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and VFW John W. Kidd Post #4514 of Spirit Lake.

Robert (Bob) Higgins was born February 20, 1935, to Bert and Elizabeth Higgins of Emmetsburg, Iowa. He was the second oldest of four children: brothers Jim and Gerry and sister Betty. Bob married Marilyn Krage on April 7, 1958. Bob and Marilyn raised seven children together: Roy, Mike, John, Teresa, Robert, Lisa, and Mary. He was blessed with ten grandchildren, who loved him dearly: Jake, Jessica, Jared, Nathan, Marisa, Thomas, Abby, Steven, Ryan, and Elizabeth. Bob attended many of his grandchildren's sporting events. "Grandpa Bob" was one of their biggest fans; always on the sidelines cheering and whistling loudly for them. Bob was also loved by his four great-grandchildren: Riley, Lexi, Isaac, and Leo and was regularly in attendance for numerous concerts, grandparent days, and sporting events. Bob served in the US Military following his high school graduation. In 1975, Bob and Marilyn made their home in Spencer, IA, where he worked at Morony's Clothing. Bob never forgot a face or a customer's name, (or pant or

shirt size). He truly was a people person who enjoyed sharing stories with others. His energy and love for people was an infectious quality that we will always cherish and keep close to our hearts.

Okoboji was Bob and Marilyn's forever home. Bob enjoyed spending time swimming, suntanning on the dock, boating, and visiting with family and friends while driving around on the golf cart. He enjoyed traveling with family to sunny Florida to soak up the sun during the winter months. He faithfully served the Lord as a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church here in Milford. Bob passed away on April 27, surrounded by his family. We will miss his dynamic personality, his smiles, and his many stories. Even though it is hard to say goodbye, he is now reunited with his wife and constant companion, Marilyn.

The Higgins family would like to thank the many friends, family, and relatives for all the love and prayers they have received.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Bert and Elizabeth Higgins; siblings Jim and Marge Higgins; Gerry Higgins; and his wife Marilyn. Bob is survived by his children and their spouses: Roy and Sue Higgins, Mike and Maureen Higgins, John Higgins, Teresa and David Schoelerman, Robert Higgins and Vicky Dvorkin, Lisa and John Volmary, Mary, and Randy VerMulm; ten grandchildren: Jake and Betsy Schoelerman, Jessica and Travis Schmidt, Jared Schoelerman, Nathan Higgins, Marisa Higgins, Thomas Volmary, Abby Volmary, Steven VerMulm, Ryan VerMulm, and Elizabeth and Clark Simon; four great grandchildren: Riley, Lexi, Isaac, and Leo Schoelerman. He is also survived by his sister Berry and Pete Somerhauser, brother-in-laws Colonel and Jeanette Krage, Mary Alice and Chuck Swanson, and sister-in-law Joan Krage.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Gardens Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Service

MAY 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Tribute Wall

KK

“ To the Higgins family. I knew Bob from Moorney's Clothing store in Spencer. I purchased a lot of suits from him. He always made you feel like you were his best friend. If by chance I got to the store late in the afternoon he would always say Hey, I'm ready to close up for the day/or I'm getting off pretty soon let's go down to the Hotel for a drink before you head home. Bob was a great guy, a good man, my prayers and sympathy are with the family.



Kevin T Kuehl - May 02, 2022 at 03:44 PM

JK

“ To the Higgins family-We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He and Marilyn are probably celebrating in heaven. They were a great couple and Bob was always so friendly and welcoming. It is hard to loose your parents, but we are happy he did not have to suffer. Celebrate the memories. Our prayers are with you. Duane & Joan Kallsen

Joan Kallsen - May 01, 2022 at 03:14 PM

MT

“ Mike & Deb Travis sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Higgins



Mike & Deb Travis - May 01, 2022 at 11:34 AM

DB

“ *David & Sue Brugman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Higgins.*



David & Sue Brugman - May 01, 2022 at 02:12 AM

BB

“ *sorry for your loss i have known bob a very long time what a great guy he treated me like i was rich but i was poor great to talk to i will miss his smile god bless the family brad bolyard*

brad bolyard - April 30, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Higgins.*



April 29, 2022 at 05:19 PM

GB

“ *Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Higgins*



Greg & Dee Baloun - April 29, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Higgins.*



April 29, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Gary Kastrup lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Higgins*



Gary Kastrup - April 29, 2022 at 12:57 AM



“ *Bob and I shared many great times together at SERTOMA, Morony,s and His pork burger stand at the ClayCountyFair. Bob was a fun guy to be with. He will live on with all your memories. Rest in peace Bob. In GODS love,Kent Kilpatrick*

Kent Kilpatrick - April 28, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Higgins.*



April 28, 2022 at 06:42 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Abby - April 28, 2022 at 05:38 PM

MD

“ Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Higgins



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - April 28, 2022 at 12:49 PM

BF

“ Billi Feller lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Higgins



Billi Feller - April 28, 2022 at 10:56 AM

JJ

“ Jim Jackson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Higgins



Jim Jackson - April 28, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ *Higgins family... We are so sad to hear of Bob (Dad)'s passing... I always had a nice chat with him at the airport waiting to pick up John & Lisa or they were picking him up to fly somewhere... Cherished memories! Our Sympathies... Gayle*



Gayle Brandt - April 28, 2022 at 09:47 AM

JO

“ *Jim O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Higgins*



Jim O'Neill - April 28, 2022 at 08:32 AM