



Robert "Bob" Sporrer

August 17, 1945 - September 14, 2021

Robert "Bob" Sporrer, 76, of Dedham, IA passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by the love of his family on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 17, 2021, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dedham. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Concelebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Music will be by Cindy Bauer and the parish choir. Mass Servers will be Caleb Hoffman and Sam Hoffman. Eulogist will be Paul Wendl JR. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Vicki Rotert, Becky Archunde and Peggy McDonald. Gift Bearers will be Noah, Rylan, Aubrey, and Harrison Sporrer and Caden, Blake, Madden, and Ellasyn Mertes. Eucharistic Minister will be Doris Peterson. Casket Bearers will be Tammy Ozel, Craig Wiederin, Kim Schade, Scott Sporrer, Mike Sporrer, Sarah Peterson, Jeff Sporrer, and Terry Sporrer. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dedham with military honors conducted by the Dedham American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Additional visitation will be held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Bob's family at www.sharpfuner

al.com.

In lieu of flowers, should one desire, memorials may be directed to Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation or the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation both in Carroll, IA.

Bob, known to many as “Bull”, was born on August 17, 1945, in Dedham. The son of John and Bonita (Heithoff) Sporrer, he grew up on the family farm west of Dedham. He graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1963. In 1965, he entered the US Army, serving in Korea during the Vietnam era. His love of the Hawkeyes began when he attended the University of Iowa, graduating in 1972. Along with earning his degree, he played Rugby for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

On June 7, 1980, Bob married Linda Rohe at Sacred Heart Church in Manning with Fr. Merlin Schrad presiding. They made their home in Dedham and were blessed with 5 children – their two angels in heaven Kerry and Kenzie, Kyle, Jackie, and Melissa. Bob had a successful 44-year career that he truly enjoyed as a District Sales Manager in the seed industry. Outside of his career, he was active playing slow-pitch softball for the Dedham Merchants, golfing, traveling, hunting, and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes. Bob was a servant minded individual volunteering in many roles to support his community, church, and school. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Dedham and lifetime member of the Dedham American Legion. He strongly supported the Dedham Booster Club and Kuemper Catholic Schools. Bob served on the Dedham City Council since 1991, the past 4 years as Mayor of Dedham.

He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, always deeming himself the “quiet and bashful type”. Bob never let a chance go by to tease the kids or friends and family around him.

Bob was a true family man, always putting his family first and supporting his wife, children, and grandchildren – whom he adored. Bob was a very proud Dad, but one of his favorite roles in life was being “Papa” to his eight grandchildren. He always left them saying, “Papa loves you!” Bob left this life with a grateful heart, always counting the blessings the Good Lord gave him.

Left to carry on his legacy include: his wife Linda; his children: Kyle (Nikki) Sporrer of Lisbon, IA, Jackie (Mike) Mertes of Dedham, IA, and Melissa Sporrer of Waukee, IA; Eight grandchildren: Noah, Rylan, Aubrey, and Harrison Sporrer, and Caden, Blake, Madden and Ellasyn Mertes.

Bob is also survived by his siblings: Don Sporrer, Helen (Ralph) Wiederin, Jim (Kathy) Sporrer, Wayne Sporrer, Paul (Bonnie) Sporrer, Doris (Ron) Peterson, Dale (Jan) Sporrer, and Dick (Sharon) Sporrer; step mother-in-law Vi Rohe, and his in-laws, or as they jokingly were referred to as the “out-laws”: Edna Rohe, Larry (Becky) Rohe, JoAnn Rowedder, Mary Jane (Keith) Stribe, Daryl (Lisa) Rohe, and Janet (Steve) Goecke.

He is survived by many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his twin daughters Kerry and Kenzie Sporrer, parents John and Bonita Sporrer, parents-in-law Vernon and Martha Rohe, brother LaVern Sporrer, sister-in-law Rosie Sporrer, and brothers-in-law Duane Rohe and Allen Rohe.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of the Christian Burial

SEP **17.** 10:30 AM.

St. Joseph'S Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Sorry for hear about Bob's passing. It was nice thatbl was able to visit with him at the hospital and to see him. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Rick & Nadine Halbur

Richard Halbur - September 18, 2021 at 11:06 AM

FR

“ I'm sorry to hear of Bob's passing! I played fast pitch softball, pheasant hunted, golfed with him. and he was always positive, upbeat and a BULL! When I think of Dedham he comes to mind right away! You will be deeply missed!

frank - September 17, 2021 at 05:57 PM

DO

“ Linda and Family ,
Our sincere sympathy to you all. May Bob rest in peace.
Diane and Terry Olson

Diane Olson - September 17, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime t
o Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased
for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.



September 16, 2021 at 11:26 PM

RR

“ I remember Bob coming up the hill to get me from the rectory when power was out in town due to a bad snow storm, and he had a portable generator to keep his house warm. so He invited me to supper and to stay the night if need be. This was just one of many times that he looked out for others, and shared the joy of being with his wonderful family. God bless all of you. Fr Terry Roder

Rev. Terry A. Roder - September 16, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ Special guy and amazing family❤️ Praying for peace and comfort at this time.

Pam Kitt - September 16, 2021 at 06:18 PM

MF

“ Marv & Donna Schreck and family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.



Marv & Donna Schreck and family - September 16, 2021 at 01:38 PM



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



September 16, 2021 at 12:58 PM

DO

“ *My deepest condolences to family! A great guy who did so much in his life! I always enjoyed my talks with him and God bless him and family!*

Denny O’Grady - September 16, 2021 at 12:48 PM

DW

“ *Linda and family, sending our sympathy to all. Dan and Deb Weis.*

Deb Weis - September 16, 2021 at 12:13 PM

VB

“ *Linda and family sorry for your loss ! May BOB rest in peace .
Vickie and Bob Boes*



Vickie Boes - September 16, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.*



September 16, 2021 at 12:04 PM



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



September 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Our sympathy to you,Linda, and your family.
Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme*

marilyn vonnahme - September 16, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.*



September 16, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.*



September 15, 2021 at 11:23 PM

ER

“ I cannot believe that you are gone. I will miss you teasing me whenever I walked into your sight; you were one, mischievous dude! I just want you to know that I love you. If you are not too busy in heaven, please look for Duane and tell him I love too. You will be missed by myself and the rest of the out-laws! Rest in peace, Bob!

Eddy Rohe - September 15, 2021 at 08:29 PM

MF

“ Missing You...Eddy Rohe & Family purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.



Missing You...Eddy Rohe & Family - September 15, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.



September 15, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.



September 15, 2021 at 07:35 PM

WN

“ *My sincere sympathy*

Wanda Neuman - September 15, 2021 at 07:17 PM



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



September 15, 2021 at 06:57 PM



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



September 15, 2021 at 06:47 PM

TH

“ I met Bob in my early 30s when I was a young pup starting with Asgrow in the seed business. Bob was a veteran by then and I didn't know my head from a hole in the ground about the seed business (most would say that still applies only about most things, not just seed). I soon learned from him that it wasn't necessarily how much you knew about the seed business but how you treated customers and whether they liked you or not. With his infectious laugh and grin, Bob was that kind of guy and one of the main reasons he was so successful in that business. I always looked forward to being around him because he was the kind of guy who made people feel good and helped pick your spirits up. Watching Bob taught me not to be too full of yourself & to not take life too seriously when things may not have been going so well. We used to have a fair amount of 2 to 3 day meetings and I learned more in our “bull” sessions in the motel room after the day's meeting having a couple toddies with Bob and the rest of the guys than I did during the meetings. Even after his retirement, with Terri and I being several miles away, Bob & Linda would make an effort once a year to get together and we always had a great time laughing about the good memories. As we near retirement, I was really looking forward to getting together more often. As his obituary says, Bob was always good-natured and positive till the very end and this is a testament to his strong Christian faith and great wife & family. Rest in peace Bob, we will miss your friendship.

Ted Hammes - September 15, 2021 at 06:02 PM

BV

“ My sympathy to Linda, kids and Sporrer family. Bob was truly a good guy inside and out. One of the best. He will be missed dearly. May he Rest In Peace.



Bev Vonnahme - September 15, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.*



September 15, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Sending love, hugs and prayers to Linda & entire family.*
Terry & JoAnne Halbur

JoAnne Halbur - September 15, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.*



September 15, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Linda, so sorry for your loss. Bob was so committed to his family and his community. He will be greatly missed. Sending hugs and caring thoughts your way for you and your loved ones.*



Denise Doyel - September 15, 2021 at 04:41 PM

BE

“ *Our sympathy and prayers...
Bill & Betty (Tigges) Richard*

Betty - September 15, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My sympathies are with the family. He will be missed by not only his family but certainly by the community.*

Dee Winnett

Dee Winnett - September 15, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.*



September 15, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.*



September 15, 2021 at 11:52 AM

CL

“ Our sympathies to Linda and the rest of Bob's family. Kevin and Cindy Lawler family

Cindy Lawler - September 15, 2021 at 11:06 AM

CS

“ Carol R Sporrer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Sporrer.



Carol R Sporrer - September 15, 2021 at 10:53 AM

JR

“ We have loved and admired this amazing family for years! Bob & Linda set the bar pretty high with their commitment and dedication to their family, friends, church, community and beyond. They never ceased to share their time and talents at any given time, and taught their amazing kids Kyle, Jackie and Melissa the same stewardship. We love you Sporrer family, God Bless

Joni Rutten - September 15, 2021 at 09:32 AM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Linda and all the family. ❤️ Bob was a great guy, supportive to his family and community. God Bless him.

Debra Fahn - September 15, 2021 at 09:10 AM



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



September 14, 2021 at 09:29 PM