



Robert Bahr

June 25, 1939 - July 31, 2021

Robert Bahr, 82, of Alden, passed away Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Eldora Specialty Care. A joint memorial visitation for Janice and Robert Bahr of Alden will be held from 1-3 PM on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Iowa Falls.

Shortly after a last meal of birthday cake in honor of his mother's 110th birthday, Robert "Bob" William Bahr succumbed to cancer on July 31, 2021. He was born at home on the family farm near Buckeye, IA on June 25, 1939. The fifth child of Harold Bahr, Sr. and Elsie Folks. He attended school in Buckeye through 8th grade before transferring to Iowa Falls for high school, graduating in 1956.

He farmed until the US Government interrupted his life and decided he needed to see the world drafting him into the Army in 1962. After basic training at Ft. Leonardwood, MO, he tested the highest in his class and turned down a chance to go to officer training school in lieu of working on missiles. He was only a month into his training at Ft. Belvoir, VA when the Cuban Missile Crisis occurred. He was later stationed in Okinawa and Thailand. He was a proud member of the Buckeye VFW and only missed three Memorial Day services since his discharge in 1968.

After serving his country Bob was happy to be home and farm with his

brothers, Dale and Jim. He loathed traveling outside Iowa, so family vacations were few and always involved staying with family. He did go fishing in North Dakota, attended a niece's wedding in Oklahoma and visited his sister in Alaska twice.

Bob found love at the Buckeye Cooperative Elevator when Janice Watson started doing bookkeeping. He may have had some coaxing from his sisters. They wed on June 28, 1975, in Iowa Falls at the First United Methodist Church. Two children were added to this family: Elaine and Wendell.

He loved spending time in nature searching out wildflowers and Native American artifacts. He also enjoyed tending to his native prairie, watching birds and feeding the squirrels. Bob loved watching old westerners, PBS, and the Andy Griffith show, much to his wife's chagrin. His truck's radio was permanently stuck on an old-time country music station. He loved the Grand Ole Opry from the 1950s and '60s and Lawrence Welk. All music after 1980 was garbage. He thoroughly loved music therapy in his last months.

He played fastpitch softball with his brothers and friends on the Buckeye team. He and his wife were part of a bowling league and played cards with friends, family, and neighbors. He was an avid reader and loved being part of a book club at the Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library in Iowa Falls. He took his job as a book critic seriously. He served as the family storyteller and those stories will be cherished by those left behind.

Another hobby was making walking sticks and giving them to people he liked. He was thrilled to give one to Christie Vilsak, wife of the current US Secretary of Agriculture. He was a lifelong die-hard Democrat. If you disagreed with him on politics or anything else, he was happy to tell you why you were wrong.

Left to remember his humor, wisdom and peculiar taste in food are his

children, Elaine and Wendell Bahr of Alden; brothers, Harold Bahr Jr., Glen (Kay) Bahr and Paul Bahr of rural Iowa Falls, Jim (Linda) Bahr of Iowa Falls and Donnie (Connie) Bahr of Buckeye; sisters, Dorothy "Dotty" (Bill) Eldred of Chugiak, AK, Phyllis (Vic) Ward of Guthrie, OK and Connie (Tom) Metzgar of Trenton, MO; sisters-in-law, Alice Bahr and Marlys Bahr both of Iowa Falls, Dietta "Dee" Watson of Lengby, MN, Linda (Ron) Christensen and Norma Jackson, both of Graettinger, IA as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 45 years, Janice Bahr; his sister-in-law, Martha Bahr; brothers, Gene Bahr and Dale Bahr; sister, Evelyn Ford and her husband Jerry; sister, Lavonne Richardson and her husband Gene and brother-in-law, Jim Jackson.

A public visitation will be held at a later date and a private family gathering will be held for a scattering of the cremated remains. Those planning an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, may wish to consider memorials to Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library in Iowa Falls, Care Initiatives Hospice, American Cancer Association or Calkins Nature Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls - Woodley Funeral Home
516 S. Oak Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
(641) 648-7700

Tribute Wall



“ *I loved to hear him laugh and he always had some interesting thing to add to a story* ”

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