



Robert Lee Carlson Jr.

January 30, 1952 - January 20, 2022

Robert 'Bob' Lee Carlson, Jr., 69, of Meservey, passed away, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at MercyOne – North Iowa in Mason City.

Memorial Service will be held 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thornton, with Rev. Jane Harris presiding.

Visitation will be 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Sunday at the Church, 400 Larch Street, Thornton. Per church policy mask use is required for attendees at the visitation and service. Memorials may be directed to the Gift of Life Transplant House or Mayo Clinic, both Rochester, MN.

Bob was born January 30, 1952, in a fort, Fort Monroe, Virginia, son of Robert and Dolores (Brinkman) Carlson. Bobby grew up in Streamwood, IL, and graduated from Larkin High School in Elgin, IL. He then attended Luther College where he was blessed to meet Pam Sprau. They were married September 7, 1975, at the Meservey Methodist Church. Bob earned his teaching degree at the University of Minnesota and Masters of Education from the University of Iowa. He taught elementary school for 34 years, beginning his career in Belvidere, IL, and continuing in Mason City at Roosevelt, Washington and Madison elementary schools.

Bob was an inspired teacher who supported children in their every talent and truth. He was a sharp shooter on the basketball court who played with the Pumpkins and in local pickup games — he was a big fan of the Chicago Bulls. Bob's family life was full and loving, enjoying biking, national park vacations, playing outside, and reading books which opened hearts and minds to the

world. Post retirement he even developed an enthusiasm for baking and complex recipes. He nourished everyone around him.

Bob is survived by his wife of 46 years: Pam; children: Becky Carlson, New Zealand; Zach (Jenny) Carlson, Denver, CO; Toby (Fides) Carlson, Denver, CO; grandchildren: Reina (7), Leici (5), Bobby (4), Ollie (2); his mother: Dolores Carlson, Largent, West Virginia; siblings: Bruce (Angie) Carlson; Debbie Juliano; Lori Carlson; Cheryl (Jeff) Heldman; brother and sister-in-law: Scott & Jenee Sprau; special relative Zoe Myers and many friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his father, Robert Carlson and brothers-in-law Jim Herrera and Kurt Sprau.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
400 Larch Street
Thornton, IA 50479

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Bob was my second grade teacher at Washington Elementary and was hands-down the best teacher of my entire academic career. I still talk about the 6 foot tall green dinosaur our class built out of paper mache, and how when the principal said we needed to "get rid of the dinosaur" Bob had us paint it blue and call it a dragon. I am so sorry for your loss and am keeping you all in my thoughts.

Tara (Fitzpatrick) Brueggeman

Tara B - January 24, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Carlson Jr..



January 23, 2022 at 08:54 PM

LB

“ I taught at Washington Elementary School with Bob. He was always upbeat and fun to be around. He was kind and caring to his students. He had a way of motivating them to do their best. Bob was a natural born teacher. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Linda Bottorff

Linda Bottorff - January 23, 2022 at 04:05 PM

CJ

“ Colleen, Craig and Joyce purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert Lee Carlson Jr..



Colleen, Craig and Joyce - January 23, 2022 at 01:58 PM

MA

“ Sending our deepest condolences.
Maria and Jim
Oro Valley AZ

maria - January 23, 2022 at 01:01 PM

HB

“ Becky and family,

We express our sympathy. You are all in our thoughts, and prayers. Bob will be missed by so many. He was such a genuine, caring man, always had a smile. I (Marge) worked at Roosevelt Elementary School for many years. I was a Paraprofessional, and I worked with Bob. He was a JOY to work for, and he enjoyed each one of his students. May God bless you all with the fond memories of Bob.



*Blessings and Prayers. 🙏
Harlan and Marge Baack*

Harlan and Marge Baack - January 23, 2022 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ Bob was my fifth grade teacher at Washington. He encouraged my love of history and was one of my favorite teachers I ever had the pleasure of being taught by. He will be missed.

mike snook - January 22, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Carlson Jr..



January 22, 2022 at 07:19 PM

WF

“ With Lots of Love, Your Tucson Family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert Lee Carlson Jr..



With Lots of Love, Your Tucson Family. - January 22, 2022 at 05:29 PM

DN

“ Bob was one of the best coaches for our young children growing up in the Meservey and Thornton area. He was so patient and leaves us all with good memories of a life well lived. Rest In Peace Bobby.

Diane Nelson - January 22, 2022 at 12:54 PM