



Robert "Bob" Aldrich

February 21, 1925 - March 12, 2015

The funeral service for Robert "Bob" Aldrich of Wrightstown, rural Hewitt, will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Wrightstown United Methodist Church, rural Hewitt, with Rev. Mark Bateson presiding. Friends may call on Sunday from 4:00 until 6:00 PM at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha and again on Monday from 1:30 PM until the time of services at the church.

Robert "Bob" Leroy Aldrich was born on February 21, 1925 to Paul and Marie (Triplett) Aldrich at their home in Wrightstown. He attended and graduated from Bertha High School. He worked for his parents in the Wrightstown store and helped load and haul livestock to South St. Paul, MN. He was a World War II veteran and was medically discharged on October 9, 1943.

He married Genevieve "Gen" Kassube on May 16, 1953 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Wrightstown and they lived their married life, nearly 62 years, in Wrightstown. He raised beef cattle, sheep, and pigs while hiring farm work done by neighbors. He became postmaster of Hewitt on May 14, 1954 by proclamation signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He served in this capacity for thirty-three years, three months, and three days before his retirement. He was active in 4-H both as a boy and while his own children were in 4-H. He was always ready to help with any project at church, be it Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, or just cleaning and update work.

Bob was instrumental in the beginning and continued existence of the Hewitt Museum. It was through his efforts that the school was purchased by the city of Hewitt for that purpose. He dedicated many hours to cleaning, setting it up, and holding an open house at the museum. He was honored in the fall of 2014 by having the big upstairs room named after him as the 'Robert (Bob) Aldrich Room'. While serving as curator of the museum He found the descendents of the early settlers of the village of Hewitt and he helped bring them to Hewitt for a grand celebration.

Bob became interested in the genealogy of his ancestors and did a great deal of research to produce books for each branch of the family: Perkins, Aldrich, DeWitt, Gilette, Triplett, and Caldwell. He and Clarence Thompson collaborated for the anniversary of the rural District 68 All-School Reunion.

Bob spent hours in the garden in the spring, summer, and fall months. He fixed bouquets for church each Sunday, sometimes taking an entire day to get them right. He liked to pick the flowers; even the ones that his wife said were forbidden. He enjoyed being outdoors and deer hunting in the fall. In later years, he enjoyed just sitting and soaking up the sun .

Bob passed away at the age of 90 years on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; sister-in-law Arlene Mayer; brother-in-laws Richard Kassube and Curtis Frohrip.

He is survived by loving wife Gen; his six children Julie Deutsch of Tacoma, WA, Jeanne (Marcos) Carreon of Corpus Christi TX, Douglas (Jem) Aldrich of San Francisco CA, Bryan (Ruth) Aldrich of Jordan MN, Jill (Scott) Weinmaster of Crystal MN, and Todd Aldrich of Bend OR; 12 grandchildren Andria Kelly,

Maureen Palmer, Carrie Sandoval, Christopher, Michael, and Kaytie Deutsch, Sarah and Nathaniel (Nate) Aldrich, Lacey Baker, Tristan Weinmaster, Caitria and Eilean Aldrich; 6 great grandchildren Anika, Aiyana, and Marleigh Baker, Tyler McLaughlin, Genevieve Palmer, Camilo Sandoval and a seventh to arrive in June; 3 step grandchildren Andrea, Felice, and Aiden; brother Norman (Joyce) Aldrich; along with many, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Music was provided by Kathleen Schwartz-Dahl and Barb Fransen.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren, Arthur Packard, and Michael Schwantz. Pallbearers were Chaz Baker, Jon Frohrip, Nathaniel and Steven Aldrich, and Don and Brad Kassube.

Interment was in the Woodside Cemetery at Wrightstown.

Cemetery Details

Woodside Cemetery (Wrightstown)

Woodside Cemetery
Parkers Prairie / Hewitt, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel
309 2nd Avenue NW
Bertha, MN 56437
(218) 924-4000

Visitation

MAR 16. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church - Wrightstown
21494 Church Road
Hewitt, MN 56453

Service

MAR 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church - Wrightstown
21494 Church Road
Hewitt, MN 56453

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 16, 2015 at 02:21 PM

WS

“ *My sympathies to Gen and family*

Wanda (Wegner) Stapelberg

Wanda Stapelberg - March 22, 2015 at 02:09 PM

TO

“ *Thank you for the smiles Bob.*

Tiffany Orsello - March 21, 2015 at 08:06 AM

KH

“ *Kevin Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich*



kevin Hennagir - March 17, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SC

“ *Many fond memories at the Aldrich house, whether it was enjoying a meal, playing cards, or just visiting. Thoughts and prayers going out to Gen, and the entire Aldrich family. God Bless! -Scott Meyer*

Scott - March 16, 2015 at 02:41 PM

RT

“ *Radiology Associates, LLP (Corpus Christi, TX) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Aldrich.*



Radiology Associates, LLP (Corpus Christi, TX) - March 16, 2015 at 08:53 AM

RT

“ *I remember my first Bible study of Hebrews 11 being held at the Aldrich home back in 1974 (41 years ago). Now Bob is in the hall of faith that the chapter talks about. Love and blessings to Gen and the family from Randy and Kris Taber.*

Randy Taber - March 15, 2015 at 05:00 PM

DP

“ *Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Don and Joan Payne*

Don and Joan Payne - March 15, 2015 at 08:37 AM

DA

“ I shared many evening meals with Bob at FOL because he shared a table with my Aunt Marie. We last visited in December before my husband and I became "snowbirds", I will treasure those simple conversations and remember his humongous grin! May your memories be blessed and bring you comfort. Diane Anderson

Diane Anderson - March 14, 2015 at 09:40 PM

DB

“ Dave And Janice Bastian lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Dave and Janice Bastian - March 14, 2015 at 08:38 PM

BS

“ Our sympathy to Gen and family. Gen, you and Bob have been such an integral part of the community. God bless you and your wonderful family.

Bob and Deb Sieling



Bob and Deb Sieling - March 14, 2015 at 07:22 PM

BL

“ My sympathy to all of you members of Bob's family. I share many memories of you especially some of the family get togethers with Don and Chris K. May God bless you all. Betty Lipinski

Betty Lipinski - March 14, 2015 at 05:30 PM



LJ

“ Lakeview Adventure Club(Nancy, Kelli, Stephanie, Val & Juan) purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Aldrich.



Lakeview Adventure Club(Nancy, Kelli, Stephanie, Val & Juan) - March 14, 2015 at 09:03 AM



“ Our sympathies to your family, I have many memories of visiting with Bob at the Post Office and the Hewitt Museum. God bless all of you.
Steve & Sally McAllister Ackermann

Sally Ackermann - March 14, 2015 at 12:16 AM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Doug and Joan Ostlund - March 13, 2015 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ John & Audrey Blashack sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



John & Audrey Blashack - March 13, 2015 at 06:35 PM

JB

“ JOHN And AUDREY BLASHACK lit a candle
in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



JOHN and AUDREY BLASHACK - March 13, 2015 at 06:33 PM

GG

“ Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in
memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - March 13, 2015 at 04:14 PM

MF

“ Mark And Renee Frethem lit a candle in
memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Mark and Renee Frethem - March 13, 2015 at 01:53 PM

AK

“ Amy Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Robert
"Bob" Aldrich



Amy Kleinke - March 13, 2015 at 01:40 PM

HS

“ Heidi Stokes lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Heidi Stokes - March 13, 2015 at 12:25 PM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - March 13, 2015 at 10:03 AM

MB

“ Matt & Carla Blashack lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Matt & Carla Blashack - March 13, 2015 at 09:09 AM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Rita Anderson - March 13, 2015 at 08:50 AM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Mike and Lea Snyder - March 13, 2015 at 08:15 AM

NB

“ Neal And Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Aldrich



Neal and Leona Bowman - March 13, 2015 at 12:19 AM