



Robert "Bob" Wilkening

August 18, 1934 - August 28, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, the Wilkening family has asked that the graveside service be a private and safe time for them, and to protect you, their friends. (No visitation will be held.)

The private memorial graveside service for Robert "Bob" Wilkening of Wadena will be held at the Wadena Cemetery with Pastor Jim Stoneman presiding.

Days after his 86th birthday, Bob passed away unexpectedly on August 28, 2020, at his home in Wadena, MN, with his wife, Phyllis at his side.

Robert "Bob" Allen Wilkening was born to Arthur and Erna (Holtz) Wilkening on August 18, 1934 in Elgin, IL. Later, the family moved to Webster, WI, where he attended Webster High School. Bob honorably served our country in the US Air Force from 1952-1965. He married Shirley Manhart in Madison, WI. He was widowed and later married Phyllis (Braun) Nicoll in Wadena, MN. After military service, Bob worked for Clean Towel Service, the Madison Bus Co., Norgas, Merickel Hardware, and for Wadena Light and Water Dept as Meter Man for 22 years, often walking up to nine miles a day. After retirement, he worked summers at Whitetail Run Golf course, and winters at Fix's Family Foods. He also worked part-time for nine years at Tri-County Hospital as patient escort.

Service and membership were important to Bob. He served on the Wadena City Council from 1997-2000. He was a life member of VFW Post #3922 and served on the Board, as well as Chairman of the Board, and was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ. Bob participated in many clubs: Wadena Fishing League, Minnesota Racing Pigeons Club, Mid-Central Roller Pigeons Club, Wadena Model Railroad Club, and the Minnesota Game Breeders Club. He enjoyed many hobbies, as well - breeding of Fancy Pigeons and Fancy Bantam chickens, Model Railroading, model flying airplanes, and keeping tropical fish.

Bob will be forever remembered by friends and loved ones for his ability to make you smile and laugh with his quick wit, sense of humor and a mental library of hundreds of jokes!

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Erna; first wife, Shirley; daughter Therese Ann; grandson Jesse Lee; and brothers Arthur Jr, Herman, John, and Melvin.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife, Phyllis of Wadena; son Dale (Melissa) Wilkening of Deer River, MN; step-children Kathy (Ken) Widmer of Wasilla, AK, Alan Nicoll (Jody) of Crosslake, MN, Randy (Lisa) Nicoll of Avon, MN, and Jeff (JoAnn) Nicoll of Rice; MN, 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; along with sister, Ruth Eadler, of Sierra Vista, AZ.

Military honors provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Tribute Wall



“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Dixie Murray - September 05, 2020 at 12:31 AM



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



September 03, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Gladys Chase - September 03, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ Jill Stevens-Becker lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Jill Stevens-Becker - September 01, 2020 at 09:31 PM

SM

“ Sue And Scott McDonald lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Sue and Scott McDonald - September 01, 2020 at 04:57 PM

ML

“ Mary & Terry Lynk lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Mary & Terry Lynk - August 31, 2020 at 10:36 PM

KL

“ Kelly Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Kelly Lorentz - August 31, 2020 at 05:28 PM

JR

“ James And Rachele Reese lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



James and Rachele Reese - August 31, 2020 at 04:14 PM

BS

“ Ben Stevens lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Ben Stevens - August 31, 2020 at 03:49 PM

JD

“ Jerry & Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Jerry & Janice Denny - August 31, 2020 at 02:39 PM

JE

“ I always enjoyed seeing Bob at the clinic and looked forward to hearing one of his jokes! He will be missed

Judy Erdahl - August 31, 2020 at 11:56 AM

RL

“ Ruby L Lynk lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Ruby L Lynk - August 30, 2020 at 11:16 PM

MP

“ *Morris & Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening*



Morris & Karen Priebe - August 30, 2020 at 05:50 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - August 30, 2020 at 05:00 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy And Ray Beyer lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening*



Dorothy and Ray Beyer - August 30, 2020 at 04:40 PM

LT

“ *I've got good memories of Bob...many years... and every time I saw him, he would share a joke. Once in a while I'd get him back one. We're neighbor's at the Veterans Memorial park...which I think is special. Bob had a good run, but now he will have another audience for his jokes. RIP: 1:*

Les Thorstenson - August 30, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Gladys Chase - August 30, 2020 at 12:37 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Glen Donna Wood - August 30, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Jon Johnson - August 29, 2020 at 10:38 PM

KM

“ My sincere sympathy to Phyllis and family. He was always such a friendly guy.



Karen Thomson Munson - August 29, 2020 at 03:47 PM

RJ

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. May God bless you with his love and peace.



Rose (Kern) Johnson - August 29, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Jack & Lucille Belch - August 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JS

“ Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Jim & Tracey Stoneman - August 29, 2020 at 06:27 AM

RK

“ Rich And Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Rich and Mavis Kendall - August 28, 2020 at 09:28 PM

MS

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



Mike and Lea Snyder - August 28, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JP

“ Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - August 28, 2020 at 08:58 PM

RS

“ Rick And Deb Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Rick and Deb Schwartz - August 28, 2020 at 07:41 PM

CU

“ Cindy Umland lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Wilkening



Cindy Umland - August 28, 2020 at 07:09 PM