



## Robert "Bob" Phillips

June 1, 1934 - October 15, 2017

Robert "Bob" Phillips, 83, after a long battle with cancer, passed away on October 15, 2017 at Mercy Hospice Johnston surrounded by his family.

Bob was born to Leslie and Lois (Herren) Phillips June 1, 1934 in Macksburg, Iowa. He graduated from Adel High School in 1952. He then went on to AIB where he graduated from Comptometer School. He enjoyed a 44 year career with Plumb Supply Company, where he retired as Vice President of Marketing. He loved interacting with his customers and had great friendships with them. His straight forwardness, honesty and respect for people were true blessings. After his retirement, he worked at Saturn shuttling people and delivering cars. He later went on to transport children for the Adel Schools. He would come home and share the stories and laughter they had while riding to and from school. He always believed it was very important for the kids to start their day happy and positive so he would sing to them just to watch them smile and wave to them when they left the van. He always made sure to say "behave and have a nice day".

Bob had a passion for sports, whether it be to participate, coaching his son's baseball teams or watching the ISU Cyclones and the Chicago Cubs on t.v. He was an avid golfer in his earlier years and later years enjoyed watching his kids and grandkids play sports. Bob looked forward to his morning meetings (as he called it) at Patrick's in Adel for breakfast. He enjoyed the company of

his friends and the friendly staff, that he grew close to and thought of as family. He enjoyed listening and contributing to the conversations on solving the problems of the world. Bob was a member of the Waukee Christian Church, Lyons Club, Shriners International, and served on the Altoona City Council for four years.

Bob married Cathy Sapp on January 21, 1989. He was a loving and devoted husband for 28 years. Bob felt very blessed to be surrounded by family, friends and those that cared for him. His loving heart, sense of humor and charisma made him a joy to be around.

Survived by his loving wife, Cathy; his children, Randy (Pam), Greg (Cheryl), Doug (Carla), Kim (Monty) Banks, Melanie (Clint) Ruggles and Amber (Jon) Reves; 16 grandchildren, Zach, Tanner, Danielle, Kirsten, Justin, Bret, Stephanie, Jake, Samantha, Austyn, Sarah, Amy, Zak, Sam, Allie and Thomas; 21 great grandchildren; his siblings, Dorothy Jensen, Mary Lou Youmans and Tom (Laurel) Phillips; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Dean Phillips and a great granddaughter, Kylie Jean Phillips.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at the Waukee Christian Church, 29043 T Ave., Waukee, Ia, Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:30 AM. Burial will follow at the Oakdale Cemetery in Adel, Ia. Visitation with the family present will be at the church on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 from 5-7pm.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Waukee Christian Church, 29043 T Ave., Waukee, Iowa

On-line Condolences, [DyiamondMemorial.com](http://DyiamondMemorial.com)

All floral deliveries may be made to the Waukee Christian Church, 29043 T

Ave., Waukee, Iowa.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakdale

Adel, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Waukee Christian Church  
29043 T. Ave  
Waukee, IA 50263

## Celebration of Life

OCT 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RV

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Bob. Rick Vraspier

Rick Vraspier - October 20, 2017 at 12:01 PM



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



October 18, 2017 at 06:56 PM

JS

“ I would not be where I am today had I not had the privalege to have Bob as my mentor. He saw something in a raw young 22 year old individual in 1979 that no one else coild see.

*I am proud to call him my friend. I am saddened with his passing, but I take comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering.*

*Cathy, my deepest symapthy for your loss.*

*Randy, Greg, Doug, my deepest sympathy for your loss.*

*May his soul rest in peace, Amen.*

*Jeffrey Spencer*

Jeffrey Spencer - October 18, 2017 at 04:21 PM

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“ Greg and family,

*So sorry for your loss. I have never forgotten the time your Dad spent with on the Altoona ball fields*

*God Bless  
Kreg Klaver*

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**Kreg Klaver** - October 17, 2017 at 09:48 PM



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



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October 17, 2017 at 09:47 PM

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“ *Cathy and family, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I feel blessed to have been neighbors for the last 10 years. Bob had such a kind heart and was so easy to talk to. His positive attitude, even through difficult times, was an inspiration to me. He never complained and always had a smile to share. I will truly miss the conversations we had when he would come visit at Patrick's. He will be missed. Prayers for peace and comfort for you all.*

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**Mary Herbert** - October 17, 2017 at 05:05 PM