



Robert W. Woerdehoff

January 9, 1944 - March 23, 2021

Robert “Bob” William Woerdehoff, 77, of Marion, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a service for only the family will be held at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Marion. A private committal service will take place at a later date at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Iowa City, Iowa.

Bob was born on January 9, 1944, the son of Clifford and Elizabeth (Otting) Woerdehoff. He grew up in Cascade, Iowa, with his four siblings; Ronald Woerdehoff, Jane (Clifford) Strang, Joan Topping, and Richard Woerdehoff. After graduating from St. Mary’s High School in Cascade, Bob joined the United States Navy, where he proudly served our country. He met his devoted wife and best friend, Margaret “Peggy” Callahan, of 51 years, in Cascade, where they raised their five children; Angela (Mannie Gomes), Michele (Jim Barton), John, Brenda (Jeff Kadlec), and Brian (Fiorella). Bob worked and retired from John Deere Dubuque Works after 30 year of service. During that time he was a UAW member. After retirement, Bob was free to serve his community in a larger capacity. After many years as a legioner, he became the commander of the American Legion Post 528 in Cascade, one of his greatest honors, Not only was Bob a legioner, he was also a Knights of Columbus member for the majority of his adult life. His greatest legacy would be his nine grandchildren; Samantha Strauss, Jessica Strauss, William Gomes, Katherine Gomes, Bailey Kadlec, Jacob Kadlec, Luke Woerdehoff, Justin Garcia, and Kaylin Woerdehoff.

Robert enjoyed watching racing and attended the Daytona 500, the Brickyard 400, the Rolex 24, and the Indy 500 seventeen years in a row. He was an avid concert goer with his wife, Peggy, and loved listening to old country and rock n’ roll music. Bob loved working on his cars, going to the casinos, watching the Iowa Hawkeyes play football or basketball, and following the Chicago Cubs. One of his favorite things to do was traveling to visit his children that lived in Florida, Tennessee, and Texas, and taking family vacations.

Bob was known as someone who worked hard, was dedicated to his family, and always gracious. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

His family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Matthew Fox and the staff with Hospice of Mercy for the loving care and compassion they gave to Bob during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Bob's memory may be directed to the Mercy Foundation for Mercy Hospice at 701 10th Street SE, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52403.

Cemetery

Memory Gardens Cemetery

2600 Muscatine Avenue

Iowa City, IA,

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - March 24 at 05:27 PM



“ Dear Peggy, Thanks to Tim, I just heard. You have our sympathy and prayers for yourself and your family, and, of course, for Bob.

BJ - March 25 at 04:51 PM



“ So sad to hear of Bob's passing, Peg.
Our hearts go out to you and your family during this time of grief.

Dave and Gail Weitz - March 29 at 08:37 PM



“ To Ron, Jane, Joanie, and Dick- Bob and I went to Prom together our Junior year (May of 1961), Bob attending St. Mary's in Cascade and I attending Wahlert High School in Dubuque with my brother Jim. Then we were classmates during our senior year, graduating from the new Central Catholic High School in Cascade, Aquin High School, in 1962. We double-dated with Larry Weber and Mary Jane Gehl (Boyle) for the prom. Bob & Larry were best friends and Mary Jane (Toots) & I were best friends. We had a good time but none of us dated each other again. At the time, seniors were required to attend the prom. If one didn't get their own date, the nuns would get one for you! So it was kind of a mutual set-up! I knew the Woerdehoffs through my brother, Jim, who was good friends of theirs at the time. And then I ended up marrying another of their good friends, Charlie Sadler, who attended the Indy 500 with them several times. Bob was a great guy and you all have my deepest sympathy. (by the way, I also went to a prom with Ron - his Senior year, my Sophomore year - 1960). Jeanne (McCabe) Sadler



Jeanne Sadler - April 15 at 10:15 AM



“ Our sympathy for Peggy and family, also to Bob’s brother Ron and sisters. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

Mike and Edee Woerdehoff

Mike Woerdehoff - March 29 at 09:55 AM



“ And also to Bob's brother Richard too.

Mike Woerdehoff - March 29 at 02:03 PM



“ First of all I would like to say how sorry IM to hear of Bob’s passing. Our family shared many wonderful memories. I've always made me laugh. I just want you guys to know how much you mean to me. I love to coming to see you guys. I really wish I could’ve been there to offer my condolences. And share memories. All my love, Sarah Duffy

Sarah Duffy - March 28 at 10:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Bob! Will keep the family in our prayers ! May God Bless !

Ken Lyons - March 28 at 04:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service for Bob - March 26, 2021



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - March 26 at 01:47 PM



“ Beautiful service a lot of good memories being your neighbor!!! Blondi Lindauer and family.

Lisa Lindauer - March 28 at 07:15 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss Peggy and family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick & Grace Noonan

Dick Noonan - April 15 at 09:57 PM



“ Jim, Tora, Billy and Katie Cox purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert W. Woerdehoff.



Jim, Tora, Billy and Katie Cox - March 26 at 03:22 AM



“ Love Donny & Marti purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert W. Woerdehoff.



Love Donny & Marti - March 25 at 03:37 PM



“ Rod, Kim & Eli Johnston purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Robert W. Woerdehoff.



Rod, Kim & Eli Johnston - March 25 at 11:05 AM



“ So many good memories. I loved his sweet smile; the twinkle in his eye and his quick wit. I've always believed that when you hear the news of someone passing and even with the loss you smile at their memory it is a sign of a life well lived. Peg and family, my heart aches for you - how lucky he was to have you all take care of him as you did. Our deepest condolences. Becky and Roger

Becky Hefel - March 24 at 09:56 PM



“ My sympathy to Peggy and family, also to Bob's brother and sisters. May he Rest In Peace.
Donna Soppe

Donna Soppe - March 24 at 09:53 PM



“ So sad and sorry to learn of Bob's death. May the angels all gather and escort and welcome Bob into paradise!

Maureen Pape - March 24 at 07:18 PM



“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - March 24 at 04:01 PM