



Robert E. Rasmus

November 19, 1930 - July 3, 2022

Robert (Bob) Rasmus was born November 19, 1930, to Edmund W. Rasmus and Lillian E. Rasmus (nee Lindahl) of rural Paxton.

Bob entered his eternal home peacefully on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at 10:10 pm at his home, surrounded by his family, following a short illness. He leaves behind his loving wife, Betty R. Rasmus (nee Corbett), having enjoyed more than 61 years together. He is also survived by two children, Bethlyn M. Kerwin (Robert) and Robert F. Rasmus (Laurie). Bob loved spending time with and hearing stories about his four grandchildren, Elsa Rasmus, Michael Kerwin (Ahreum), Sierra Rasmus, and Annalise Kerwin. Also surviving is his one sister, Shirley Schneider of Evansville, IN.

Bob served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1950 to 1953 during the Korean War.

Bob enjoyed piloting his Piper J-3 Cub, embarking on European farm tours, motorcycle adventures, hitting the golf ball, watching boxing on TV, and taking evening drives on his sentimental journey through the countryside visiting his childhood home, cattle pastures, old country schoolhouse, and other points of interest. Bob was known to trade cars frequently.

But, in his blood was his love for farming and in particular, livestock. Bob

farmed in a different era when farming was hard, unpredictable, and dangerous. There are many stories of Bob harvesting in an unheated combine and taking a break to eat Thanksgiving dinner and then heading back to the field, plowing the field on a cables tractor on a snowy day, and corn pickers that could catch fire – and one did. He enjoyed traveling near and far to select Angus-Charlois cattle. More than once, cattle from Wyoming were delivered by rail to Paxton and then trucked to the farm to the delight of his young children. And, in his heart is always the community of brotherhood found in a community of farmers. They are a unique “coop”erative of working independently yet together to help a fellow farmer in need. Retirement came as a financial decision though his love of working the field never waned.

Bob was a farmer to the end of his days, always thinking of the weather and crops. He recently shared how he wanted to see lightning, hear some thunder, and get an inch rain. Though he had already passed, his prayer was answered with a thunderstorm and an inch rain.

A visitation will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022, from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Paxton (142 W. Patton St). A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 10:00am, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Paxton (312 E. Center St), with a committal service following at Glen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Paxton.

Cemetery Details

Glen Cemetery

602 E. Summer St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home
142 W. Patton St.
Paxton, IL 60957
(217) 379-2353
coxknappfh@gmail.com
<http://coxknapp.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
312 E. Center St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Bob and Betty are / were my mom's (Dorothy Johnson Jones) cousins - i think). When our military family was in the area we always visited the Rasmus farm. My earliest memory is of the giant corn cob piles that accompanied the harvest.*

My last ones is riding in the great big John Deere tractor and beign amazed at its comfort and power. He also explained to me the function of the new combines and how it pitched the cobs back onto he fileds.

I wish i knew Bob better- and i will get the chance to in heaven - where time

has no meaning!

Please look out for Betty!

Brian Jones 2nd son of Clem and Dottie Jones

Brian Jones - July 15, 2022 at 05:14 PM

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“ *(Dean, Michael, Chad, Ray & Dave) purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.*



(Dean, Michael, Chad, Ray & Dave) - July 09, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White* was purchased for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.



July 08, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *From your Family at Future Tech purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring* for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.



From your Family at Future Tech - July 08, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ *Your Friends at Iowa Central Electric purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White* for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.



Your Friends at Iowa Central Electric - July 08, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *John C Lyon purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket* for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.



John C Lyon - July 06, 2022 at 11:29 PM

DJ

“ *Very sorry indeed to hear of the passing of Uncle Bob Rasmus. Our sincere condolences to Aunt Betty from the Jones family in Texas. Always wished we lived closer. Best. Clem Jones, Dana and Tammi Jones.*

Dana Jones - July 06, 2022 at 07:45 PM

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“ *Tracy & Kim Nickell purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.*



Tracy & Kim Nickell - July 06, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.*



July 06, 2022 at 05:28 PM

HF

“ *Betty and Family, Our sincerest sympathy on Bob's passing. We know how much he will be missed by his family and friends. I always enjoyed talking to him in the club house at Brookhill Golf Course. He and his golfing buddies were one of my favorite groups to work with. Betty, I also enjoyed checking you in for play in the lady's league and I know how much Annette enjoyed playing with you. We will keep all of you in our prayers. Sincerely, Herb and Annette Frizol*

Herb and Annette Frizol - July 06, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.*



July 06, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Robert E. Rasmus.*



July 06, 2022 at 12:53 AM



“ *Bob and Betty were always so gracious and welcoming to all of us Texans that came up for pheasant hunting. Bob especially enjoyed our conversations and reliving the memories of past hunts, some of the stories may have been true.... RIP Bob. You hold a special place for all of us. Keith Parker and family.*

Keith Parker - July 05, 2022 at 03:44 PM



Bob was a true gentleman and I'm proud to call him friend. Don Peters

Don Peters - July 05, 2022 at 07:22 PM



Sorry for your loss Betty and family. I always enjoyed our visits. Prayers of comfort. 🙏🙏

Marlene Fuoss - July 06, 2022 at 10:24 AM



I have many fond memories of my cousin and his family.

John C Lyon - July 07, 2022 at 03:26 AM