



Robert Laverne "Bob" Cantrell

February 3, 1939 - July 16, 2025

Bob was born February 3, 1939 in Marshfield, Missouri. He was united in marriage to Kathleen "Kathy" Bartlett in 1961. They had many happy, fun-filled years raising their family, traveling, RVing, spending winters in Florida, and hosting family and friends at their home on Table Rock Lake.

Bob and Kathy had three children, David (Karen) Cantrell, Sandy (Randy) Gough, and Cheri (Dave) Dade and six grandchildren, Nichole (Dane) DellaPenna, Taylor Dade, Brock (Rylee) Cantrell, Ryan Gough, Jordan Dade, and Chase Cantrell.

One of his greatest joys was spending quality time with his kids and grandkids. He could often be overheard saying "No rules at Grandpa's, just a few suggestions." He also loved sunsets and celebrated the beauty of each one.

Bob found his entrepreneurial spirit at an early age having grown up on the Army Base at Fort Leonard Wood where he shined shoes for the G.I.s and also had a paper route to earn money to buy motor scooters from his older brother, Ron.

Upon graduating from Waynesville High School, he attended Missouri University Linotype School in Columbia, Missouri.

He worked as a Linotype Operator at The Pulaski County Democrat, Midwest Litho, and Springfield News-Leader before starting his own printing company.

In 1969, he opened Cantrell-Craft Printing which became Cantrell-Barnes Printing, attributing much of his success to his associates from Sertoma Club, his friend and business partner, Carl Barnes, and the many early loyal customers.

His passion was collecting, restoring, and riding Cushman and Mustang motor scooters. His love for Cushman motor scooters led him to join Cushman Club of America in 1986 where he served as Editor and Publisher from 1986-2022. He faithfully attended every Cushman National Meet from 1986-2024.

Bob was proud to be a Charter Member of the Heart of the Ozarks Sertoma Club, serving twice as President, and earning a Gold Coat. He served as Missouri Governor of Sertoma International with the handle "Hillbilly Bob". He also was Past President of the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club.

In 1978 he was initiated into the Mt. Olive Lodge #439 and served in all positions including Past Master. Later in 1978, he was initiated into Abou Ben Adhem Temple.

Bob was a member of First Christian Church in Waynesville where he was baptized, and later joined Southland Christian Church in Springfield, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hubert and Hattie (Bresee) Cantrell, Brother Hubert Jr. and wife Edna, Brother Gerald and wife Mary, and sister Shirley.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kathy, his kids, grandkids, his brother

Ron (Esther) Cantrell, brother-in-law Carl (Kay) Bartlett, sister-in-law Cheryl Bartlett, cousins, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Dave Dade and Todd Long officiating. The songs "How Great Thou Art", "In the Garden", and "Amazing Grace" were played. Serving as escorts were Taylor Dade, Brock Cantrell, Ryan Gough, Jordan Dade, Chase Cantrell and Dane DellaPenna. Serving as honorary escorts were Nichole DellaPenna, Dan Cantrell, and Kent Cantrell. Burial followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bob Cantrell to the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield, MO and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 1:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Service

JUL 21. 2:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall

BZ

“ Dear Cheri & family,
Our hearts break for you with the passing of your father. Dads are special & we are praying for each of you with your deep loss. Hugs & love. Brian & Rae Jean Zollars

Brian & Rae Jean Zollars - July 19, 2025 at 11:57 PM

MT

“ Condolences to the family of Robert Cantrell. May he rest in peace.

Margaret Trevino and Armando Trevino. - July 19, 2025 at 10:59 PM

RD

“ So sorry to hear this news. We only knew Bob through the stories of Cheri and Dave and had hoped to meet him in person one day. Bob must have been a very good Dad to have raised a daughter like Cheri. Rest in peace, Bob. - Roger & Jeannine Davis

Roger and Jeannine Davis - July 19, 2025 at 02:22 AM

ML

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that I'm thinking of you all during this difficult time. I hope you find strength in the love and closeness of your beautiful family. That bond will help carry you through the days ahead. Sending love and heartfelt condolences. Love always. Michelle

MICHELLE LAUBENSTEIN - July 18, 2025 at 07:12 PM

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“ Lauri Simpson (Frazee) lit a candle in memory of Robert Cantrell



Lauri Simpson (Frazee) - July 18, 2025 at 11:26 AM

KN

“ Kathy and family - we are so very sorry for your loss - how blessed we are that we were able to come for a visit and watch Ed (my dad) and Bob relive some childhood memories! It was our first time meeting you and Bob and we left feeling like family! We are just so saddened to hear this and pray for comfort and God's guidance and healing through your grieving broken hearts. We love you like family - and will keep you in our prayers.



Kris Hayden/Ed Nelson - July 18, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Robert Cantrell



Marge Scott - July 18, 2025 at 10:14 AM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss. Bob was a great guy. Always made it fun at the Springfield Cushman meets! He will be missed.

roger dorner - July 18, 2025 at 10:02 AM

AN

“ Kathy and family
We are so sorry to hear about 39.
Our get together at Hawaiian isles, gave us such fond memories of our time their. Bob was quite a character. Always made an event fun. He will be greatly missed.
Hugs to you all
Joe, Anita, Kailey 🇨🇦

Anita Nascimento - July 18, 2025 at 09:26 AM

DK

“ Kathy our heart breaks for you, your family and the many, many friends Bob had. We will miss him so much....such a special person. Thankful that memories will live on. Love and prayers for you. Dale and Shirley Kurzen.

dale kurzen - July 18, 2025 at 08:50 AM

KW

“ Kathy & family,

We are so sorry to hear about Bob"s sudden loss. During this difficult time, may your faith bring you comfort and peace. Wishing you love, support, and God's care as you grieve.

With sympathy,

Mark & Karen Westfall (Jewell)

Karen Westfall - July 17, 2025 at 11:32 PM

SB

So so very sorry my heart goes out to you and your family I am so sad Bob was such a great and loving man he so loved his family beyond anything else in life he was talented, smart, kind and a wonderful businessman. I will forever be grateful to Bob and you Kathy for trusting that young girl do work for you many many good memories but most of all being in my wedding. His sprit and love of the Cushman and knowledge he had for his fun passion he will forever be missed. Wrapping my arms around all of you as you celebrate Bob❤️❤️❤️❤️

sharon Sapp Bench - July 18, 2025 at 09:10 AM

BL

Kathy, am so sorry to hear about Bob. I know what you are going through and know that you are strong and will make it. It may not feel like it now, but it will. Know that I love you and am here for you.

Becky Lipchik - July 18, 2025 at 02:24 PM

JT

Kathy, my prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. I know you made wonderful/loving memories together that will forever be with you and your special family.

Janis Thompson - July 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM