



Robert Donald Carlson

May 3, 1934 - December 27, 2014

Robert Donald Carlson, son of the late Charles J. and Dagmar (Karlson) Carlson, was born May 3, 1934 in Worcester, Massachusetts where he grew up and attended school.

In 1954, Bob, as he was known to his family and friends, enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1957.

While stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he met the love of his life, Louella Vaughan. After only three months of courtship, they were united in marriage on September 6, 1956 in Waynesville, Missouri. They shared over 58 years of marriage together and were blessed with three children: Teresa, Robert, Jr. and Kelly.

Bob and Louella moved to Massachusetts and he began working in a factory. Louella became homesick for Missouri, so they moved back to Waynesville where Bob worked for George Kaplan at the Pawn Shop. In 1969, Bob bought the Phillips 66 gas station in Waynesville and continued to own and operate it until he retired in 1999. Bob was a people person and he enjoyed visiting with his customers that came into the station.

After retiring, Bob was able to spend more time doing the things he enjoyed. He loved to fish, watch TV, listening to country music and also caring for his

dogs and horses. But he especially loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

Bob passed away Saturday, December 27, 2014 in the Richland Care Center of Richland, Missouri having attained the age of 80 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Bob leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Louella Carlson of the home; three children: Teresa Lynn Kelley (Charles) of Florissant, MO, Robert Donald Carlson, Jr. (Betty) of Laquey, MO, and Kelly Michelle Tillott of Waynesville, MO; seven grandchildren: Tyler Kelley, Dustin Kelley, Joshua Carlson, Emily McCoy, Rebecca Tillott, Rachael Figueroa and Ashley Tillott; eight great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by two brothers, three sisters, six half-brothers and sisters, and one great granddaughter, Ariadne Figueroa.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2014 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. The songs "In the Garden", "Amazing Grace", "You Raise Me Up" and "How Great Thou Art" were played. Serving as escorts were Darrell Vaughan, Roy Doyle, Scott Davis, Tyler Kelley, Dustin Kelley, Joshua Carlson and Anatole Figueroa.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bob Carlson and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 06, 2015 at 12:59 PM



“ *Robert Donald Carlson*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Fondest memories of my soft spoken sweet Uncle. Love you always, Kim*



Kim - June 12, 2019 at 12:58 AM

AQ

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Archie & Marlene Quick



Archie & Marlene Quick - January 02, 2015 at 02:35 PM

SP

“ *Shirley Profest lit a candle in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



Shirley Profest - December 31, 2014 at 03:41 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Bob Carlson. He was a kind man with a good heart, and will be missed.*

Charlene Carlson - December 30, 2014 at 08:35 PM

PY

“ *Patricia York lit a candle in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



Patricia York - December 30, 2014 at 12:00 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dietiker lit a candle in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



Patricia Dietiker - December 30, 2014 at 11:57 AM

DH

“ *Dennis & Sue Hutton lit a candle in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



Dennis & Sue Hutton - December 30, 2014 at 08:19 AM



“ *So sorry Louella....my condolences and just remember he's better off in heaven...*

Patricia Hays - December 30, 2014 at 07:52 AM

PP

“ *Thinking of you Louella and Bobbie and family. So sorry for your loss. Pat and Earl Posten.*

Pat and Earl Posten - December 29, 2014 at 11:10 PM

JU

“ *Juliekomenos lit a candle in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



Juliekomenos - December 29, 2014 at 08:00 PM

DM

“ *To the Carlson Family, I am so sorry for your loss.*
Dalene McDaniel



dalene McDaniel - December 29, 2014 at 06:57 PM

BF

“ *Billy & Stephanie Fenton lit a candle in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



Billy & Stephanie Fenton - December 29, 2014 at 06:37 PM

BS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*



Brenda Smith - December 29, 2014 at 12:36 PM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Robert Donald Carlson*



MARLIN STEVENS - December 29, 2014 at 09:53 AM

CS

Theresa I'm so sorry for your loss. May all of you be blessed with strength during this sorrowful time. ;)

Cheri Schmidt - December 29, 2014 at 02:25 PM

RE

Lou and family, I consider it an honor to have been able to get to know Bob these last few years. He was a strong, sweet man with a caring spirit. I am lifting you all up in prayers for peace, comfort, and strength. Love ya Lou. Regina Decker.

regina - December 31, 2014 at 12:04 AM

PW

Theresa, I know there are no words to say or anything I can do to take away the ache and emptiness you feel in your heart. Know that I am praying for your family and may God give you strength to get through this time of loss.

Pam (Adams) Woodin - January 01, 2015 at 08:25 PM