



## Bob Kutz

March 17, 1931 - December 27, 2019

Bob Kutz age 88

Robert Dale Kutz, 88 of the Kuester Lake community near Grand Island died at home on Friday, December 27, 2019. A memorial service will be held at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 11 am with a luncheon to follow.

Bob was born March 17, 1931 in Cambridge, NE the son of LaVerna (Bogle) and Floyd Albert Kutz. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Jean Miracle and Phyllis Schauer and son-in-law Patricio Viale. Survivors include his wife Marla (Sutton) Kutz; daughters & sons-in-law Sheila and Jim Mueller, Karen and Richard Smith; Son David Kutz; grandchildren Todd Smith and wife Erin; Audrey Mueller Williams and husband Harold; Carly Ward; Samuel Mueller and wife Mara; Nicholas Mueller and Jack Ward. Great grandchildren Gavin and Hunter Smith; Skylar Williams; Brother Gary Kutz with wife Barbara; brother-in-law Gordon Sutton and sister-in-law Marty Beauchamp with husband Lee.

Bob grew up in Cambridge, NE graduating from Cambridge High School in 1948. He attended McCook Junior College in 1951-52 and played football there. He was drafted into the Korean conflict serving two years in Germany. After military service he attended McCook college one more year before transferring to the University of Nebraska where he graduated in January 1958 with a B.S. degree in civil engineering.

Bob was united in marriage on January 12, 1953 to Marla Mae Sutton of McCook. They enjoyed 66 years of marriage together. Their early years were spent in McCook where Bob was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation. He dedicated his entire career to the Bureau working before college on the Medicine Creek Dam and as an engineer on the earliest computers for engineering applications.

After obtaining his degree he moved on to several levels of positions. In 1974 he was appointed Project Manager of the McCook office, then in 1981 he was placed in charge of the combined McCook and Grand Island offices during the construction of the Calamus dam and irrigation project.

During his career, Bob was active in many state and national irrigation associations, serving as officer for many. He was selected to participate in Governor Nelsons' Water Council to draft new laws to recognize the relationship of ground and surface water. Upon

retirement in June 1994 Bob was made Admiral of the Nebraska Navy. The Game and Parks Commission also presented him with a citation for his contributions to fish and wildlife resources in Nebraska, especially his efforts to help authorize and fund the Calamus fish hatchery.

During his years in McCook he was very active in church and youth sports activities. He served as Senior Warden for Saint Albans Episcopal Church. Bob especially loved hunting and fishing in the Southwest Nebraska area. He later spent many hours growing and caring for trees around Kuester Lake. He stayed active most of his adult life jogging daily. He was an ardent BIG RED fan holding season tickets for over 60 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Children's Home Society of Omaha or the Central Nebraska Humane Society.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob Kutz*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

FF

“ *From Gary Sutton and Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Bob Kutz.*



**From Gary Sutton and Family** - December 30, 2019 at 07:15 PM

JS

“ *Jack introduced Marla to Bob.  
Also Bob boarded with Jack's parents while attending MCCook Junior College.*

**jack stevens** - December 29, 2019 at 05:40 PM

TG

“ *Towne Lake Hills Girls purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Bob Kutz.*



**Towne Lake Hills Girls** - December 29, 2019 at 10:49 AM

ME

“ *Melinda/Janel/Kathleen/Cathy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bob Kutz.*



**Melinda/Janel/Kathleen/Cathy** - December 28, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bob Kutz.* ”



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December 28, 2019 at 04:08 PM