



Robert E. "Bob" Colgan

October 21, 1943 - May 27, 2022

Robert E. "Bob" Colgan, 78, of Grand Island passed away on Friday, May 27, 2022.

Memorial Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Father Donald Buhrman is the celebrant. There will be a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the church with a Rosary at 7:00. Burial of ashes will be at a later date in Kearney Cemetery.

Bob was born October 21, 1943, in Kearney, the son of Emmett James and Leona (Suntken) Colgan. He grew up in Kearney attending St. James Parochial School and graduated from Kearney Senior High. He then attended Kearney State College.

On July 24, 1964, Bob married Vianne Frederick. The couple lived in Kearney, Williston, ND and Aurora, NE, before settling in Grand Island. Over the years, Bob was employed with Nash Finch Company, Skagway, Thompson Candy Company and Centaur Enterprises. Following his retirement, Bob worked at his "dream job" Dub's Sporting Goods, until they closed their doors.

He was proud to be a Charter Member for the Knights of Columbus in both Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and Resurrection Catholic Church and most recently was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church. He was a Fourth Degree in the order of Knights of Columbus and was appointed district deputy. Bob was also a member of the Elks, VFW and Safari International.

He and Vianne had traveled extensively, including a hunting safari to Africa in 2008. He passed his hunting expertise on to his sons and his motto was "we

only shoot what we will eat". Bob was an avid Nebraska Football and Volleyball fan. He also loved History, was known to argue with the TV and could not be outdone in his history knowledge.

Those who cherish Bob's memory include his wife of nearly 60 years, Vianne; sons, Rob Colgan of Clay Center and James Colgan of Grand Island; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Rich and Arvenia Weaver of Kearney; sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Doug Smith of Kearney and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Emmett Colgan; mother and step-father, Leona and Francis Weaver; and parents-in-law, Allen and Pauline Frederick.

Memorials are suggested to St. Leo's Catholic Church or Resurrection Catholic Church.

Online remembrances may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church
2410 S Blaine St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 382-4753

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. "Bob" Colgan*

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“ *Bob worked with my mother, Marge, at Skagway for several years. My mom could always depend on him for anything. He was a good man. Sharon Boehle*

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