



## Robert Edwin "Bob" Porter

March 30, 1946 - December 19, 2017

Robert Edwin "Bob" Porter, 71, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at the VA Hospital in Omaha, NE after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. To honor Bob's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no service at this time. A Celebration of life will take place at a later date. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bob was born March 30, 1946 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of James and Wilma LaVon (Hawkins) Porter. He entered the United States Marines on January 30, 1964. Serving in Vietnam, Bob was honorably discharged January 29, 1968.

On July 19, 1987, Bob married his best friend, Karen Roepke. Together they made the most of life. Bob was an over the road truck driver for 44 years, traveling more than 6.5 million miles, some of which Karen drove with him. In Bob's words, he was a "roads scholar".

After Bob's retirement in 2014, they continued to travel. Vacations were usually in the North Woods of Minnesota or Wisconsin, but included the east coast and west coast as well. He was an avid bicyclist, loved to snowmobile and fish.

Bob impacted so many lives. He loved to tease and make people smile. His mission was to make anyone he came in contact with have a better day.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Karen; daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Brian Moore of Pleasant Hill, Iowa and their children, Gabe, Lexis, Zach and Gavin; and son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Brady

Porter of Altoona, Iowa and their children, Alex, Colin and Aida.

He was predeceased by his parents; infant sister; and brother, John Porter.

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert Edwin "Bob" Porter

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



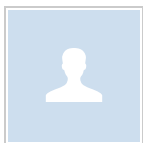
“ Bob was a special kind of guy in so many ways. Funny, thoughtful, ornery, loyal, talented.....there are so many ways to describe him. I am blessed to remember him as a friend. The devotion, pride and love for Karen and his family was exceptional. He leaves a huge gap in the lives of all who knew him. My sincerest sympathy to Karen and his family and friends.

Lynn Gipe - December 25, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ BOB OLD FRIEND WILL MISS YOU .MAY YOU R I P ON THE ROAD TO HEAVEN .GOD BLESS YOU AND THE FAMILY ..BOB AN KATHY RATHJEN

BOB RATHJEN - December 24, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Edwin "Bob" Porter.



December 22, 2017 at 04:33 PM

TC

“ After a 40 year search for my Birth Family I located Uncle Bob Apr 14, 2016. I will never forget that day I reached out to him on messenger. I asked if he was related to John Porter of Des Moines, IA. In which he replied yes. When I said we might be related Uncle Bob replied “Yes, Johns Daughter and here is my phone#. From that day forward I felt complete, my search was complete. Uncle Bob & Aunt Karen sent their Love to me. This past July, I was truly Blessed to be able to have meet Uncle Bob, Aunt Karen, Sherry (family) & Doug (family) and was welcomed with Warmth & Love Those few days seem like a lifetime. I hope Uncle Bob knows how much I Love him. His Love for Aunt Karen and his Family shined through his Smile. I’ll always be his “Kiddo”. May God Bless Karen, Sherry, Doug & all the grandkids in this time of sorrow. May you hold the memories and know that Uncle Bob touched so many lives and will be greatly missed by all those who Loved him.



Tina Croxton-Johnson - December 22, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ we were so sorry to hear of your loss. please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. gone but never forgotten. semper fi! rip Bob! love from Cathy Burkett, girls and family

Beth Lawson - December 22, 2017 at 12:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Edwin "Bob" Porter.



December 21, 2017 at 10:58 PM

MG

“ A good memory I have of Bob is zooming over the snowdrifts while riding behind him when my own snowmobile quit! He said "Hang onto me" and I sure did! We were in the hose having some peppermint schnapps and asked Gary and Eola where they had been when they showed up. Always the jokester, have many many good memories of Bob! I am glad we had the opportunity to get to know Karen a little and to realize she was truly his soul mate!!!

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**Marlene Gray** - December 21, 2017 at 10:55 PM

CT

“ I am so sorry always looked forward to him coming into Albertsons and he always had a smile and a story. Will miss him and all prayers are here for you.

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**Claudia Tre** - December 21, 2017 at 07:53 PM

BH

“ The short time I knew Bob was a great blessing in my life. We met on the bicycle path and became friends immediately. No matter what the situation in his life he was always smiling, laughing and joking. I will miss him so much. Prayers for you Karen, I always told you that you were the cutest couple I knew and he would say "I know"! Karen, you and Bob are both so special. So many hugs and prayers coming your way.

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**Barb Handeland** - December 21, 2017 at 04:47 PM

MH

“ Although I never had the pleasure of meeting dear Bob, I have known Karen since we were little children, and I know she was so blessed and happy to have found Bob and married him. They made the best couple, and I know Karen will miss him so very much -- but I hope it is remembered that this year Bob will be celebrating the birth of Jesus in His very presence. It is hoped this will bring comfort to my very long-time friend Karen.

*Mary Hart*

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**Mary Hart** - December 21, 2017 at 04:33 PM

DW

“ Dear Karen, Sherry and Doug...May God give you strength, love, and peace. May all the wonderful memories of Uncle Bob sustain you. He was a blessing to all he encountered. I will miss him immensely. My love to you all. Uncle Bob, I love you, will miss you and will forever be your DeZebra! RIP.



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**Deborah Webb** - December 21, 2017 at 04:24 PM