



Robert Richardson

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On January 31, 2025, Robert (Bob) Richardson passed peacefully through that thin veil into eternity with his Lord.

Bob was born January 4, 1955, in Newton, KS, to Douglas and LaVeta Richardson. As the youngest of 4 boys, Bob's constant output of curiosity and mischief kept everyone on their toes. His childhood was marked by many wonderful family vacations, road-tripping and camping in nearly every corner of the country. This is undoubtedly where he developed his love for travel, especially to the mountains.

Bob graduated from Newton High School in 1973 and went on to study Biology at the University of Kansas. He was a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity and loved retelling stories of his alleged involvement in many collegiate pranks. All in good fun, of course, Bob could never resist a little fun and a good laugh. He proudly wore the title of Jayhawk Alum and may have even converted some of his Oklahoma family into the crimson and blue tide. Rock Chalk!

Following in the footsteps of his father, Bob worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for many years. After settling into family life, he found his professional home in sales and ultimately as an entrepreneur, where he was able to put to good use all those Biology and Organic Chemistry notebooks he saved from college, developing a unique soil aeration product that is still on the market today.

While his children were growing, he spent untold hours at ballparks, cheering on softball teams, faithfully scorekeeping, and video recording hundreds of games. After all the kids were grown and the tournaments were finished, summers became about trips to the mountains. He always looked forward to their annual trip to Glacier National Park to hike, camp and indulge in huckleberry flavored pastries and ice cream.

In his final years, dementia took many things from Bob. But his infamous smile remained. Anyone who met Bob found him impossibly likeable, with that twinkle-eyed smile that lit up



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everything around him. Even in his final days, he smiled at the mention of his homegoing, to see Jesus and be reunited with his mom.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother and father, and his brothers, Doug and Lou Richardson. He is survived and missed by his wife, Lori; daughters Amy Holzhueter (Bill) and Shana Nelson (Bo); stepchildren Lindsay Little (Andy), Kyle Houston (Chrissy) and Samantha Lee (Brad); and brother David Richardson.

Bob's legacy of joy, adventure, and maybe a little mischief lives on in his grandchildren; Aviva and Liam Holzhueter; Kalina, Eliora, Beck and Anders Nelson; Kennedi and Drew Little; Kylie, Callahan and Connor Houston; and Gracie and Gage Lee.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held Thursday, February 13 at 10:00am, at Floral Haven Funeral Home: 6500 South 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Clarehouse Hospice Home, to whom is owed a debt of gratitude for the love, care and dignity they showed Bob, during his final days.

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/109653>




Events


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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, February 13, 2025

 10:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





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Wanda Rudiger posted:

Most of Bob's family won't know the Arizona Rudiger group, but Roger was best friends/brother to Bob many years ago. Bob was with our family when Roger died and was totally blown when he saw our son Alex, who looks just like Roger. We had many memories with Bob in our younger years and when we all lived in KC. Was amazing to see Amy and Shana grow up. So sorry for your loss, he will be missed. Wanda Rudiger

February 13 at 2:04 PM



Michael & Linda Houston sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Richardson family.



February 11 at 6:41 PM



Uncle Jim And Aunt Mary And Family sent a Fall Fantasia to the Richardson family.



February 9 at 7:13 AM



Uncle Jim And Aunt Mary And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



February 9 at 7:13 AM



David Yoder posted:

So very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have known him since the age of 5, when we started grade school together at Sunset. Though I have not had the pleasure of seeing him in too many years, the memory of him and the good times we had together, and his easy friendly smile, will live with me always. Sleep well and fly with the angels, dear friend. -David Yoder

February 7 at 2:04 PM



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Jenny Ator posted:

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to being a part of Bob's life, he will be missed here at Green Country Care Center.

February 5 at 10:49 AM



Lori Richardson February 7 at 5:15 PM

You were all such blessings to Bob! And to me too! I can't thank you all enough.



Lyle Funk posted:

Hello Lori, You don't know me but I knew Bob from many years ago when we both attended Sunset school. I remember going to play with him after school and climb trees at his house many times. We drifted apart as life took over, but my memories of Bob were that he was a warm adventuresome character and was always a good friend to me. I have followed some of your story with Bob on Facebook as you struggled with him and his health failed. I prayed for him and you during this time but I also thought how blessed Bob was to have his loving wife by his side. I know you said he didn't always know you but I believe he was always comforted by your devoted and loving presence. I hope to see and greet him someday again with our Lord Jesus in Heaven. Lyle Funk

February 3 at 2:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Richardson family.



February 3 at 12:42 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

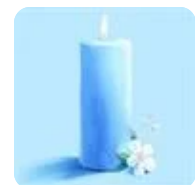


February 3 at 12:42 PM



Lindsay Little lit a candle in honor of Robert.

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February 3 at 12:07 PM



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Lindsay Little posted:

Bob, The game of softball brought us together and blended our two families into one. I wasn't quite sure how I would feel having a "stepdad", but your infectious smile, laugh, happy go lucky- joyous spirit, and being one of the kindness people in the world made it impossible not to like you. It may have taken a little getting used to having a biologist in the house with finding dirt samples and experiments in the fridge when looking for a snack. But you made it easy. After all, how many people can say that their dad and stepdad became good friends, business partners, and have been able to celebrate all occasions and holidays as one big family? I'm sure having five teenagers living under one roof had its challenges. We are so grateful that you've given us two sisters, Chris & Niki. Thank you for bringing them into our lives. They have your sweet nature and huge heart. Thank you for making our mom happy, taking her on adventures and for loving her. She loved you fiercely and was with you until the very end. Thank you for being the best stepfather. We cannot think of a single moment where you were anything but kind, patient and loving to me, Kyle and Sam. Thank you for all of the hugs. I will miss those. Thank you for being such an amazing Papa to all of our children. You spent many days chasing the grandkids round and round the downstairs, giving piggy back rides, showing them the beauties of nature and cheering them on at sporting games and special events. You couldn't say no with requests of play, "counted their ribs", and made sure to have them stand back to back to see how much they'd grown. You would light up with excitement anytime you had the chance to share about your favorite places in the mountains, the animals that you encountered, stories of your adventures and the gospel. You've been a faithful servant, sharing God's words and living your life as an example. We might not ever understand why this horrible Alzheimer's disease happens to the best people. It's not fair. You've known where you are going all along and after nine years of fighting you have finally been set free. As much as we will miss you here, it gives us peace and comfort that you are fully restored, rejoicing with our Savior and experiencing all of Heaven's beauties. We look forward to the day when we will be reunited again and expect you to show us all of the tallest mountains, biggest grizzly bears and bluest lakes. #Team Richardson You've Won.

February 3 at 12:03 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Richardson family.



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



February 3 at 12:03 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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