



Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes

August 31, 1936 - February 15, 2024

Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes, age 87, of Kearney, passed away Thursday, February 15, 2024 at Kearney Regional Medical Center. A Christian Wake Service will be 6:00 pm, Friday, February 23, 2024 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden. Funeral mass will be 11:00 am, Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Father James Evan Winter officiating. Burial with military honors will be at a later date in the Omaha National Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. To leave online condolences please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born on August 31, 1936 in Weeping Water, NE, to George Washington "Jack" Jr and Martha Ellen (McMullin) Rhodes. He graduated from Weeping Water High School in 1954. After school he joined the United States Marine Corp raising to the rank of Sergeant. He was stationed in Santa Ana, CA working in helicopter radio communications. He was also involved in the atomic bomb tests at Yucca Flats, NV. Upon leaving the Marines in 1957, he briefly worked at Western Electric where he met his soon-to-be wife. Shortly afterward he joined the Nebraska State Patrol, working as a trooper and then pilot in the Air Wing. He served for 30 years until retirement in 1989.

He was married to Rose Mary Von Dollen on June 4, 1960 in Council Bluffs,

IA. To this union two sons, Robert and Steve and two daughters, Mary and Cindy were born. He is survived by his wife Rose Mary; two brothers Phil Rhodes (Linda) of Weeping Water, NE, Jack Rhodes (Theresa) of Katy, TX, and sister Marilyn Stratton (Ken) of Weeping Water, NE; four children Robert Rhodes (Rhonda) of Elkhorn, NE, Steve Rhodes of Kearney, NE, Mary Welch (Patrick) of Leesburg, FL, and Cindy Laughter (Mike) of Lincoln, NE; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Martha Rhodes and sister Rae Ellen Mitchell.

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Rd.
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Christian Wake Service

FEB **23**. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
624 N Garber Avenue
Minden, NE 68959

Funeral Mass

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Bob was always so full of life. His humor and good nature was so much fun to be around. I am saddened to hear of his loss and give prayers to the family 🙏

Randy Rhodes - March 03, 2024 at 08:51 AM

JM

“ Joe and Sharon Murray purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes.



Joe and Sharon Murray - February 22, 2024 at 07:14 PM

HJ

“ Hilliard Family: John, Deb, Julie&Krissy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes.



Hilliard Family: John, Deb, Julie&Krissy - February 22, 2024 at 06:07 PM

SK

“ Bob and my dad Linus Junior Massoth were life long friends. Bob recently attended my dad's memorial and shared so many wonderful memories. Bob was a wonderful man and a best friend. Prayers for the family.

Sarah Kunkel - February 22, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JS

“ According to my dad and my grandfather, Bob was one of the first people to see me after I was born~. My dad was bringing me home from the hospital in South Dakota in a shoebox on the floor of his car..... pulled him over specifically to see “that new beautiful baby girl “

Bob (and Rose) always treated us like one of their own. Many memories were made across that field.

You will be missed by many.

Jenny Scott - February 21, 2024 at 11:06 PM

CA

“ Carol A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes.

Carol A. - February 20, 2024 at 07:23 PM

AH

“ Amanda,David,Alex and Aileen Hilliard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes.

Amanda,David,Alex and Aileen Hilliard - February 20, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes.



February 20, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes.*



February 19, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ *Bob was a good friend when we worked together at Fort Kearny. He was there when my husband I first met and he knew before we did. So many fun memories were shared with Bob. Your family is in our prayers. I look forward to joking with him again in heaven one day.*

Nancy Hanson - February 19, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ *I worked with Bob when I was at the BCSO. I always had a deep respect for him. Very professional law enforcement officer. May he rest in peace.*

Luann Zastrow - February 19, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *Kathy Larson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" G. Rhodes*



kathy larson - February 18, 2024 at 07:03 PM

TN

“ *Enjoyed working with Bob over years while on the Nebraska State Patrol !*

Tom Nutt - February 17, 2024 at 09:11 AM

FR

“ *I grew up in Minden where the Kearney Troopers were always looked upon with great respect. Bob was a great example for many young Troopers. Jeanne and I send our condolences to the Rhodes family.*

Fred & Jeanne Ruiz

Fred Ruiz - February 17, 2024 at 12:03 AM

DL

“ *Terrific man, pilot, leader. Bob instructed motor vehicle law to my NSP Basic Class #32. I always looked up to him with awe, even when we were at retiree handgun qualification. An icon gone. Godspeed.*

Dennis Leonard - February 16, 2024 at 06:54 PM

RM

Worked with Bob several years while stationed in York. Great officer and Brother. Rest in Peace.

Ret. Sgt. Morris McKillip - February 17, 2024 at 10:35 AM

KS

What a good fellow..He and my father-in-law were such good friends. He was a loving friend to my children and a generous help mate to my husband and sister-in-law. He and Rose shared many a dance at the Role Club and many more cups of coffee at Daylight donut. He comforted us when we !most Ray and Fran . He made the world a better place and we are poorer for his loss. I hope he and Grandad are sharing a heavenly space.

Karen Scott (Mrs. Raymond Scott, Jr.)

Karen Scott - February 19, 2024 at 01:19 PM