



## Robert 'Bob' M. Ronkar

June 25, 1948 - December 5, 2015

Robert "Bob" M. Ronkar, 67, of Kearney, died Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Veteran's Home in Grand Island. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Fr. Art Faesser officiating. Military rites will be provided at the church by the Kearney American Legion Post #52, Kearney V.F.W. Post #754, and United States Navy Funeral Honors team. Visitation will be Wednesday, December 9, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later.

Bob was born June 25, 1948 in Bellwood, Nebraska to Jerome and Marie (Gall) Ronkar. He graduated from David City Aquinas High School in 1966. He joined the Navy in June of 1966 and served for three years. Bob married Barbara Braithwait in Columbus March 26, 1971. They moved to Kearney in 1972. Bob worked for the Union Pacific Railroad as a supervisor for 30 years until he retired. He then worked part time delivering parts for O'Reilly Auto Parts in Kearney. Bob was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Kearney American Legion, and Kearney Eagle's Club.

Bob is survived by his wife Barb of Kearney; daughters, Steph Parzych and husband Stan of Kearney, Cally Koch and husband Mitch of Lincoln, NE;

grandsons Jake and Jordan Parzych of Kearney, Brennon Kliver of Lincoln; step-grandchildren, Ian Koch of Lincoln, Cassi Hillgren and husband Levi of Lincoln; brothers, Jerry Ronkar and wife Betty of Columbus, NE, Allan Ronkar and wife Teri of Columbus, NE; sister Constance Kovar and husband Art of Arizona; many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert 'Bob' M. Ronkar*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Barb, I was so sorry to read about Bob. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls as you mourn his passing. Have a blessed Christmas. Cheryl*

**Cheryl Kuhnel** - December 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barb and Family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Barb*

**Barb BrennerCrooker** - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barb,  
  
I am so sorry to hear that you lost your husband and life partner,  
Bob. I have fond memories of him that I hold dear. I wish you and  
your family the very best.*

*Renee Terry*

**Renee Terry Neeley** - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barb I just wanted to send my prayers to you and your family. Never  
let the memories fade... God bless you all.*

**George Gottschall** - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Barb, My sympathy to you and your children.*

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**Leta greene** - December 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Barb and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and  
prayers. you have a guardian angel watching over you now.*

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**Jeannie Hanak Werner** - December 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Barb and family...my love and prayers go out to you all. What a  
crazy, fun guy Bob was! Hold your memories close and know he will  
never be gone from your hearts. God Bless!*

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**Kristin Williams** - December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Sending prayers to the entire Ronkar family.*

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**Daryl and Shirley Thiele** - December 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Love you Uncle Bob!*

*Hugs and prayers to my Aunt Barb and cousins Steph and Cally!*

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**Angela Haussler** - December 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM