



## Robert "Bob" Erwin Carlson

May 8, 1943 - October 7, 2013

### ROBERT ERWIN CARLSON

CARLSON, Robert Erwin "Bob", 70, a resident of Millbrook, Alabama passed away on Monday, October 7, 2013 from complications of multiple myeloma and kidney failure. Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. from the Chapel of Prattville Memorial directing. Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial directing. Bob was born in Chicago, Illinois to James and Dorothy Rush Rohlik and was adopted by Alice and Rudy Carlson after his birth mother died. He was raised in Boone, Iowa. Bob felt privileged to have served in the United States Marine Corps for 6 years. He and Mary met in New Delhi, India where Bob was a Marine Security Guard at the American Embassy. Mr. Carlson is preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Alice Carlson. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Mary Carlson; one daughter, Diana "Kacie" Nuckols; two sons, Robert (Joyce) Carlson and Gregory (Jennifer) Carlson; ten grandchildren, Brendon, Owen, Hayden, Hunter, Kallie, Landon, Derrek, Lillian, Sophia and Evelyn ; extended family and many friends including Shyan Geter who he called his adopted granddaughter. Pallbearers will be Robert Carlson, Gregory Carlson, Brendon Carlson, Hunter Nuckols, Landon Nuckols and Derrek Nuckols. Bob loved life and had many good friends. He was a big tease and he enjoyed seeing and making people laugh. He was also very spiritual, never missing a Sunday in church except for illness. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. The family will receive friends on Friday one-hour prior to the service. In lieu of

flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Catholic Church, 2048 West Fairview Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36108 and/or St. Joseph Catholic Church, 511 North Memorial Drive, Prattville, Alabama 36067.

# Cemetery Details

## **Prattville Memory Gardens**

841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *To Mary and the family,  
When I reflect on you and Bob, the first things that come to mind is laughter and love for each other, family first, Bob's absolute adoration of Mary, and Santa Clause. When he dressed up for Snowdoun Volunteer Fire Dept. and rode in on the fire truck with a big bag of gifts! I don't know who enjoyed it more, Bob or the kids! He looked forward to dressing up every year and a side of fun to me was the kids trying to figure out who was dressed like Santa, cause all the usual volunteers were in the room.  
Bob loved his dogs, being in the country, but loved his family more so ya'll moved to Milbrook to be closer to help with grands. I know this has not always been easy. You are an example to me on how we sometimes sacrifice for our families. Bob always had a smile or smirk, that just had to have a smile returned. Mary, your humor in dealing with pain in the ER and still worrying about how to take care of the rest of the family, wow! I do pray for a full recovery for your healing. I thought it so sweet and typical of Bob, that he was restless in hospital Friday night and trying to sneak out of his room to come see Mary, after your accident. I am told he was fine after he got to see you that Sat morning. There was always a loving tone to how Bob said "Mary". That is what I heard. Love.  
I know Bob will be missed by all. He will be remembered with a smile in my life.*

*Love, Rebecca Harris (also condolences from John, Thomas and Paul)*

---

**Rebecca Harris** - October 11, 2013 at 09:30 AM

WS

“ Greg, Jenny, Lily, Sophie, Evie,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your larger-than-life Dad, Father-in-law and Grandpa. Every memory of Bob that I have is attached to a smile and a laugh. Ben, Emma and I love all five you like crazy. Please give Mary our sympathy and wishes for a quick recovery. I am absolutely certain that Bob was CRAZY proud of your family. Love and hugs,  
Wendy, Ben and Emma*

---

**Wendy Sanders** - October 10, 2013 at 07:41 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Erwin Carlson.*



---

October 10, 2013 at 01:06 PM

NN

“ *Bob, you were the perfect example for your grandsons to follow. You were truly a great man.*

---

**Nichole Nuckols** - October 10, 2013 at 11:57 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Erwin Carlson.*



---

October 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

BT

“ God has a special way of bringing people together- Can I say "Williamsurg East". What a rat hole. Bob I remember the first day I met you- I asked you to move your truck and trailer loaded with pipe so that I could move my car and then two weeks ago- the last time I spoke with you and I'm thinking now how special our friendship was and how blessed I feel that our paths crossed. You have been an inspiration to me from the start- not just your friendship and love for me and my family but the love you had for yours. I hope to be as dedicated as you were no matter the circumstances. Life sometimes doesn't seem fair and lord knows we never seemed to reach our goals but God has the final say whether we like it or not. I hope and pray mary-Bobby-Greg and Kacie remember the love and dedication of family that you had for them. I know they will pass it on to the grandkids. I already miss you Bob- your smile. Your laugh your corny jokes and yes your Milwaukee's best.  
Your friend and buddy. Billy

---

**Billy Tingle** - October 09, 2013 at 11:14 PM

AH

“ I am sorry to hear about Bob. God bless you all.

---

**Angie Hanes** - October 09, 2013 at 08:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Erwin Carlson.



---

October 09, 2013 at 05:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Erwin Carlson.*



---

October 09, 2013 at 05:50 PM



“ *I'm his "Adopted Granddaughter": I did not know him as long as most people did, but I do know he was an amazing person, and he cared about everyone he met. He was amazing. I love him so much. I remember when he was in the hospital, and I told him I loved him, And he responded by saying, "What?!" And acted surprised but happy... I said "I love you" again, and he smiled and said, "Well, Thank you!!" with a huge smile on his face. He was always happy, and always tried to make everyone laugh. He ALWAYS went out of his way to put a smile on someones face. He was very loved by a lot of people and he will be dearly missed. Love you Grandpa Bob. <3 <3 <3 - Shyan Geter*



---

**Shyan Geter** - October 09, 2013 at 05:19 PM

BF

“ *My sympathy to the family. He was a wonderful grandpa and a wonderful friend. I laugh out loud thinking of all the memories.*  
*Bernie Fassler*

---

**Bernie Fassler** - October 09, 2013 at 03:49 PM

Joyce  
Carlson

“ 7 files added to the album *Fond Memories of Robert "Bob" Carlson*



---

**Joyce Carlson** - October 09, 2013 at 03:05 PM

KC

Joyce,

*I only knew Bob briefly, I met him at St. Joseph's. He was quite an inspiration to me, with a firm handshake and a smile. He introduced himself to everyone who sat around him. I would also like to express condolences from Linda Townsend, who I met because of Bob. We will both miss his uplifting spirit. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Kathy Clark*

---

**Kathy Clark** - October 10, 2013 at 08:33 AM