



Bob Storey

September 5, 1934 - June 5, 2024

Bob W. Storey, 89, Topeka, Kansas, distinguished attorney and former legislator, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 5, 2024, with his daughter, Jennifer, by his side.

Born September 5, 1934, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, the son of Jess and Nina Feaster Story, Bob grew up mostly in Winfield, Kansas. (Later Bob's mother changed the spelling of their last name from Story to Storey.) He excelled in basketball, tennis and football while a student at Winfield High School and received scholarships to Independence Junior College, where he was captain of the basketball team, and to Washburn University in Topeka.

Hard work never bothered Bob who was always industrious. He grew up working many different jobs, including setting bowling pins, working in the wheat fields, working on the railroad, and selling sewing machines at Sears, where he was nearly fired for selling the floor model. While attending Washburn University, he worked at the Dutch Goose on 10th Street, cleaning up at night, at Ray Beers Men's Wear and Posez Clothing.

Bob earned a BBA degree and Juris Doctor of Law from Washburn University.

He married Patricia Moon in 1958 and to this union two children, Brad and Jennifer, were born. The couple later divorced but remained life-long friends.

His illustrious career as a practicing attorney spanned 60 years. Much of that time was in private practice. Bob won his first jury trial winning a grand total of \$2500 for his client. A great deal of his experience was in the areas of litigation, contracts, business law, oil and gas, utility law and insurance law. These last six years, he was with Elizabeth Baker and David Watson.

In 1968, Bob entered politics representing District 20 in the City of Topeka in the Kansas State Senate. During his eight-year tenure, Bob served in many leadership roles including Chairman of Transportation and Utilities, Senate Ways and Means and Senate Judiciary Committees, and was a candidate for Attorney General for the State of Kansas.

He distinguished himself further during the next 49 years in numerous ways. He served as General Counsel and member of the Board of Directors of many insurance companies, represented Lloyd's of London as legal representative in the State of Kansas and was an approved mediator by the Kansas Supreme Court. He was past Director of the Topeka Chamber of Commerce and Director and General Council for the Better Business Bureau of Northeast Kansas.

On June 30, 1987, in San Francisco, Bob and Kerry Onstott were united in marriage. Over the years, Bob and Kerry enjoyed traveling extensively including a wonderful trip to Europe. They always enjoyed the company of several furry friends that brought great joy and were excellent traveling companions.

Golf had been one of Bob's favorite pastimes. On December 31, 1999, at Big Horn Golf Course in Palm Desert, California, Bob shot an elusive hole in one. He and his buddies took many golf trips of which many a tale is told.

He enjoyed an Appleton Estate Rum with Pepsi, Ketel 1 Vodka on the rocks, or a dirty martini. Bob wanted to be remembered as a good lawyer, a good friend and a good guy. He loved his family and his many dogs.

Grateful to have shared Bob's life are his beloved family, his wife, Kerry; son, Brad; daughter, Jennifer; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two furry pups, Kelsie and Kenzie.

According to Bob's wishes cremation is planned. A memorial service celebrating his life will be Monday, June 17 at 1 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Bob's service will be livestreamed on the funeral home Facebook page. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice, Topeka Rescue Mission or Helping Hands Humane Society, and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bob Storey



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 13, 2024 at 01:43 PM

AM

I am so sorry for your loss! Bob was so great and I was fortunate to work for him when I was in law school. Prayers for you all!

Angie Miller - January 31, 2025 at 01:59 PM

DE

“ Dear Kerry and Family. I recently learned of Bob's passing and am sending my deepest sympathies. Bob was instrumental in my early career as his legal secretary and I enjoyed working for him so many years ago. He was one of the good guys. Sending my prayers to you all for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Debbie J. Elder-Weimer - July 01, 2024 at 10:51 AM

AM

“ Anthony Mah purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bob Storey.



Anthony Mah - June 18, 2024 at 04:38 PM

TG

“ Bob was a great person i didn't know Bob im sending my symphaty to the storey family may Bob rest in peace 🙏 ☐ terry I glenn

Terry Glenn - June 17, 2024 at 09:44 PM

NN

“ Dear Kerry: I can't think of a better friend than Bob over these many years. I wish we could have spent more time together.
Newt & Shirley

Newt Newstrom - June 15, 2024 at 06:41 PM

PP

“ Bob was a great friend I met at Washburn University. My wife Elsiann, was as well and later my daughter Marnie. After becoming a "used up" car dealer, I occasionally was a client of Bob's, with Bob always resulting in favorable legal outcomes. I'll have a drink of Appleton Estate rum with Pepsi, in Bob's memory! Pat and "Els" Patterson

Pat Patterson - June 15, 2024 at 11:24 AM

AO

“ A wonderful and sweet Man who will truly truly be missed!
Anna Ortega

Anna Ortega - June 14, 2024 at 07:34 PM

SE

“ Steve & Juk Evans purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bob Storey.



Steve & Juk Evans - June 14, 2024 at 05:05 PM

SE

“ Steve & Juk Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bob Storey.

Steve & Juk Evans - June 14, 2024 at 05:05 PM

RM

“ As we sit at our kitchen table this evening, our eyes are drawn once again to the garden retreat Bob and Kerry created during their years on The Shunga. We can imagine them sitting in their striped lounge chairs, enjoying an evening cocktail. We know these last months have been hard, but know as always that Kerry has been a loving caregiver and wife. But you both were also great neighbors. It meant much to us to receive Bob's phone call after Richard's surgeries last year. Unfortunately a medical appointment in Wichita prevents us from celebrating Bob's life at the memorial service. Please know our thoughts are with you and the family.
Richard and Pam Martin

Richard and Pam Martin - June 13, 2024 at 06:31 PM

ML

“ Mark & Lisa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bob Storey.



Mark & Lisa - June 13, 2024 at 05:34 PM

LD

“ Linda D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bob Storey.

Linda D. - June 10, 2024 at 05:41 PM

BA

“ Bruce Palmer and Carol Allison purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Bob Storey.



Bruce Palmer and Carol Allison - June 10, 2024 at 12:51 PM

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Bruce Palmer and Carol Allison - June 10, 2024 at 12:51 PM

BS

“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time. We are very sorry for your loss and keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Terry and Barb

Barb Stearman - June 10, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BK

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I always looked forward to our visits in our dental office. He was funny, kind and a true gentleman. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to his family.
Barb Keck

Barb Keck - June 09, 2024 at 11:08 AM

SB

“ Mr. Storey was a great friend to my parents and was a huge help to me when they passed away. I don't know what I would have done without him Rest easy Bob.

Susan Schaub Brinker - June 08, 2024 at 04:36 PM

JA

“ Bob was a lifetime friend of both my mom and dad, Lynn and Carol Allison. I know they both loved him. He also helped me through a very difficult time. Thank you, Bob. You, indeed, were a good guy.

Julie Allison - June 08, 2024 at 01:39 PM

JM

“ Bob was a friend and mentor. I learned alot about the practice of law and politics from him. He was selfless and always willing to help. We had good times on the tennis courts and golf course. We express our condolences to Kerry and Bob' family. May he rest in peace. Jim and Helen Marquez

jim marquez - June 08, 2024 at 10:06 AM