



Robert McCaffrey

December 3, 1952 - February 3, 2021

Robert Eugene McCaffrey, 68, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away at his home on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021.

Robert "Bob" was the 3rd son born to William F. Jr. and Grace K. McCaffrey on December 3, 1952.

He is survived by his two children, Peter (Autumn) McCaffrey of Reno, NV and Ann (Adam) Marsh of Hendersonville, Tennessee. He shared a great fondness for his grandkids, Amaya and Nate McCaffrey and Ariana and Avery Marsh.

Also surviving Bob are his siblings, Tom, Steve, Don (Kathy) and Ellen McCaffrey of Topeka, Lori (Steve) Clinkinbeard of Topeka, Diane (Bob) DeWitt of Goddard, Kansas, Sheryl (Brian) Scharf of Auburn, Kansas, Sharon (Jeff) Riese of Maricopa, Arizona; as well as many Nieces and Nephews.

Bob was baptized and raised Catholic. He graduated from Hayden High School in 1970 and later earned two degrees from Washburn University. Bob volunteered for the US Army and served in the Vietnam War. He worked for many companies but the one he held the most fondness for was the Santa Fe Railroad.

Through these affiliations, Bob formed the life-long relationships that he revisited regularly. If Bob knew you, you were forever in his thoughts and contributed to shaping who he became in life.

Bob was a simple man with simple desires and he embodied many roles throughout his life:

To his Children, Bob was a self-sacrificing family-man. He was a kind, responsible, caring and reliable. He recognized that life's lessons needed to be learned through living. He was always there to give perspective to events in life and offered up advice to help us to navigate through life's challenges.

To his Siblings, Bob was ornery and a jokester. He was also a kind soul who helped many people throughout his years, never wanting anything in return.

Bob was the Genealogist of his family and often went to great lengths to discover the McCaffrey and Brooke family lineages. He regularly sought to create connections in the family tree through not only discovering the connection but, reaching out and finding things out about the family members in the tree. Other things he loved was music of all kinds, cooking, traveling, and antiquing. One of his greatest joys was sharing what he had or what he found with anyone who would lend an ear.

As per Bob's wishes, he has been cremated. A Celebration of Life gathering and his inurnment at Mount Hope Cemetery will be at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert McCaffrey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *As most of you know, Bob lived in Las Vegas for many years and Bob and I would occasionally discuss our interest and showed me all of his antiques he brought home from Vegas. Bob would often talk about my Dad, Jack Brooke, and we always had a great time BS-ing about our family's history! He was a true family historian. We will all miss him!
We're sorry for your loss.
John & Sally Brooke*

John & Sally Brooke - February 13, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *To all the McCaffrey cousins and your families: So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Always was a funny guy whenever we were together at reunions. It is so hard to lose a sibling. Our hearts go out to all of you. Prayers and hugs to all. Gregg and Susie (Brooke) Schell.*

Gregg & Susie Schell - February 12, 2021 at 09:59 PM



Marsha
Sue
Dunbar

“ *To Peter, Annie and Bob's brothers and sisters, I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers during this difficult time.*

Bob was a gentle and kind person. So soft spoken and easy to talk to. We met at Hayden and hit it off. We each had little crushes on each other and during Algebra he would write me funny little poems passing them to me behind the nuns back! . I still have a few of them.

He did not have a car and I lived in the Highland Park area. One evening he walked all the way from his home to mine across town to sit on my porch and talk. It was one of the sweetest things a boy ever did for me.

We stayed friends through the years always wishing each other Happy Birthday since our birthdays were a week apart. I did not hear from him this year or at Xmas.

I will miss my friend.

Thoughts and prayers for you all.

Marsha Campbell Dunbar

Marsha Sue Dunbar - February 12, 2021 at 06:15 PM

DB

I am very sorry for your loss. I remember Bob being such a nice guy from high school. Debbie Worland Boos

Debbie Worland Boos - February 12, 2021 at 07:06 PM

MH

To Peter and Annie and children, I am so sorry for your loss. Lots of good memories of Bob when you two were growing up. Bob always had a great sense of humor and I always enjoyed him on the holidays. Once he carried a little elf in his pocket. I will always remember this because when I think of Christmas and the past that memory stands out in a happy way in my mind. Prayers for all. Mary Hacker

Mary Hacker - February 14, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RO

I worked with a Bob McCaffrey at Munns Medical for a couple of years. Is this the same Bob?

ray ortega - February 14, 2021 at 12:31 PM

LO

Rsy Ortega - yes Bob worked at Munns many years ago.

Lori - February 14, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MD

I offer my condolences and prayers. I was a classmate of Bob's at Hayden. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Mary Esser Demars - February 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM

CS

Dear Peter and Annie and all my McCaffrey cousins and your families, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. While there have been infrequent visits over the past several years, I have many fond memories of our combined family get togethers on Sunday afternoons and of course, all the big holidays while we were all growing up. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Love, Carole & David Shapiro

Carole Shapiro - February 15, 2021 at 11:45 AM

RK

Sending prayers and my condolences on Bob's passing. I am sending hugs and prayers to your family.

Robin Koci

Robin Koci - February 15, 2021 at 10:57 PM

WP

This is after the fact. 2022 I finally found Bob. I was in the army with him. Vietnam and later we had the good luck to be stationed together at Ft Sill Ok We used to go to the movies and did some fishing too He was a good friend Im sorry he's gone I salute you Bob

William peura - November 26, 2022 at 12:06 AM