



Robert Sample Jr.

April 9, 1956 - February 23, 2024

Robert Glen Sample, Jr., 67, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024.

Bob was born in Topeka on April 9, 1956, the son of Robert and Mina Cochran Sample. He graduated from Seaman High School in 1974. Bob married Debra Zirkle on March 1, 1975, in Topeka. He retired from the City of Topeka Water Department as a Utilities Director. Bob was a substitute teacher for Valley Falls High School and loved all the children he interacted with. He enjoyed running, fishing and cheering on K-State and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Bob is survived by his wife, Debbie; son, Andy (Dana); grandchildren, Blake, Kalynn, Reagan, Ashtan and Lacey; three great-grandchildren; and his brother Bill Sample. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bob will be privately interred in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Northern Hills Baptist Church, and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614

Tribute Wall

ED

“ I knew Bob through my late husband Dennis Dunbar, Bob was always smiling everytime I seen him, he will be missed I'm sure him and Dennis are up there catching up. My thoughts are with you Debbie and family.

Estelle Dunbar - February 27, 2024 at 11:50 PM

LG

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He fought a good fight and had such a positive attitude through it all. Such a gentle spirit and strong faith in the Lord. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Linda Gantz - February 26, 2024 at 12:52 PM

BR

“ I am so sorry. I miss Bob and his love of Nature, Animals, K-State, and KC Chiefs. For many years going back, we were Friends. I remember going to Chiefs games with Andy and sometimes one of the grandkids tagged along. No more suffering now, Bob. I can't imagine your view from Above. Prayers for Debbie and Andy, and the Grandchildren. Bob loved you all so much.

Becky S Roeckers - February 25, 2024 at 04:27 PM

RH

“ Anna and I are sorry to learn of Bob's passing. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Roger Housholder - February 25, 2024 at 10:13 AM

MF

“ I was privileged to work with Bob at the city, tasked with addressing legal issues and keeping the state and federal environmental agencies at bay. His gracious demeanor, knowledge base and common sense were appreciated. He was the epitome of a public servant. I was a better attorney for having known him.

Mary Feighny, retired deputy city attorney

Mary Feighny - February 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM

JA

“ Debbie and Andy... some of my greatest childhood memories were made with Bob, Andy and my grandmother down at the flea markets. Bob you always knew how to bring a smile to my face. Rest in peace old friend we will surely miss you. Best wishes always Jenny.

Jennifer Arroyo - February 25, 2024 at 03:09 AM

RG

“ Debbie, Andy, and family. I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a great person, husband, father, and friend. We always had fun, even when I got a little carried away. Prayers, thoughts, and good memories.

Ron Griffin - February 24, 2024 at 08:23 PM

CD

“ Sad to hear of BoB's passing my prayers are with you all.

Chet Darby - February 24, 2024 at 05:17 PM