



Robert "Bob" L. Kidwell

October 14, 1941 - November 10, 2023

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Robert L. "Bob" Kidwell, age 82, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family, at 11:05 a.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023, in St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Bob was born in Shoals, Indiana, on October 14, 1941, to Joseph and Wilma (Hickman) Kidwell. He married Carolyn Kuntz on November 27, 1965, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

He was a 1959 graduate of Shoals High School.

He retired from Kimball Electronics where he had worked for over 20 years.

Bob was the assistant Jasper Tennis Coach for over 20 years, Jasper Youth baseball coach for over 50 years and had received the Herb Pittman Award, and was the equipment manager for Jasper High School Football. He received a sportsmanship pin from the ISHAA for his years of service in Jasper High School Athletics. He was Junior Achievement advisor for six years.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, where

he was an usher and member of their Holy Name Society, Jasper Outdoor Recreation, Sons of the American Legion, Martin County Historical Society, and Martin County Council on Aging.

Surviving is his wife of almost 58 years, Carolyn Kidwell, Jasper, IN, two children Lynn (Tom) Bauer, Jasper, IN, and Phil Kidwell and girlfriend, Holly Morton, Jasper, IN, two grandchildren, Ashley (Adam) Joyce, Greenwood, IN, and Zachary Bauer, Jasper, IN, one great grandson, Carson Joyce, and one sister-in-law, Sharon Kidwell, Indianapolis, IN.

Preceding him in death is one brother, Donald Kidwell.

A funeral service for Robert L. "Bob" Kidwell will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Jasper Youth Baseball, JHS Athletics, or to a favorite charity.

Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
3221 N. Newton Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

NOV 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Carolyn and family,
So sorry to hear. I still have good memories from many years ago
with you and Bob.
Bill and Mary Ann Hoge

Bill Hoge - November 17, 2023 at 01:48 PM

JB

“ Prayers & Sympathy, Family & Friends! 🙏

James Birkle - November 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM

TS

“ I worked with Bob for many years at Kimball
Electronics. My condolences to the family.



Trudy Sutton - November 13, 2023 at 02:56 PM

KS

“ I met Bob when I started at Kimball. He was a true wildcat (kraut)
fan. We became best friends and everyday he would come to my
office to see how the s- - - city women were doing. We were
always playing tricks on each other, even when Kim and I put a
Raider cover on his spare tire on his van. He was hotter than a
firecracker until he figured out we did it. Then he came back in my
office and was laughing and told Kim and I he would get us back....
Which he did. He became a great family friend and will really be
missed. Fly high my friend and give Kim a hug for me...until we
meet again 🙏 ☐

Karen Sherman - November 13, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ *My Bingo caller! I will really miss you. Thank you for all the laughs and good times. You are one in a millon and will truly be missed!!*

Sandy Eckert - November 12, 2023 at 06:37 PM

ZK

“ *“Can I get you a drink?” Bob would invitingly ask every day as he headed to the Pop Machine in St. Charles Health Center to get his Diet Coke. From there, he’d ensconce himself in his familiar spot in the dining room to await being served his expected cheeseburger. Two years ago, when my husband John became a resident at St. Charles , I noticed Bob daily holding court at the head of “The Boys’ Table.” I knew he looked familiar, but I wasn’t sure who he was. “Please, help me out. Who are you, and why do I know you?” I dared to ask. From there it began. Every warm day from that moment, Bob sat outside in the courtyard with John and me along with his sidekick Steve Milligan, and with the assembled friends whom he kept enthralled with his tales of growing up in Shoals, of courting Carolyn, of IU sports, and of his endless unfathomable love of calling Bingo. For the rest of my life, I will envision Bob’s captivating smile, his telling wink, and his well-polished ability to make a friend of everyone he met. To Carolyn, Lynn, and Phil, know that you are deeply embedded in our hearts, and that John and I will forever cherish the laughs and happy times we shared with Bob and your family.*

Ziliak Kathleen - November 12, 2023 at 12:47 PM

FH

“Kiddy” as I called him was a great friend, I worked with him at Kimball Electronics, loved talking sports with him especially the Loogootee Lions, Jack Butcher and his hometown Shoals Jug Rox, there were times I loved ruffling his feathers.. I visited with your mom dad awhile back, got one more jab in on “ Kiddy” , I told him the next time I came to visit I would bring him a Loogootee Lions shirt, huh... he had a few choice of words 🤔 I will miss my friend, Rest In Peace “ Kiddy” ❤️🙏🙏

Faye Holland - November 11, 2023 at 09:41 PM

FG

“ BOB WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM!!!



FRANCES E GUTGSELL - November 11, 2023 at 08:24 PM

BG

“ Thanks for being a great neighbor to Mom and Dad. Rest in pease Bob.



Bonnie Eckerle Gessner - November 11, 2023 at 04:53 PM

JJ

“ I greatly enjoyed my years of seeing Bob at school/community events! He was always thoughtful, caring and helping others. He will be missed! Prayers for the family.

Jeff Jessee - November 11, 2023 at 03:30 PM

TS

“ Aunt Carol, Lynn, Phil, and family,
We are so sad to hear about Uncle Bob's passing. He was a great Godfather to me and his larger than life personality makes for many memories that make me chuckle. Most of them begin with “Why I oughta...” 😂. Praying that Christ's peace be with you to comfort you. Hugs, Tina, Rhett, and family



Tina Schmidt - November 11, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ For Carolyn and family...from the Ambrose Hoffman and family. Bob was a swell guy to work with.. You have our sympathy, God bless your family.

Ambrose Lee Hoffman - November 10, 2023 at 09:56 PM

SS

carolyn so sorry to hear of bobs passing..he and paul entered st charles on the same day, direct from memorial hospital..bob always had a smile and friendly hello, i know how much u will miss him...peace

susan schroeder - November 13, 2023 at 05:46 PM