



Robert J. Crooks

June 20, 1949 - May 17, 2021

Robert J. Crooks, 71 of Mason City, went to his new home in Heaven at 1:59 a.m. on May 17, 2021, by way of hemorrhagic pancreatitis while hospitalized at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2021, at Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St. NE, Mason City, with Rev. Joseph Brown officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 2021, in the Denison Room at the funeral home in Mason City.

Bob's Earthly life began on June 20, 1949, born to Gladys and Wilbur Crooks, Dougherty, IA. After graduation from Sheffield High School in 1967, he lived and worked in Charles City and started his family with daughter, Sara and son, William. Bob's spiritual life began in 1972 when he received Jesus as his personal savior and was quickly named preacher man as he excitedly shared the gospel with others and continued throughout his life, but certainly not without some detours and challenges along the way.

In 1975, Bob met Sue (Bradley Mead) and three years later married her, and her children, Jason and Niki Mead. Bob was a fun-loving dad who chased the kids for hours in the big yellow house as they called it, hide and seek, throwing the ball into the night hours, fishing, hunting, and camping with lots of pets as they loved living on the acreages too. Special times in his life included: when he had a bus ministry, picking up children for Sunday School and church, sharing the gospel and joining in the fun with costumes of western cowboys to clowns to Uncle Sam, just being Bob providing the world's largest banana split to feed 40, and when the kids would throw pies at Brother Bob if they met their goal that week.

Bob loved surprising his wife in many ways such as: cruising, tour bus trips, traveling to Alaska and Florida and even a simple candlelight dinner for two at home. Besides his

family and beloved dog, Abbey, he adored using God's beautiful flowers around his home and the water lily pond. He so appreciated the comments and smiles from all the neighborhood walkers. Bob often said according to the world.... I'm not much, I never came from much, but God freely gave me much which I'm eternally grateful.

After his years with hog farming, Bissonnette Chevrolet, selling Tony's pizza and Farm Bureau insurance, and 25 years at Eatons in Belmond, Bob thoroughly loved his years of retirement of simple times, the best of times with his soulmate, from simple walks, lunch in the parks, to Alabama or Florida in the winter time. The last year was a bit challenging for Bob, as with everyone, because of surgeries and recovering, but he remained close to Jesus for his strengths and hope. His favorite song "What a Day That Will Be" happened on May 17, when Bob saw Jesus in person (he spoke of that so often) along with son Jason, and other loved ones and hoped to have a lengthy conversation with Apostle Paul!

Bob will be so dearly missed by his wife and children, Niki Mead, Aurora, IL, Sara (Mike) Harris, Eldora, IA, William (Molly) in Mason City; siblings, Ramond, Dougherty, Lawrence (Judy), Rockwell; Jim, Mason City; Marvin (Lois) Mason City; Mike (Judy) Everett, WA; Sandy (Cliff) Williams, Marion, IA.; eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jason Mead; and siblings Loretta, Lloyd, Joe, Barb.

Cemetery

Events

Memorial Park Cemetery

11495 265th St.

Mason City, IA, 50401

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel

126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US, 50401

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Funeral Service

02:00PM

Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel

126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US, 50401

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels - May 23, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert J. Crooks.



May 20, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ 90 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels - May 20, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Crooks.



May 19, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ How we used 2 have fun at Grandma and Grandpa Holding. Fun times when we were kids. Big Sunday dinner in Dougherty, Ia. We all grew up and went our separate ways. So sorry for the Crooks family

Marcia Holding Bier - May 19, 2021 at 11:13 AM