



Robert "Bob" Erickson

October 16, 1947 - March 14, 2014

Robert "Bob" Brooks Erickson, age 66, of Braham formerly of Dassel, died Friday, March 14, 2014, at his home in Braham. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at 1:00 pm, at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel with the Rev. Steven Olson officiating. The interment of the urn will be held at the Dassel Community Cemetery.

A time to gather with family will be held one hour prior to the service at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel.

Robert "Bob" Brooks Erickson, the son of Vernon and Helmi (Mattila) Erickson, was born on October 16, 1947, in Litchfield, Minnesota. He grew up in Dassel where he was baptized and confirmed at the First Lutheran Church (Gethsemane Lutheran Church). Robert graduated from the Dassel High School in 1965, and then attended Bemidji State.

On March 19, 1966, Robert was united in marriage to Jill Swanberg in Bemidji, Minnesota. Together they made their home in Dassel where Bob was employed by Minnesota Hatchery, Inc. in Dassel and later was a co-owner with his brother, Roger. For several years, Bob sold cars in Hutchinson and Delano. Bob made his home in Bemidji from 2000 to 2005, when he moved to Duluth. Bob lived in Duluth for several years before moving to Braham in 2008, where he has made his home since.

Bob was an avid baseball fan, had tried out for a semi-pro baseball team. For several years he had volunteered to coach his sons baseball teams. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors. Bob had the best card tricks and the funniest jokes on the planet. All of his employees thought he was an awesome boss. They employed a lot of people in Dassel for a lot of years. He was fair and giving to all. Bob was inducted into the North Star League Baseball Hall of Fame for playing third base for the DC Saints from 1962 to 1975. He loved to bowl and averaged in the 190 +. During Christmas Bob brought great joy and happiness to many local children by calling them and pretending to be Santa Claus.

He is survived by his son, Troy Erickson of Palm Springs, California, brother, Roger (Marvel) Erickson of Dassel, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Chad, parents, Vernon and Helmi and his brother, Curt.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Bob. You will always be my favorite Saints player.*

Lynn Erickson Sowders - May 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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“ *I lived just a short time in Dassel, but Friday or Saturday evenings were sometimes spiced up by the gang getting together at someone's house for - whatever reason. Bob was always the one making everyone laugh. Bob (Putzke) and I made he and Jill godparents of our first-born daughter, Amanda. Rest in Peace, Bob.*

Nancy Sellman - May 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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“ *I met Bob when he and Troy moved to the area and came to bingo at the Full Moon in Stark. He had lines like "I haven't won for at least a year," or, "I'll take 22", which of course meant he wanted 2 - and then he'd laugh - always a laugh, a smile, a joke, and so very, very friendly. Of late he'd been coming to Flickabird's Resort in Rush City and I'd always watch for him to come in. What a very kind-hearted man - we'll miss him. My prayers to Troy and family.*

Lori Werner - May 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM

GN

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to you all in the Loss of your dad and brother , uncle and a friend to many. May his Memory stay within you forever.*

Gail Nelson - May 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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“ Bob will truly be missed. I will remember him most for his avid Twins knowledge. He would often challenge Kyle and I to come up with our All-Time Best Twins Team. Kyle and Bob often had the same players (past & present) A true passion for baseball that we connected with, his knowledge and memories were a delight to listen to.

Crystal Roth - May 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM

DK

“ We own the Full Moon in Stark, MN and Bob always had a smile for us and was fun to talk to. He was so well liked that people would go pick him up and bring him to the bar. He will truly be missed by many. Troy, we are so sorry for your loss.

Dave and Ruth

Dave and Ruth Kotrba - May 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM