



Robert Arden Oefstedahl

August 23, 1949 - November 9, 2021

Robert Arden Oefstedahl (Gumby) passed into the eternal care of our Lord on November 9, 2021 at Mayo Health Systems in LaCrosse, WI at the age of 72. Bob was born August 23, 1949 in Spring Grove, MN to Lester and Olive (Kroshus) Oefstedahl. He was youngest of three siblings. He was baptized and confirmed at Highland Lutheran Church. He attended country schools through 8th grade and moved to the “big school” in Spring Grove where he graduated in 1967. In the fall of 1967 he joined the Army Reserves, serving for 6 years.

In 1969 he purchased his own farm just outside of Spring Grove raising hogs and farming the fields for many years. He married Candace Morken in 1970 and they were married for 51 years raising three children on the farm, biggest playground ever. Health issues eventually led him to a career change. His love of people and gift to gab made him a great car salesman. And for a time selling Harley Davidson’s as well. He ended his sales career with a great group of people at Tri-State Auto Sales.

He enjoyed many things with motorcross being at the top of the list. At times instead of doing chores he’d be racing with friends on our track with the promise from that person that they’d help with chores after. He also enjoyed bowling, darts, bean bags and camping with friends. He loved spending time with his kids and kids’ friends and was the grandchildrens greatest supporter. His finest attribute was making others smile.

He was a past member of the Purple Buzzards Club and current member of

Trinity Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 249.

Survivors include: wife Candy Oefstedahl of Spring Grove; sons Jason (Jennifer) Oefstedahl of LaCrescent, MN and Ryan (Jenna) Oefstedahl of Mindoro, WI; daughter Erin (Tony) Konkkel of Eitzen, MN ; granchildren Gabrielle Goehner; Shay, Landon, Aksel and Edwin Oefstedahl; Siri, Ezra and Evie Konkkel; brother Larry (Barb) Oefstedahl; brother-in-law Collin (Barb) Roverud; sister-in-laws Cindy (Dan) Groth and Cheri (Mark) Wolfe; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Olive Oefstedahl; sister Betty Roverud, parents-in-law Leland and Beverly Morken.

Visitation will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Friday, November 12 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm and Saturday, November 13 from 10:00am – 11:00am.

Funeral service to follow. Fellowship following the service will be held at the Legion in Spring Grove.

The service may be followed on Trinity's facebook page at Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring Grove.

The family respectfully requests memorials be given to either; St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Spring Grove Athletic boosters.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
203 E. Main St.
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ We first met Bob in Wagon City Park & found that both couples were from Spring Grove, MN. Further conversations reflected connections to relatives & henceforth greetings were "Hi Cuz". We appreciated his friendliness & humor & are grateful to have known him. Blessed be his memory!



Dick & Carol Lilla - November 15, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



November 12, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Robert Oefstedahl



Jason Oefstedahl - November 12, 2021 at 12:54 PM

LV

“ Dear Candy and family,
Almost never at a lack of words for almost any occasion, I find myself at a loss to express the thoughts I am having at this moment. With all due respect and in no order of importance when I look back at our Bob's impact I come up with words like 'little dickens' as those years I spent in his aura I can not recall a time when trouble, conflict, the voice of authority or teenagers version of impending doom wasn't like water off a duck's back for Bob. Not only that, but he treated those same perils a friend might feel with the same irreverent view! Bob not only saw the glass as half full, he was fairly certain the pitcher was available to top it off as needed.
I would never call him a pot boiler or instigator exactly, but he was never far away from the source of the issue if one really wanted to know. He had a way of always gently needling his acquaintances to the entertainment of everyone-no one got to sit on one's high horse as long as Bob had a say. He probably launched a million tiny little jabs at our tender spots but many more at his own in the most self-depreciating way. No one was immune from Bob's humorous inspections, least of all himself.
Norwegians happily suffer Nisse in their lives; brilliant, sly observers of human nature who employ tricks and surprises to enlighten some and educate and amuse the rest of us until it is our turn. Taking nothing away from Bob's life as a father, husband , Grandpa supreme and friend, I bless the life and memory of this community's personal Nisse, Bob Oefstedahl.
Congratulations on a well-lived, long remembered life.

Larry Vongroven - November 12, 2021 at 01:38 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.*



November 11, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.*



November 11, 2021 at 08:28 PM



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Jason Oefstedahl - November 11, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Murray & Karla - Dan & Holly purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.*



Murray & Karla - Dan & Holly - November 11, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.*



November 11, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Mary Christian purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.*



Mary Christian - November 11, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My kids, Jason and Joy, spent hours and hours with the Oefstedahl kids in their home and fields being wildly entertained by Gary. So many memories of fun and adventure. Very sincerely, Lynne Zotalis*

Lynne Zotalis - November 11, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Oefstedahl family. Very sorry for your loss.*

Duane Kinneberg - November 11, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.*



November 11, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *A great memory we both shared since the 60's-- when Bob and I were kids and Collin and Betty were living in Richfield, Bob and I got to go to a movie at the Mann Southtown Theater. The 2 of us were dropped off and after the movie was over and in the dark, we figured we would walk back to their residence instead of calling for a ride, a couple of small towners in the big city. Well we got lost and ended up deciding we had better call.*

We finally found a phone booth and called their home number which we memorized and still remember over the years, and we were asked our location. I looked at the street sign which I thought read 77th and Syndale. I was told there was no such street. It was dark out and we finally realized it was 77th and Lyndale. We finally got picked up.

Bob always had a wonderful welcoming smile. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Brian Roverud

Brian Roverud - November 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ From Larry and Andrew Olson purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



From Larry and Andrew Olson - November 10, 2021 at 09:20 PM

DA

“ It's been a few years now since I have since Bobby, but whenever I did he would always remind me that we were related through his wife. 😊 I am so very sorry to hear of his passing. My sympathy to all... 🙏

Darla (Olson) Auge - November 10, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



November 10, 2021 at 08:43 PM

CF

“ Collin Roverud & Families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



Collin Roverud & Families - November 10, 2021 at 08:35 PM

BR

“ Your family, your friends and your community were blessed by your presence and kindred spirit Gumby....thank you for all the smiles you created!!!! You are loved and will be very missed.....I'm sure your friends and those that left before you are happy to have you home!!!! 💕🥰 Brenda

Brenda - November 10, 2021 at 08:17 PM

JD

“ My sincere sympathies to Candy and the entire family. Bob will be so missed. His personality lit up the whole room!

John Dahle

John Dahle - November 10, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



November 10, 2021 at 07:50 PM

DW

“ Candy & family, We are SO sorry to hear of Gumby's passing. The world just isn't gonna be the same without him!! His legacy remains on with MANY people! Hugs to you...

Dave & Wilma - November 10, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



November 10, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



November 10, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Arden Oefstedahl.



November 10, 2021 at 05:47 PM