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Robert George Bolling passed away on April 25, 2026. He was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on February 17, 1949, to a young Milaca couple George & Mabel (Koksma) Bolling. Bob grew up in Wayzata, Minnesota along with his three siblings, Sandy, Judy & Rick.

Drafted into the US Army in 1969, he spent a year in the combat zones of Vietnam and was honorably discharged as Specialist 4th Class. Soon after his return home, he and his wife had a daughter, Genevieve.

In the early 70s, he initiated his first business. He set the stage for a lifetime of hard work and determination. Driven to succeed, this self-taught entrepreneur built not just one, but two businesses over the course of his life. Bob was fueled by a desire to create a good life for himself and those he loved, especially his daughter.

He found great joy boating on Lake Minnetonka. Owning a home on the lake brought him pride and a sense of accomplishment. It represented hard-earned success and instilled his love of the lake lifestyle. Bob was always eager to entertain - whether just a few people at home on a quiet evening or a day out on the boat. He brought people together with his energy, humor, and the gift of

creating memorable moments with laughter and connection. The holiday season was no exception. In the earlier years, Bob always looked forward to celebrating with his family on Thanksgiving and Christmas, whether at his home, sister Judy's or mother Mabel's home. He was generous with gifts and loved seeing others happy, even though his wrapping skills never improved. Aside from sharing a birthday, Bob and his sister Judy shared many laughs during holidays.

Bob had a passion for motorcycles. He made many memorable road trips to Sturgis and other rallies around the country. He embraced the sense of freedom and adventure motorcycles brought him. In a sea of denim and leather, you could always spot Bob; he would ride up sporting summer weight wool khaki pants, a silk shirt, and a pair of Italian loafers.

Music was woven deeply into Bob's life, reflecting the spirit he carried. Jimmy Buffett was the soundtrack to many days spent on the lake. He also liked the grit and storytelling of outlaw country music, a passion he shared with his brother Rick.

Bob loved movies. He would captivate those around him with impersonations of memorable movie characters. He could quote lines and bring a scene to life in his own animated way with humor, energy, and heart.

Bob dreamt of retiring to Florida. It was his vacation destination many times over the years. He constantly spoke of returning to his favorite restaurants and beaches in Naples.

Later in life, the success Bob enjoyed was interrupted by dementia. In 2021, Gen moved him into a private room overlooking the campus at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis. Bob received excellent care and was consistently treated with kindness, dignity and respect from all staff at the

Veterans Home. Their patience and genuine compassion brought comfort not only to Bob but to those who loved him. The last two months of his life, Bob especially enjoyed visits from his friend Mark of Joyful Companions Home Care.

In March 2026, Bob was diagnosed with lymphoma which took him a month later. His long-time friend Don Christensen & Gen were with him when he passed.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; infant son Robert Joseph; siblings Rick Bolling & Sandy Adams. He is survived by daughter Genevieve Bolling; sister Judy (Steve) Johnson; uncle Roy Bolling; cousins Eileen (Joel) Beggs, Diane (Steve) Johnson, Britta (Ross) Carter, Tina Graham; niece Melissa Farris; nephews Rob Adams and Ryan (Carol) Farris.

He will be remembered as an ambitious, bold-spirited man determined to live life fully on his own terms.

Rest in peace, Dad.

Because my dad often talked about wanting to get a dog, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pets for Vets St Paul, MN Chapter <https://petsforvets.com/donate/online> or the Minnesota Animal Humane Society <https://give.animalhumanesociety.org/campaign/723849/donate>

Services will be attended by family and close friends & associates. Bob's daughter, Genevieve is grateful for expressions of kindness, or your favorite "Bob Story" on the Tribute Wall link above

Graveside Service

8:45am - Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave S., Minneapolis, MN, 55450

Please drive all the way to the north end of Assembly Area 2 and wait for the Cemetery Representative

Memorial Service

10:30am - Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Minnesota Veteran's Home, 5101 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis, MN, 55417

with family receiving friends beginning at 10:00am

Tribute Wall



“ Jen...I remember having many conversations when we lived at Beachside. He sure loved his daughter!! Blessings to the family.
Katie Monahan

Katie Monahan - May 30 at 02:53 PM

AC

“ Gen, I am so sorry to hear about your dad passing. I will forever treasure all the incredible memories he made with us at his house over the years. Bobert was truly one-of-a-kind. They didn't break the mold with him... THERE WAS NO MOLD to hold him. What I know for certain? That Spirit in the Sky multiplied tenfold when he arrived. I have made a donation to Pets for Vets. Love this tribute for your dad.
Much love. Now. And always.
"Whoa, he'll recommend you to the spirit in the sky
That's where you're gonna go when you die (When you die)
When you die and they lay you to rest
You're gonna go to the place that's the best"

Amanda "Mandy Braun" Campbell - May 29 at 11:41 AM

SH

“ How fitting to be writing a tribute to Bob on Memorial Day Weekend. In my many visits with Bob we talked at length about many things. I learned a lot about Vietnam. He kept his uniform and boots in view of where he saw them every day. I always looked forward to Mondays since 2000 until he succumbed to dementia. My condolences to his beloved family and many friends. Bob was unforgettable. He will always have a place in our hearts. So many memories. Sincerely, Sandy Hormann

SANDY HORMANN - May 23 at 08:11 AM

SS

Bob finally peace, rest and reunited w your long lost brothers. Thank you for your incredible service to this country and thank you for a decades lasting friendship & you are missed now and will be forever sweet dreams dear bob

xxooxx

Shellie Irwin

shellie Sullivan - June 02 at 10:48 AM

LA

“ *And Bob, How’s that “Cheeseburger In Paradise”, my friend? You certainly earned it!*

God Bless You and Yours, Liz

Liz Arvidson - May 17 at 04:24 PM