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North Richland Hills, Texas - Robert Gordon Hansen ("Bob") passed away on July 14, 2023. He was 82; married to his wife Margaret ("Micki") for 55 years. Bob was born in Minneapolis, MN on June 22, 1941 to Russell and Orel Hansen. He graduated from Robbinsdale High School in 1959, and joined the Navy shortly after, serving for four years. Next, it was college. He and Micki met during a summer break, and they were married in June of 1968. Bob received his B.A. in Sociology from Mankato State College in 1969.

Bob's long career in the Railroad industry began soon after, when he joined the Northern Pacific Railroad, which later merged and became the Burlington Northern Railroad. Working in several departments, including Coal, Sales, and Customer Service (where he excelled), Bob (and Micki) were transferred all around the U.S. over the course of 27 years - Seattle, St. Paul, St. Louis, Chicago, Denver, and Fort Worth. Taking early retirement in 1995, they lived in Texas for 28 more years.

Bob also enjoyed a second career as "Conductor Bob" for the Tarantula Train/Grapevine Vintage Railroad, from 1998-2017. The Texas tourist train runs on weekends from the city of Grapevine to the Fort Worth Stockyards and back. Bob became an unofficial ambassador for the city of Grapevine, and was loved by the passengers (especially the kids) and crew. He became the "King of Trivia Questions" on that train.

Bowling and golf were Bob's favorite sports, and he was good at both. He took pride bowling in high-average leagues, and competing in state and local tournaments. The USBC/ABC National Bowling Tournament is held in different cities annually, and in 2021, Bob received an award for bowling in this tournament for 50 consecutive years! Skiing was another favorite activity-Bob and Micki learned to ski in their 40's, and continued to ski into their 70's! Bob was a friendly guy and quickly found something in common with everyone he met. He especially liked kids, and they liked him immediately, especially babies. People recognized him and remembered him. He loved to tell funny or interesting stories - about his days in school, the Navy, bowling, work, trivia questions. Once he got started it was sometimes hard for him to stop! But people loved him. He will be missed.

In addition to his wife Micki, Bob is survived by his brother Bill Hansen and wife Ardy, niece Karen Rahn and husband Craig, nephew Jon Hansen and his wife Kim, and their children, Zach and Brooklyn.

Memorial Service to be held at Osseo United Methodist Church, 16 2nd Ave. S.E., Osseo, MN, on Friday, Sept. 22. Visitation 12-1 PM; Service at 1 PM, followed by Refreshments. Private interment at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Osseo United Methodist
16 Second Avenue SE
Osseo, MN 55369

Church Service

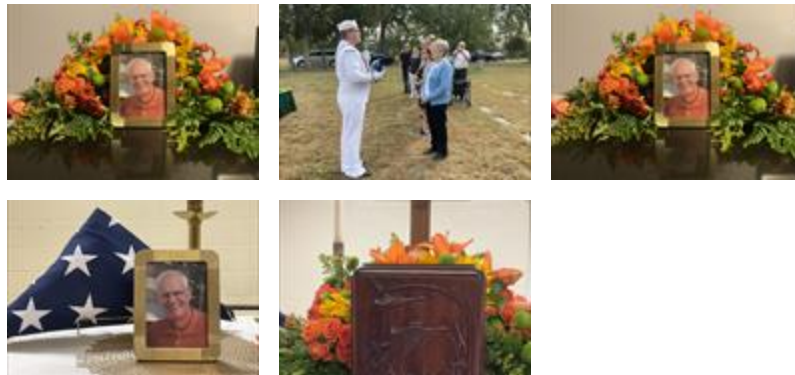
SEP **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ 5 files added to the album Day of Bob's Memorial Service

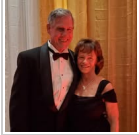


MARGARET HANSEN - August 23, 2024 at 07:05 PM

BH

“ I wae blessed to know Bob for 18 years I think we became good frtends because we had a lot in common. We both enjoyed bowling and golf, although, he was better. We would play golf 2-3 times a week for stretches of tims. We were also in the Navy at the time during the Cuban missile crisis. I was stationed in Guantanamo ahd he was on a ship in the area. I will always remember his sense of humor and stories. Both working for the Burlington Northern also gave us a common bond. Only one point of contention. He never learned how to spell his last name. You will be missed, Robert.
Bruce HansOn

Bruce Hanson - September 21, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ *Bob is one of the friendliest guys we know. Bob could make conversation with anyone. There were no strangers to Bob.*

We have been friends with Bob and his wife, Micki, since 1972 – 51 years. It’s hard to talk about Bob without including Micki as the four of us have been making memories together all these years.

Bob and Harry met at the Burlington Northern Railroad and the friendship began. They made a plan for the wives to meet at a Twins baseball game. Micki and I also quickly became friends.

Bob was an excellent bowler. He has his 300 ring to prove it. Harry and I also liked to bowl so they got us on their bowling league. Bowling is mentioned because many years later Bob contacted Harry to bowl at the National Bowling Tournament. That phone call led to many bowling trips throughout the USA with Bob and Micki. The highlight of all the bowling trips was the celebration Micki planned in honor of Bob’s achievement of bowling 50 consecutive National Bowling Tournaments.

Bob was proficient at golf. Although we never took a strictly golfing vacation, we often brought the golf clubs along to the bowling tournaments. He was very patient with the three of us who took quite a few more strokes than him.

Bob and Micki moved from Minnesota to Denver. They took up skiing and tried to interest Harry and I in a ski trip. After a couple years, we finally said why not. We really enjoyed skiing with them. That ski trip led to us taking ski trips every year for 22 years. We skied many places, but our favorite ended up being Wolf Creek – reasonable lift tickets, good food and no long lift lines.

They got us into skiing, but we got them into cruising. The first cruise was a short cruise to the Bahamas. We really didn’t think they would ever cruise again as our cruise was coming to an end as hurricane Michelle delayed us getting back to port. It didn’t deter

them. If I counted correctly, we have gone on 8 cruises together.

We've celebrated special anniversaries together 40, 45, 50 going anywhere from Las Vegas to a Panama Canal Cruise to a Columbia riverboat cruise.

We've had trips to Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand, and the Rose Bowl Parade. I'm probably forgetting something, but they were all remarkable for one reason or another.

I believe the total count of trips is 80.

We have treasured our friendship and are blessed to have Bob and Micki in our lives.

Dottie Adams - September 20, 2023 at 07:29 PM

EF

“Where to begin... Micki and I have been friends since 7th grade, and when Micki and Bob found each other when we were at the U of M, it was kismet.

His smile (which it seemed he always wore) was warm and inviting. From the very first time I met him, his graciousness, kindness, sincerity, humor, (he acknowledged others' humorous stories and jokes as well as his own), respect, and positive outlook were obvious. He was comfortable with himself, and by extension, made those around him feel comfortable too. I never heard him say a negative word against others (except maybe a former president...). He had a beautiful tenor voice, but let others "brag" about it for him. He had an infectious enthusiasm for so many things: Singing (quartet and choir); he was a champion bowler; his work with customers for B&N; his retired "job" as the engineer and tour guide for the tour train; world travel; and the list goes on. He and Micki shared these interests, and the mutual love and respect between them is an inspiration. In a word, Bob was a mensch - a Yiddish word that means a sensible, mature, responsible person.

God bless you both -

*With love,
Eva Fishman*

Eva Fishman - September 19, 2023 at 07:39 PM

JP

“ On one of our reviews a few years back I asked Bob how his golf game was and he commented that he got" ANOTHER" hole in 1; most golfers will never get one but he had more than one, 2, possibly 4, you might ask Micki for clarification on that accounting.

I always felt comfortable speaking with Bob, even when the markets were in turmoil he was understanding and patient.

It is easy to understand that he will be missed by many.

John Pougiales

John Pougiales - September 19, 2023 at 05:54 PM

MW

“ Bob was always ready with a riddle or a joke. In fact, he was so personable that repeat customers of the Tarantila Train/Grapevine Vintage Railroad would request Conductor Bob for their tour. His personality, sincerity, and integrity made him a skillful representative for the railroad.

Micki and Bob shared a love and mutual respect for their 55 years together.

I was privileged to have him as a friend.

Mary Wood

Mary Wood - September 18, 2023 at 02:55 PM

LH

I've known Bob and Micki since college. Bob had a wonderful sense of humor and was a delightful person. They were a special couple and had a great relationship. I'm so happy they had 55 years together. Bob will be missed by many friends.

Lynne Hardey - September 19, 2023 at 07:58 AM