



Robert Forrest Hart

March 9, 1944 - September 9, 2025

Robert "Bob" Forrest Hart, 81, of Ham Lake, Minnesota, passed away on September 9, 2025.

Bob was born on March 9, 1944, in Vanport, Oregon, to Robert and Doris Hart. He grew up in Minneapolis and later Saint Anthony, Minnesota. He was a 1962 graduate of Marshall High School. Bob married the love of his life, Gail, on June 22, 1963. Together they built a home and raised their family in Columbia Heights and later he built a new home in Ham Lake, where they created countless memories.

Bob worked as a truck driver for 30 years, a career in which he took great pride. He was a two-time state truck rodeo champion and earned third place in the nation during his driving years. After retiring, Bob continued to put his handyman skills to use by remodeling and lending a helping hand to anyone in need with a project in mind. No project was too big or small.

He had many passions-hunting, fishing, sweets, and gambling (not necessarily in that order). While playing pull tabs he was often heard saying, "I can't believe I didn't win." His love for hunting and fishing took him across eight states, three countries, and two continents. Most of all, Bob loved sharing his joys with his grandchildren, whether introducing them to the outdoors or indulging them with sweet treats. Did someone mention doughnuts?

Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Gail; his brother, Melvin; and his sister, Dorrese. He is survived by his daughter, Shodee (Bob), and his son, Melvin

(Kim); along with his grandchildren, Lydia (Andrew), Shelby (Brock), Dylan, and Emily. Special niece; Dorrese (David) Larson. Special goddaughter; Quincy (Jason) Curry.

A private ceremony will be held for the immediate family.

Memorial donations can be made to the Mel Hart Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to "St. Anthony High School" and mailed to: Washburn-McReavy Mel Hart Scholarship 2600 19th Avenue N.E. Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Forrest Hart.* ”



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“ Bob and I met in 1969 when I began working at Hart Motor Express (No Relation). He was a city driver, and I did payroll. I would make up football numbers sheets and sell chances. Bob approached me, and informed me the he handled the gambling action there. I showed him what I was selling, and we agreed to get numbers from each other because they were different. We became friends. I started a trap & skeet team that fall, and asked Bob if he wanted to join me. We got three other guys to join us. We continued shooting together with other friends for over 25 years. We took home 2 2nd place trophies, and the rest were 1st place. We began hunting together in 1978. I was invited to go with Bob and a small group of his friends to Wyoming to hunt deer and antelope. This became an annual event. We became good friends. Our hunting trips took us to Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, and Alaska. In Alaska, we met some people from Green Bay, WI. We began talking about an African Safari. We decided that the only way we would do it, was to set a future date, and begin planning the adventure. In 1994 we went to Zimbabwe, Africa. A once in a lifetime hunt. Or so we thought. We had to go back in 2000. Another wonderful adventure. We hunted together many times. As you know, not everything always goes well on a trip like that. Stuff happens, bad weather, poor hunting, and you are in close proximity 24 hours a day. We NEVER had a bad experience with each other. Never had an argument or disagreement. We always said that one day we would laugh and tell stories about what went wrong. We did. Bob had woodworking in his blood. I think that was his favorite activity next to hunting and fishing. I learned so much about life from him. How to fix stuff, how to be a good friend, how to do a "Professional Job" on a task performed, and tips on life in general. I also met a lot of wonderful people through Bob. Thanks for all your help, advice, great adventures, and all the laughs we shared. Bob, you and Gail are a couple again, along with your brother Melvin, Uncle Mel, your folks, and yes Wayne G.

Steve & Verdell Pelvit
Blaine, MN

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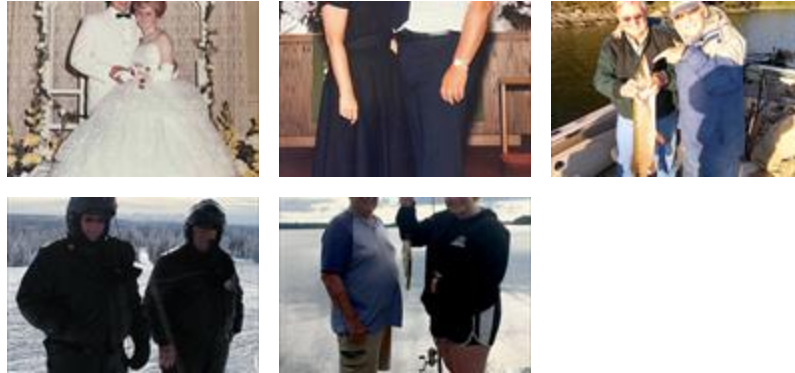
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“ Bob was my neighbor in Saint Anthony Villiage. he was my husband's best friend and Bob's wife Gail was one of my best friends. We will miss him so much, we will treasure the memories . So glad we got to visit him last month. Rip Bob💔. Bob and Diane Hawley

Diane Hawley - September 13, 2025 at 12:53 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Bob has been like a brother and helped me with the passing of my two brothers. There are acquaintances and true friends and obviously Bob was a TRUE Friend to me. Rest in peace Bob till we meet again! 🙏🙏🙏

Doug Solseth - September 12, 2025 at 06:35 PM