



Robert L. Kozel

September 9, 2017

Kozel, Robert L. age 84, of New Brighton, MN, passed away at home on Sept. 9. Bob was born in Gilbert, MN to Frank and Anna Kozel. He attended UMD and St. Thomas, graduating with a Masters in education. He was an Air Force Veteran and a teacher for 30 years in St. Anthony and 14 years in Moundsview School Districts. He is survived by his brother, Frank; sister, Alice; wife, Rosemarie (nee Ahlin); four children, Karen (Howard), Kevin (Tammy), Kurt, Kristin; six grandchildren, Jordan, Courtney, Kyrsten (Jesse), Zarek (Cortney), Jade, Luke; and four great-grandchildren, Laken, Emma, Zola and Atlas. Bob's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy of his life. Mass of Christian Burial Thurs. Sept. 14, 10:30AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton, with visitation one hour prior. Interment Sat. Sept. 16, 11AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, 1150 7th St. NW, New Brighton.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist - New Brighton

New Brighton, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist - New Brighton
New Brighton, MN

A Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ I have many wonderful memories of my Uncle Bobby, He liked to laugh and tell jokes and stories. He was happy, and always had a positive attitude about life. I know that Uncle Bob dearly loved all of his children and grandchildren, and he enjoyed talking about all of them. I will never forget how much he loved and cherished my Aunt Rose. She was his world.

When I was young, I remember a couple of times when we were "up north" at our Grandma and Grandpa Ahlin's house and Uncle Bob would take some of us cousins along to visit his Mom in Gilbert.

What a sweet, kind person she was. I can still picture her and her house. I also recall being young and my parents having Uncle Bob, Aunt Rose, Aunt Joan and Uncle Leonard over to our house for misc. holiday parties. There was always a lot of laughter. I even remember a Halloween party where the adults all dressed up in costumes. I may have to dig up some of those old pictures to share! Uncle Bob was a man that cared about people. He would do anything for anyone that needed his help. He was kind and he was generous. He will be missed by many of us, but the love will continue on.

Rest in Peace, Uncle Bobby.

Love, Jo

Mary Jo Baatz - September 14, 2017 at 05:44 PM

BL

“ I was blessed to be able to spend a lot of time at the Kozel house, hanging out with Kristin when we were younger. It was obvious that Uncle Bobby was an amazing person, a wonderful husband & father. The respect, love & joy he gave to, and received from, Auntie Rosie made them great role models and gave inspiration to not only me, but many others too.

I've also experienced first hand what great parents they were. I will never forget the many sleepovers I had there where I would suddenly get homesick in the middle of the night! There was not one Kozel that wouldn't step up to make me feel welcome, comfort me, make me laugh, or even on occasion pull out the car and bring me home. Bob & Rosie raised a family of some of the most good, fun-loving, caring, kind & absolute most generous people I have ever met.

I don't remember one single time that Uncle Bob didn't have a smile for me, or wasn't laughing, or trying to make others laugh. I have many happy memories from Oakwood Drive! God Bless...

Barb Leshovsky - September 14, 2017 at 02:14 AM

AS

“ I feel blessed to have known Great Uncle Bobbie. Bobbie and Rosie have always been so caring towards our family and I value having the connection to my Grandma with them years after she has passed away. Wishing Rosie and the whole Kozel family God's peace during this difficult time of losing such an important person, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. I am sorry I can't make it to the funeral to share in celebrating Bobbie's life, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Wrapping you in lots of love and hugs. Allie Schwartz (Vukelich) - Bruce's youngest daughter.

Allison Schwartz - September 13, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Uncle Bob. I remember staying at the Kozel house while mom has in the hospital having my younger siblings. They always went out of their way to make me feel at home. I truly enjoyed when Uncle Bob and Aunt Rosie would come over with their family and us cousins would run around the house and play games while the parents drank coffee and had dessert at the kitchen table. It was always a great time to ask mom or dad for something during that time too as it would make it harder for them to say "no" because they wouldn't want to argue about it while we had company!! Ha ha ha...:) Bob was also very handy, he helped myself and my family many times over the years. What stands out the most to me about Uncle Bob is how involved he was in everything Rosie did including helping with wedding cakes she made and getting them transported etc. The bond the two of them had was incredible and it was so easy to see how much they truly loved and respected each other. He will be greatly missed.

Love and hugs to you all

Lori Huntley

Lori LaKosky-Huntley - September 13, 2017 at 08:50 PM

JF

“ Jim & Lynnet Hanawalt/ Derrick & Kim Doyle& family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert L. Kozel.



Jim & Lynnet Hanawalt/ Derrick & Kim Doyle& family -
September 13, 2017 at 11:21 AM

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“ Steve Morice and Janice Strauss purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Robert L. Kozel.



Steve Morice and Janice Strauss - September 13, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. Kozel.



September 12, 2017 at 04:12 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Photos



WM Chapels - September 12, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert L. Kozel.



September 12, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert L. Kozel.*



September 12, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert L. Kozel.*



September 11, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert L. Kozel.*



September 11, 2017 at 06:09 PM