



Robert Dale Mattsen

January 29, 1954 - August 20, 2024

.Robert (Bob) Dale Mattsen born January 29, 1954, and passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 20, 2024.

Beloved husband to Lynn, father to Alicia, (Gary Nelson), Ryan (Elizabeth), Carolynn Vaneman (Jeffro), Janell Keller (Matt), Monica McKay (Mark), Angela Woods (Tremaine) grandfather to Fletcher, Foster, Finnegan, Anna, Sarina, Renee, Alexandra, Skylar, Elijah, Scarlett; brother to Randy, Tammy and Jim, uncle and friend to many.

Bob grew up in Duluth, MN and often spoke of his childhood favorite activity of fishing for trout in the Lester River. During high school, his family moved to Park Rapids, MN where he graduated from. After high school, he joined the Navy and served for 4 years. Shortly afterwards, he began working for AT&T where he remained until he retired in 2019 after 42 years.

He greatly loved his family and cherished each of his 10 grandchildren, being involved in their lives as often as possible. He was passionate about fishing, hunting and playing cribbage. He played cribbage two times a week at the American Legion.

He particularly enjoyed being a part of a great ministry organization called Fishing For Life, which serves youth, families, veterans and communities

through fishing and outdoor programs. He was a fishing guide, mentor and do whatever needs to be done resource for them.

One of his abilities was to make others comfortable whether he just met them or had known them for years. People said of him that he enjoyed life, loved nature, was even-keeled, faith-filled, positive, kind, funny, down-to-earth, generous, loving and never at a loss for words, a true extrovert.

He had some recent health issues but was feeling great after triple bypass surgery and losing 35 lbs. He often made the comment that he should be good for another 10,000 miles. He met obstacles in life with a positive outlook and was grateful to God for his many blessings.

Because of his personal relationship with Jesus, he was confident that it is better...

to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8
(as highlighted in his Bible)

He will be greatly missed but is in his heavenly home now.

Celebration of Bob's Life will be Saturday, August 24, 11 AM with a gathering for friends and family one hour before at Emmanuel Christian Center, 18912 Twin Lakes Road, NW, Elk River.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Emmanuel Christian Center - Elk River Campus
18912 Twin Lakes Road NW
Elk River, MN 55330

Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just saw the sad news today. I worked with Bob for many years at AT&T. We used to have a small intercessory prayer group that would meet over break. I always could talk to Bob about anything & he always had the right words. He always shared his love for his family, faith & fishing. I was thinking of him this week & tried to find the fishing ministry Bob loved so much, so i could bring my son Niko to learn how to fish, & hopefully run into Bob. I spent almost the entire day August 20th & 24th fishing with Niko & his buddy. I'm so sad I missed his memorial service but I know without a doubt he would have rather I be fishing with my boy that day. Niko caught his first fish Saturday! What are the odds?! We send our love and prayers to the family & beloved of Bob. May the peace of God be with you through your sadness & his love and joy remain with you always. -Maggie Mulloy

Maggie Mulloy - August 28, 2024 at 03:50 AM

RB

“ It was a gift to visit with Bob and you Lynn along with Tammy and Wil.on Monday August 19th. Lots of love and laughter, and sharing our faith.
We did not realize this would be the last time on earth. We know we will see Bobby again in heaven someday. Our prayers for you and your family. May many happy memories comfort you all.
Our love and condolences
Ray and Kay (cousins)

Ray and Kay Brown - August 27, 2024 at 08:37 AM

DM

“ I'll always remember Bob's smile with that glint of mischief in his eyes and grin.

Dawn Moore - August 22, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Dale Mattsen.



August 22, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ Hazel Mattsen Knipp, Dawn, Brian & Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Dale Mattsen.

Hazel Mattsen Knipp, Dawn, Brian & Pam - August 22, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Dale Mattsen.



August 22, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ My Heartfelt Prayers to the families and friends and classmates of 1972 -Park Rapids High School on your loss. May the many memories of Bob be always remembered and cherished forever. Rest In Heaven and God's Peace 🕊️ Bob, we will see you again in heaven someday. With Sincerest Prayers, Mark VonBank-Park Rapids, Mn. Class of 1977.



Mark VonBank - August 22, 2024 at 11:15 AM