



Robert "Bob" Patrick Merkl

March 11, 1951 - June 19, 2026

Robert "Bob" Merkl, age 75, passed away on June 19, 2026.

Bob was born on March 11, 1951, in Minneapolis to John and Elaine Merkl. He was the third of their eleven children raised in North Minneapolis, where he formed many lifelong friendships from the neighborhood and his high school days.

Bob continued his education at Vocational Technical, earning his certificate in welding. He built a successful career as a welder working for FMC and for the last 31 years of his career he worked at Twin City Hose.

Bob always stayed busy and found joy in fishing, riding his motorcycle, gardening, working on old cars, and tinkering on projects around the house. He was always willing to help friends, family and neighbors with anything they needed. Bob looked forward to the Minnesota State Fair every year and cherished family gatherings - he was typically the first to arrive and one of the last to leave.

Bob is survived by his partner, Mary Jo Burk; his siblings, Catherine (Scott) Herberg, John (Evonne), Mary (Mark) Anderson, Jeanne, Ray (Sue), Paul (Marcy), Julie (Tom) Stone, Tom (Mark); sister-in-law, Diana; 25 nieces and nephews, 33 great-nieces-and-nephews; 14 great-great-nieces-and-nephews;

and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Elaine Merkl; his brothers, Jim and Jerry Merkl; nephews, Nick and Thomas; and niece, Claire.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the caring staff at St. Croix Hospice for their compassion and support during Bob's final days.

Memorial gathering will be held on Saturday June 27 from 1-3 PM at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW.

Family and friends are invited to share memories and stories about times spent with Bob at 2:30 PM.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433