



Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover

March 24, 1952 - May 31, 2024

Robert Harold Hoover "Bob", age 72, of Albia passed away on May 31, 2024, at his home in rural Albia, Monroe County, Iowa under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice. Bob was born in Monroe County, Iowa on March 24, 1952, the son of Wilbert and Dorothy (Wilkin) Hoover and was raised on the family farm east of Albia.

He grew up and attended K-1st grade at the North Castle Country School in rural Monroe County, 2nd-7th grade at Lincoln, and 8th-12th grade at Albia High School graduating with the Class of 1970. After high school, Bob attended Indian Hills Community College where he earned a degree in Farm Mechanics in 1972. While at Indian Hills he made lifelong friends from across the state of Iowa.

Bob married Martha Ellen Smith on August 13, 1976, in Lancaster, Missouri. To this union two children were born, Lisa Renae and Joseph Alan. Their family increased in 2005 with the addition of a son-in-law, Mark Shepard, in 2009 with the addition of a daughter-in-law Danielle McLaren and then again with grandchildren, between 2007 and 2014 with John Robert Shepard, Zachary Louis and Madeline Dawn Hoover. Bob and Martha shared 47 years of marriage before his passing.

Following college, Bob farmed with his dad, Wilbert, raising corn, soybeans,

oats, wheat and hay, along with having a cow calf operation and raising hogs for many years from farrow to finish. In his younger years, Bob did custom combining in the fall and would work part time at Henderson Implement, Inc, the local John Deere dealership, in the winter months assembling new equipment for a few years. After his dad died in 1993, farming became even more of a family affair as Lisa and Joe took on more responsibilities on the farm and in the field and when the kids were in school you could see Martha hauling grain to Roemerman's in the fall. Bob and Joe continued farming the home place and adding acres to the farm, raising corn, soybeans, oats and hay on their 840 acres and calving around 130 cows each spring. He was very proud of his cow calf herd and the quality of oats that was raised on their farm. Bob enjoyed helping Joe with his small tractor repair and restoration projects in the shop. Bob's last harvest in the fall of 2023 would mark 50 years running a self-propelled combine, an accomplishment that he was proud of.

While in school Bob was active in 4-H and a member of the Albia FFA Chapter, attending the National FFA Convention in Kansas City and working at the FFA test plot. He continued to support the Albia FFA and its test plots and tractor pulls when his children, Lisa and Joe, were in high school. He received the Albia FFA Appreciation Award in 1997 and 2002 and was a National FFA Alumni lifetime member. He was proud of his children's achievements in the 4-H and FFA programs from projects to offices held, trips taken and volunteer opportunities that they participated in. Bob showed cattle at the Monroe County Fair as a youth and was a beef superintendent at the Monroe County Fair for many years as the scale man and lining up the show from the barns. He was named Monroe County Beef Producer of the Year in 2000 by the Monroe County Cattlemen. He also served on the FmHA board and was a member of the Southern Iowa Vintage Tractor Club. Bob and Martha were inducted into the Monroe County Farm Bureau Ag Hall of Fame in 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Martha of Albia; his children, Lisa (Mark) Shepard, and Joe (Danielle) Hoover all of Albia; his grandchildren, John Shepard, Zachary and Madeline Hoover; his sister, Susan Voss of Moravia; a step brother and step sisters; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbert and Dorothy; his stepmother, Thelma Hoover; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bob's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at the Albia Trinity Church, with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. Burial will follow services at Service Chapel Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

Cemetery Details

Service Chapel Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Albia Trinity Church
1117 Benton Ave. East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Curtis & Scott Leading Edge Builders purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover.



Curtis & Scott Leading Edge Builders - June 07, 2024 at 06:55 AM

CB

“ Curtis & Scott Leading Edge Builders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover.

Curtis & Scott Leading Edge Builders - June 07, 2024 at 06:55 AM

RH

“ Bob and I were classmates at AHS. Though not by blood we considered ourselves cousins. We shared an Aunt and cousins. Bob was one of the kindest, sweetest, and most humble person I had the honor of knowing. I'm so glad we had the chance to visit and reconnect at our class reunion. A quiet man with a big heart and listening ear. RIP Bob. Rhonda Gray Mitrison

Rhonda - June 05, 2024 at 10:40 PM

CN

“ Chuck and Nancy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover.



Chuck and Nancy - June 04, 2024 at 10:50 AM

RB

“ *Ruth Ann McGee, Kevin,Alex&Bri Brittain purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover.*



Ruth Ann McGee, Kevin,Alex&Bri Brittain - June 04, 2024 at 09:41 AM

WS

“ *sorry to hear of Bob's passing my condolences to the family. Bob and I attended jr high and High school together. he was a great guy and I know he will be missed by many. . RIP classmate.*

Wayne Steele - June 03, 2024 at 11:56 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Marie & John purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover.*



Lisa Marie & John - June 03, 2024 at 08:06 PM

PM

“ *Patrick and Shannon McGee purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover.*



Patrick and Shannon McGee - June 03, 2024 at 03:10 PM

TD

“ *The Dale Cousins and the Donald's purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Robert "Bob" Harold Hoover.*



The Dale Cousins and the Donald's - June 03, 2024 at 01:59 PM

MH

“ *Martha, Lisa, Joe and family. Condolences and prayers for you all. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will be missed by all.*

Marcia Henderson - June 03, 2024 at 11:35 AM

DD

“ *Martha & Family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers. I hope Bob is resting in heaven now and it's as beautiful and peaceful as God has told us it would be! Lots of love and hugs being sent your way.

Deb & Andy Donald



Deb Donald - June 03, 2024 at 10:56 AM