



Robert "Bobby" Joe Morney

June 8, 1944 - October 25, 2025

Robert "Bobby" Joe Morney, age 81, of Albia, IA, passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Ottumwa Regional Health Center in Ottumwa, IA.

Bobby was born on June 8, 1944, in Iowa City, IA, to John "Edward" and Mary "Joanna" (Cooper) Morney. He grew up attending school in Albia, graduating from Albia High School with the Class of 1963.

After graduating, Bobby began his working career with Fluok-Daniels Construction before spending 18 years at Chamberlains. He later worked at Albia Motor Company in Albia, where he was a devoted employee for over 20 years. Bobby was a hard worker who was always full of energy and could often be seen tending to the outdoor work at Benton Place Apartments in recent years.

Bobby was a past President of the Albia Eagles Club as well as a member of the Iowa State Eagles Hall of Fame. Music was a lifelong passion for him and he had a captivating singing voice. He was truly one of a kind- a gifted entertainer who lit up every room he walked into. Bobby was a talented drummer and enjoyed singing with different bands, including Blue Earth and Black Horse. He was the life of every party and loved karaoke and dancing. He was known for his quick wit, great sense of humor and unforgettable one-liners and many in Albia referred to him as a "legend" or "one in a million." In

his younger years, Bobby enjoyed tap dancing, playing the trumpet, and roller skating. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Los Angeles Dodgers fan. He enjoyed being outdoors and took pride in meticulous yard work. Bobby never knew a stranger and was loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Bobby is survived by 3 nieces, Pam (Robert Earl) Teague, Tammy Morney, and Angie Johnson; 4 nephews, James Morney Jr., Rod (Charlotte) Morney, Aaron Morney, and Wendell (Lynette) Morney; a sister-in-law, Carol Morney; and special friend, Garnett Lantiser. Bobby is also survived by several cousins and countless good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Joanna Morney; a sister, Dorothy 4 brothers, Wendell, Harold "Bud", James, and Jerry; and a nephew, Ronald Morney.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bobby's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Memorials have been established to the Albia Community High School for the sports department and the Albia Eagles Club.

"Here she comes now saying Morney, Morney. Shoot 'em down turn around come on Morney"

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.
Albia, AK 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jeff Grim lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Joe Morney



Jeff Grim - November 02, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DA

“ Bobby you will be missed by everyone. I'm so honored that I was able to call you my friend. I'll miss our Sonny and Cher karaoke songs and ALL of the songs you sang. I'll treasure the memories always. Love you my friend. 🙏🙏💜💜💜

Darla - November 01, 2025 at 12:49 PM

TB

“ Bobby played in my band for nine years. We never shared a cross word. He was a great singer & drummer, and in my humble opinion, He was a star! RIP TONY BLEW

Tony Blew - October 30, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JF

“ Josh Gorman and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bobby" Joe Morney.

Josh Gorman and family - October 29, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Joe Morney.*



October 29, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *Bobby you were a tremendous musician. Now the drums and mic are quiet. Your going to be severely missed all over this town for sure. But your friendship i will always cherish. As i look back on the years bobby i can just smile and laugh. Gosh you were always the comedian....Give'm heck Bobby...you earned the rest....Peace be with you always.*



Connie shortridge - October 29, 2025 at 12:56 AM



“ *Bobby was one of my favorite people. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. Always humming a tune and happy. He will be missed.*

Jay Andrews - October 28, 2025 at 08:36 PM

JS

“ Bobby and I was great friends.my dad loved him when we delivered milk to his home my dad would pay Bobby to sing Sun Shine Boy for us we were maybe 7 and I would of been 4 or 5.If I remember I beleave he even danced for us.Then I remember oh we was problems 12 he use to set on my porch across from the County shed and visit with me.I can hear him sing and dance f o r my dad Don Caldwell in heaven. Love you Bobby your friend Joy Caldwell Streit

Joy Caldwell Streit - October 28, 2025 at 05:49 PM

VL

“ Garnett, Peggy, Mike and I loved his quick sense of humor, his ability to make us laugh and his love of the Hawkeyes. He was a great guy that we loved dearly as part of our family. Gone too soon. Vicki Landtiser

Vicki Landtiser - October 28, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DC

“ Bobby is going to be missed so much he was a wonderful friend and neighbor. So many times I would see him in the hall and he'd start dancing past me because he knew it would make me giggle. I am going to miss you so much Bobby and our home at Benton Place just won't be the same. Donna Clark

Donna Clark - October 28, 2025 at 03:38 PM