



Robert Joseph Major

November 30, 1947 - November 25, 2019

Robert “Bob” Joseph Major, age 71, of Albia, passed away on Monday, November 25, 2019, at Oakwood Specialty Care in Albia, under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice.

Bob was born on November 30, 1947, in Albia, IA, to Robert Leo and Barbara Evelyn (Morris) Major. He grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating with the Class of 1966. He served his country in the United States Army. On June 19, 1987, he was united in marriage to Trudy Cox.

Bob worked at Chamberlain’s in Albia and later at Maytag before taking a job at John Deere Ottumwa Works where he worked for 30 years before retiring in 2003. Bob enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and riding horses and mules. He enjoyed attending the Rutledge flea markets and wheeling and dealing while there. He was a country music fan as well as a fan of John Wayne western movies. He enjoyed visiting with others and never knew a stranger. Above all, Bob cherished the time he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Trudy Major of Albia; a son, Scott (Katie) Major of Albia; a stepson, Jeff (Lisa) Cox of Albia; a stepdaughter, Julie (Mark) McMillen of Menlo, IA; a sister, Peggy (Larry) Scales of Lemont, IL; and 6 grandchildren, Payton and Paisley Major, Mason and Jaylon Cox, Tyler

McMillen, and Jessica Miller.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Barbara and a stepson, Toby Cox.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bob's family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Following services, military honors will be provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose, and Lovilia. Per his wishes, Bob's body will be cremated following the service and a private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial in Albia and Care Initiatives Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Joseph Major*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Robert Joseph Major*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *All-day horse rides, flying down the steepest hill EVER on bicycles, skinning squirrels, tanning snakeskins, rope swings, BB gun battles and rotten apple wars - my childhood would have been pale and lifeless if Bob Major, his beautiful paint Thunder, and his wild cousins hadn't been part of it. I know he'll be missed.*

Terri Hess - January 03, 2020 at 06:21 AM



“ *Gina McCombs lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Major*



Gina McCombs - November 30, 2019 at 12:46 AM

PR

“ Bobby Joe was my neighbor boy and friend. I so remember coming home from St Mary’s school and meeting up with Bobby Joe and Janice and Joyce Christy. We had so much fun playing soft ball, scavenger hunts, and just enjoying each other. I was happy to see him at our class reunion but knew he was not in the best of health. My sympathy to the family at this difficult time. Just wanted you to know what a happy part of my childhood he was!

Patty Rossmann - November 27, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Major.



November 27, 2019 at 10:56 AM

JV

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Major family. So sorry for your loss. Hope you feel our Prayers. Jerry & RoseA Vestal

Jerry & RoseA Vestal - November 26, 2019 at 10:48 PM

VS

“ He was such a good friend over the years! His mom and my mom were good friends! He will be missed!

Valerie Selby Small - November 26, 2019 at 08:17 PM

CT

“ *My heart is breaking and tears are falling. I was a very shy girl from a small country school when I met Bob. He teased me unmercifully about my red hair! (Imagine that!). I came to love his crazy sense of humor. He became a good friend, one I will never forget and will always have a place in my heart. Rest in peace, good friend.*

Colleen McCombs Thomas - November 26, 2019 at 08:35 AM

LW

“ *Trudy and Scott , and all of your family, Larry and I are very sorry for your loss.*

Larry & Phyllis Whitson

Larry & Phyllis Whitson - November 26, 2019 at 07:37 AM

PW

“ *Scott, Katie and family, sorry for your loss. Diane and Phil*

Philip & Diane Whitson - November 26, 2019 at 12:36 AM

JC

Scott & Katie, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. James and Stephanie Cook

James cook - November 26, 2019 at 07:34 AM

EC

Dear Trudy,Bob was a true friend although we havent seen each other for awhile always loved his story telling we had lots of fun at John Deere God speed Craig Collier

Edward Collier - November 26, 2019 at 10:15 AM