



Robert Reed

April 11, 1931 - February 28, 2009

Robert Dale Reed, 77, passed away Saturday, February 28, 2009 at his home in Albia, IA surrounded by many loved ones. Bob loved his family and friends, his community, and his work. The cancer took only his body. His beautiful soul is in heaven. But his memory, his spirit, and his love lives on in each and every member of his family (even the generations to come) and in anyone whose life was ever touched by him.

Bob was born on April 11, 1931 to Tobe and Signe Marie (Carlson) Reed. He graduated from Albia High School in 1949. Bob married Donna Jo'an Cashwell, his wife of 57 years on November 3, 1951 in Kirksville, Missouri. Bob started his asphalt paving career at age 17 and worked for several prominent road construction companies before starting Albia Construction Co. in 1963 along with partners Elster Cooper and Russell Silvers. In 1969 Reed Construction Co., Inc. was established. Bob also started Reed Transportation (cattle hauling) and R&H Contractors. In addition to working, Bob acquired a farm; Reed's Rolling Acres on which he enjoyed raising many donkeys, goats, horses, and llamas.

Bob was currently a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Southern Iowa Vintage Tractor Club, Monroe County Historic Preservation Board, and the Albia Planning and Zoning Board. Albia Restoration Days was one of Bob's favorite community events. He hosted annual Threshing Bees along with a petting zoo, draft horse plowing, jumping mules, etc. Tractors came from all around the area to join the Great Albia Tractor Ride out to the

Threshing Bee. Many area Shriners enjoyed lunches at Bob's shop following the parade and Bob never missed the Follies entertainment. Bob enjoyed driving in all the area parades.

In the past he has been a member of the Albia Industrial Development Corporation, Monroe County Civil Defense, and the Rathbun Lake Association Board of Directors. Bob served as President of the Albia Chamber of Commerce in 1978, 1989, and 1991 and as President of the Albia Country Club for three years. He was the 27th President of the Asphalt Paving Assoc. of Iowa and Co-Chaired the Iowa High School Rodeo Association for many years. Bob also served on the Monroe County Fair Board and spent many hours preparing the grounds.

Through the years Bob received some great recognition for all of his involvement and hard work in the community. In 1986 he was awarded the Outstanding Civic Leader award and in 1987 was inducted into the Albia Hall of Fame. In 1994 he received Business of the Year and in 1997 was inducted into the Albia Community High School Wall of Fame. Bob received the "Iowan of the Day" award in 1999 and was also the Albia Restoration Days Parade Marshal. In 2002 he received the Monroe County Agribusiness Award and most recently was so very honored with a Special Country Showcase all of his own.

Bob also received special recognition for his asphalt work. In 1981 he received an APAI Smoothness Award for Airport Runway Paving. In 1993 he received the Special Paving Application award for a running track and in 1994 received another Special Paving Application award for a tennis court. Most recently in 2007, Bob was inducted into the Iowa Hot Mix Asphalt Hall of Fame.

Bob is survived by his wife, his four children, Jack (Linda) Reed of Ottumwa, Debi Reed of Albia, Rob (Kathy) Reed of Ottumwa, and Robin (Jan) Haselhuhn of Albia. Five grandsons; Scott Reed, Ryan (Ashley) Reed, Tyler Reed, Lyndon and Caleb Haselhuhn. Two granddaughters; Bobbi Jo Reed and Allyson Haselhuhn. Three great-grandsons; Tanner, Colby, and Brady

Reed. Step-mother Elsie Reed. Five brothers; Ray (Pat) Reed, David Reed, Ronnie (Sharon) Reed, Terry (Carol) Reed, and Randy (Penny) Reed, and one sister, Nellie (Ramon) Osborn. Mother-in-law Nellie Collins and many dear nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Jay Allen Reed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Reed*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Robert Reed*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *We will forever miss Bob. He meant so much to so many people. His sickness & death was hard for our family to take. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bob's entire family.*

Tonya, Mike & girls - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers be with your family. With Dad's (Bob Anderson) death in November, we understand all that you are going through because, it is still hard for us. We were blessed to visit with Bob at Dad's visitation. God Bless your family and we will keep you in our families.*

Jean (Anderson) Lozano family, Edith Anderson, Dave Anderson fa - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm thankful for Bob who gave my dad work, and many other as well. He not only committed his time to his business, but worked tirelessly to make the community a better place to live. His shoes will be hard to fill. Our prayers are with you during your time of loss, from the John Edward Jones family.*

Larry and Nora Jones - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. You have our deepest sympathy and our prayers. God bless.

Donna Demoss family/ Don Houston family - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Bob was a dear friend of my family for many years. He and my father worked on many projects over the years. Bob also knew my husband William Smith. It didn't matter where I saw Bob he would always take time to come over and talk. Bob has touched many people's lives and will be remembered in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Joy Prothero - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Joanne and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Bob was a wonderful person and I respected him very much. May God Speed and Bless his Soul.

Your Family is in our Thoughts and Prayers.

*Andy & Mary Rose Simmons
Fulton, Illinois*

Andy Simmons - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Just wanted you to know I am thinking of you all. Bob was a great man. You are all in my prayers.

Bobbie Reed - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ We are thinking of you and your family. Hope you have strength for each day.

Norm and Naomi Braun and family - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Jo'an. It was great to see you again at the 50th class reunion and hopefully again at the 60th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your babes this week. As always,
Jeanette

Jeanette Williams Stolte - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Judy White and Family - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM