



Robert A. DeTurk

June 8, 1930 - March 20, 2020

Robert DeTurk, 89
Kearney resident

Robert (Bob) A. DeTurk 89 of Kearney passed away Friday, March 20, 2020 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Due to requirements from the Federal Government regarding the recent virus outbreak, funeral services for family only will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. Rev. John Rasmussen will officiate. The public is invited to view the service through the Holy Cross Lutheran Church website <https://holycrosskearney.org/livestream/>. Interment will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Amherst. The family will also hold a private viewing Monday, March 23, 2020 but encourage everyone to leave a message of condolence through the funeral home website at www.osrfh.com or send cards/memorials to the family care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847. Honorary pallbearers are grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Mission Central (Gary Thies) and Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Bob was born in 1930 in Shelby to David DeTurk and Blanche (Riblett)

DeTurk. He grew up and attended school in Shelby. Bob entered the Airforce serving from 1948-1952. After serving in the Airforce Bob married Cherie' L. Rathjen in 1953. Bob and Cherie' moved from David City to Amherst in 1956 farming east of town till they retired from farming in 1975. Bob then worked at Eaton in Kearney untill he retired in 1993. After retirement Bob and Cherie' worked for Labors for Christ for numerous years along with spending time building wooden barns, cars, and toys for his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his wife Cherie' of 67 years. Children, Michele DeTurk of Odessa, Steven (Deanne) DeTurk of Amherst, and Marche' (Doug) DeTurk Epley of Pleasanton. Grandchildren Dana Klingelhoef, Daniel (Jen) Klingelhoef, Craig Klingelhoef, Stephanie DeTurk, Tanis (Joshua) DeTurk Saldivar, Brooke (Stephen) DeTurk Janning, Lacey (Daniel) DeTurk Schroeder, Jared (Kaylinda) DeTurk, Rachele (Eric) Epley Quinones, Sarah (Michael) Epp Seele, Aaron (Laurissa) Epley, Ross (Michelle) Epley, and Paul Epley. Great grandchildren (Michele DeTurk family) Javin, Kyler, Tayber, Zach, Brandon, (Steve DeTurk family) Wyatt, Isabel, Camila, Kaison, George, Lincoln, Kage, Raleigh, Lawson, Lennuxe, & Lexlun, (Marche' Epley family) Tia, Morgan, Katie, Tyler, MaKenzie, Madilynn, MaKayla, Mason, Maddox, Emmett, Waylon, Bonnie, Connes, Tobias, and Vincent. One sister Lorene Sorrentino of Connecticut.

Bob was proceeded in death by his parents, brothers Wayne, Gene, Malyn, Darwin, and sister Mardell, several greatgrandchildren, and one great great granddaughter.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
3315 11th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert A. DeTurk*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Bob was always one of my favorite people that came into my dad's gas station. He was always upbeat and usually made me laugh. Our loss is heaven's gain. Condolences to all the family.*

Scott maul

Scott Maul - March 28, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. He was always such a kind and caring person. May God be with you all during your time of sorrow.*

Myra King - March 26, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *Bob was a blessing to everyone around him always willing to get things up and running and doing it with a smile . A great work ethic and always working with smile it's hard not to catch the joy from a guy like Bob! He made a difference in the world! God bless Bob and his family. Diana Clausen*

Diana Clausen - March 24, 2020 at 06:13 PM

HM

“ I will never forget the sense of humor and merriment with which my great uncle Bob lived his life. I have wonderful memories of him and his wife at the farm, and am so thankful I was able to know him. Sending lots of love and prayers to his family during this difficult time. He will be remembered by so many and touched so many lives! - Heidi Matousek

Heidi Matousek - March 24, 2020 at 10:33 AM

RC

“ I worked with Bob at Eaton's he retired in 1993, on his last day there he was going to change my grinding wheel at 2:00 P.M. instead he left early, and I resigned from Eaton's in July of 1994. I would run into him at track meet's quite often and kid him about the grinding wheel, it was always a fun joke. While I worked with Bob I always found him to be extremely friendly and kind and during the Gulf war 1991 he told me about all the blood he had donated during his life, I was shocked because it seemed almost impossible to me that someone would give that much but that was Bob. For the first time in my life I donated blood after hearing what Bob did. (just once) I was a chicken back in those days but I figured if the young men can put their life on the line the least I can do was to donate some of my blood. Bobs blood donation's probably saved hundreds of lives. I knew Bob and his wife have traveled the world helping people and building Church's everywhere. I ran into Bob in 2012 at Menards in Kearney he was in a hurry and so was I but he said he was wanting to slow down and stay around home for a while we chatted a little more, he said he has had a wonderful life and wouldn't change a thing.



God Bless Bob Durk and his family!

*From: Your friend
Richard Cunningham*

Richard Cunningham - March 24, 2020 at 10:02 AM

RO

“ Enjoyed knowing Bob at Eaton's, Sorry for your loss.

Roger and Judy Piasecki

roger - March 23, 2020 at 11:32 PM

MH

“ Dear Cherie and family- We will always remember the memories we made when we were both residents at Northridge. We ate lunch together for several months and listened to your stories about your volunteering about helping build churches all over. What a wonderful gift you shared with your talents. You definitely made our stay there a pleasant time. Our sympathies to you and your family. He will be missed. Our love and prayers. Dave and Margaret High

Margaret High - March 23, 2020 at 08:38 PM

PP

“ Worked with Bob many years at eaton, always seemed to be in a good mood. He was always ready to have a conversation. My sympathy to the family.

Pat Peterson

Pat Peterson - March 23, 2020 at 04:02 PM

GW

“ Bob was a wonderful guy. We always enjoyed visiting with him. We are thinking of all your family in this sad time. Your memories will help and I'm sure you have lots of good ones. Hugs and prayers.
George and Annette Wolfe

George and Annette Wolfe - March 23, 2020 at 12:29 AM

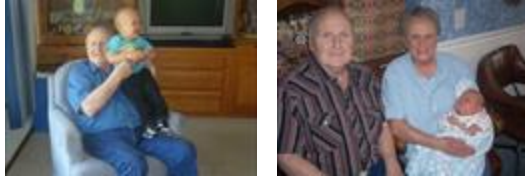
DR

“ Bob was a wonderful guy! My sympathies to all the family!

doris & ben russell - March 21, 2020 at 11:27 AM

MI

“He was a great Great Grandpa.” - Emmett “He gave us cars every time we were there.” - Waylon ♡♡♡



Michelle - March 20, 2020 at 09:02 PM

DG

Bob was a super person. Sorry for your loss.
Dean and Lana Gosch.

Dean and Lana Gosch - March 22, 2020 at 06:16 AM

TG

Steve & family.
I was very fortunate to work with both you and your Dad. I worked with your Dad on Line 1 at Eaton Corp in what seems like a lifetime ago. We shared many laughs and made a lot of valves. Anyone that knew him would call him 'Friend'.
Tom Gancos

Tom Gancos - March 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

ML

Michele and Steve and families we are so sorry about your Dad. He was a good guy. Loved by many. Prayers

Mike and Cathy Labun - March 24, 2020 at 04:16 PM