



Robert "Bob" Hobbs

May 24, 1930 - October 19, 2025

Robert "Bob" Hobbs, 95, of Kearney passed away Sunday, October 19, 2025 at Kinship Pointe in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:00 am Thursday, October 23, 2025 at Kearney First United Methodist Church with Pastor Matt Fowler officiating. Interment will follow at the Ft. McPherson National Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5-7:00 p.m. Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or to the Teammates Mentoring Program. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Bob was born May 24, 1930 in Hiawatha, KS to John and Lillian (Thonen) Hobbs. He later moved to York, NE graduating from York High School in 1948. He received his Bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Business Law Administration in 1954. On June 12, 1954, he was united in marriage to love of his life, Artie Westcott, in Holdrege, NE. Bob proudly served in the U.S. Army Infantry as a Captain and Ranger from 1954 until his honorable discharge in 1956. Bob began his career at Home Federal in Lexington. Bob then worked for Occidental Nebraska Savings Bank in Kearney and Fremont. He also did real estate appraisal and taught business

classes at UNK and through Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska.

Bob was an active member of the Kearney First United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. He was also a longtime member of Kearney Community Theater, Masonic Temple and the Elks. Bob enjoyed creating stained glass pieces, fishing, hunting and snow skiing. He also enjoyed bike riding and often times took family members on biking and skiing trips across Nebraska and Colorado. Bob loved spending time at their cabin at Plum Creek Canyon and sharing it with family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Artie Hobbs of Kearney; sons, Winfield Scott Hobbs of Seattle, WA and Kent (Jincy) Hobbs of Howell, MI; daughter, Alyson (Mike) Carlson of Grant, NE; 8 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; siblings, Dan Hobbs of Lincoln; brother-in-law, Ron Flock of Papillion; sister-in-law, Vicki Westcott of Holdrege; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Kathleen Flock of Papillion; brother, John Hobbs II.

Cemetery Details

Fort McPherson National Cemetery

12004 State Highway 56A Spur
Maxwell, NE
(308) 582-4433

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
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<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

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“ *Artie and family,
So sorry for your loss. Prayers of peace and comfort to you at this
time.*

Kimberly Rebman - October 28, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *We all will miss you and know that the family will also miss you. God
Bless you all.*

Elaine Batenhorst - October 25, 2025 at 11:29 AM

ME

“ *One of my favorite memories of Bob was him singing/rapping
"Taking Care of Business" at our All Staff Day. We were lucky to
have him as part of our team helping with our Small Business Micro
Loan Program. Sending our condolences to all of his family.*

Meredith and the staff and board of Community

Meredith - October 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CP

“ *We'll miss you, Bob. So will Senior College. So will KCT. So will
your many friends.*

Charles and Nancy Peek - October 21, 2025 at 10:40 PM

MK

“ We were sad to hear about Bob. He was always so kind to ask about my folks when he was on a walk and I was headed in to see Dad and Mom. Artie, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Phil and Mary Kommers

Mary Kommers - October 21, 2025 at 02:31 PM

LF

“ Love, Krista Ball, and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Hobbs.



Love, Krista Ball, and family - October 21, 2025 at 02:17 PM