



Robert "Bob" Rongisch Sr.

June 15, 1946 - January 15, 2026

Robert P. "Bob" Rongisch, Sr. 79 of Kearney formerly of North Platte passed away Thursday, January 15, 2026 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. A funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 23, 2026 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. A rosary prayer service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at a later date in North Platte, NE.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Bob was born June 15, 1946 in Omaha, NE to Paul and Lois (Doran) Rongisch. He was raised in Gretna, NE and attended Gretna High School, graduating in 1964. Bob worked at Timmerman Feed Lot in Springfield before being transferred to Indianola. Soon after, Bob began his career with Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1996.

Bob enjoyed gardening, maintaining his yard and attending concerts in the park. He was an avid dog lover and enjoyed the company of several pets over the years. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Traci (Terry) Haugh of Kearney;

son, Rob (Melony) Rongisch of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Samantha (Shay) Stephens of Kearney, Whitney (Austin) Craig of North Platte, Emily (Blaine) Luther of North Platte and Trey (Olivia) Rongisch of Omaha; step grandson, Jeff Haugh; great grandchildren, Felicity, Breckyn, Lainey, Wyatt and Hayes; step great granddaughter, Makayla Haugh; brother, Bill (Karen) Rongisch of Columbus; special friend, Glenna Graupmann of Kearney; sisters-in-law, Lois and Becky Rongisch; brother-in-law, John (Michelle) Nielsen of Papillion, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended families and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 44 years, Judy Rongisch; brothers, Tom, Tim and Steve Rongisch.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 23. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Mass

JAN 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ UPRR Mechanical Dept. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Rongisch Sr..

UPRR Mechanical Dept. - January 22 at 09:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Rongisch Sr..



January 22 at 09:29 AM



“ Class of 64' Gretna High School purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Rongisch Sr..



Class of 64' Gretna High School - January 21 at 09:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Rongisch Sr..



January 20 at 12:07 PM

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“ *NebraskaLand Bank Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Rongisch Sr..*

NebraskaLand Bank Family - January 20 at 12:07 PM

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“ *As an avid Nebraska football fan, I can still hear him cursing at them during games!! I still giggle thinking about it!! May you ever rest In peace. Prayers and condolences to his family and friends.*

Micky Boettger - January 16 at 11:10 AM

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“ *My heart and prayers go out to Traci, Rob and their families in this time of despair. I know he loved you very much and he was always very proud of you.*

As much as it hurts to lose my brother, my friend and my senior sibling, I know he is now with the love of his life Judy once again. I will cherish the memories we shared together over the years. I will greatly miss the weekly phone calls where we tried to solve all the worlds problems, discuss sports in general and compare our vegetable gardens.

May he rest in peace.

*Bill Rongisch
Columbus, NE*

William Rongisch - January 16 at 10:51 AM