



Robert "Bob" Polzkill

May 7, 1947 - August 13, 2021

Robert "Bob" Allen Polzkill, 74, passed away peacefully at home Friday, August 13, 2021, surrounded by his family. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Solt-Wagner Community Room on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 4 pm with a visiting time starting at 3 pm. Be there or be square, no jeans or capris please.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later time and condolences can be sent to www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Bob was born on May 7, 1947 to Bernard L. and Donna (Horn) Polzkill in Kearney. He started primary school in Brady before moving to Central City where he would eventually graduate in 1965 (in spite of occasionally skipping school to play pool or smoke cigarettes in the quarry). In April 1966, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy SeaBees, the Naval Construction Battalion. He served two consecutive tours of duty in Vietnam, leaving just before the start of the Tet Offensive. Bob received his Honorable Discharge from the Navy in July 1969.

Following his time in the Seabees, Bob moved to California and made the Monterey Bay Area his home for the next 35 years. He attended Monterey Peninsula College and supported himself as a busboy at the Pine Inn where he was once chased with a meat cleaver after insulting the chef's soup. Bob

left school to start working as a journeyman plasterer, eventually becoming a contractor and starting his own business, Bay Plastering. His strong work ethic made him a respected businessman and allowed him to leave his mark on homes and businesses all over Monterey, Big Sur, Salinas, and Pacific Grove.

Bob returned to Central City in 2004. An avid bowler, he decided to become the owner/operator of the local bowling alley, Lone Tree Lanes, until it closed. He then became a seasonal employee for the City of Central City, taking care of the cemetery and parks. He took great pride in his work and continued in his duties until shortly before his passing.

Bob had a lifelong love of music and inspired that same love in his family, especially his children. Always eager to share his encyclopedic knowledge, he frequently played songs he'd recommend, prefacing each with "When you hear this one..." He loved to dance and attended many dances, festivals, and concerts throughout his life. Bob also enjoyed motorcycle riding, golf, gardening, and watching sports or Nascar races on TV.

Bob was a proud member of the American Legion for 50 years, often serving on the Color Guard. He was also a member of the V.F.W. and the B.P.O. Elks.

Bob's greatest loves in life were his wife, Jean, who he spent 37 years with, his children, and his grandchildren who adored him. He treasured time with his extended family and his role as "Uncle Bob". He did not know a stranger and always made the time to visit with people. He enjoyed sitting on the porch and waving at those who passed by. He was a good neighbor wherever he lived, always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be remembered for his wry humor and his crackling laughter, which he was generous with.

In his own words, Bob was "just an ordinary man."

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife Jean Polzkill of Central City; children, Nathan Polzkill of Tuolumne, California, Jason (Christina) Whitt of Gilroy, California, Randy Whitt of Central City, Alexis Polzkill (Adam Saltzman) of Lincoln, Leah (Matthew) Paup of Central City and Suzanne Polzkill (Kevin Schinck) of Lincoln; grandchildren, Jason Whitt Jr., Ethan Paup, Carter Paup, Nathan Polzkill Jr., Evelyn Saltzman, Simon Saltzman, Matilda Paup, Cecilia Saltzman and Finnegan "Ham" Polzkill-Schinck; Brother, Ben (Cherry) Polzkill of Philippines; Sisters, Karan (Dennis) Dunn of Lincoln, Diana Williford of Philippines and Rhonda (Barry) Blue of Omaha; Mother-in-Law, Helen King of Central City; Sister-in-Law, Debbie King; Brothers-in-Law, James (Ina) King and Leo King, as well as many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, Homer & Lily (Johnson) Horn, Bernard W. and Leota (Meyer) Polzkill; Step-father, Henry Mate; Father-in-Law, Leo King; Sister-in-law Claire Polzkill; and Brothers-in-law, Jay King and Curtis Williford.

Cemetery Details

Fort McPherson National Cemetery

Maxwell, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Community Room
Central City, NE 68826

Celebration of Life

AUG 21. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Community Room
Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall

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“ Jean, my deepest sympathy to you and the family. I am SO happy I was able to get connected with Bob again, reminiscing a little about the days in the 50's and 60's when Donna, Darlene and kids would occasionally get together with my Mom and kids as well as my aunt, Gloria Glover and kids. Fun happy memories, more so as we visited with you and Bob at the bowling alley for a couple years. So sad the extended family lost Peggy recently now Bob. Heartfelt love and hugs to you all. Mark and Becky Otto

Becky Otto - August 23, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Polzkill.



August 18, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Polzkill.



August 18, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Polzkill.*



August 18, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Polzkill.*



August 17, 2021 at 10:18 PM

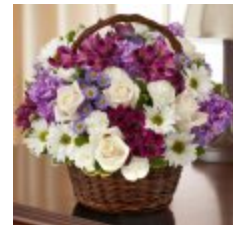


“ *Praying for the family at the loss of Bob - it was quite a shock to see that he passed away - praying for the family. Beverly "Angie" Holm*

Beverly Angie Holm - August 17, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Polzkill.*



August 17, 2021 at 03:16 PM

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“ Bob was so sweet and was the only one who remembered van Hesselgesser to the day he left us. I just saw him five months ago when I gave him a gift that van cherished because Bob was so deserving in his memory of Van and me! This comes as a shock may they see each other in haven and discuss their beloved Huskers! I will do miss Bob! Chris Lucaire-Hesselgesser

chris Lucaire-Hesselgesser - August 17, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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Chris - Thank you for your kind words. Van was a good friend of his and I thought it was so nice that he remembered you on the anniversary date each year. I hope you are doing well. Bob is and will be missed.

Jean Polzkill - August 17, 2021 at 04:13 PM

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“ Green Plains Central City purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Robert "Bob" Polzkill.



Green Plains Central City - August 17, 2021 at 01:56 PM