



John Robert "Bob" Bush

August 18, 1948 - July 6, 2016

John Robert "Bob" Bush, 67, died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 in Pratt, Kansas. He was born August 18, 1948 in Alva, Oklahoma, the son of Duane Donald and Marian Ruth (Grossardt) Bush. On June 5, 1971 he married Molly Jill (Roberts) in Pratt. She survives. Bob moved to the Isabel area as a young child and lived and farmed in Pratt County nearly all his life. He graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1972 and spent 9 years in Leoti, KS, teaching science and PE and coaching football, basketball, and track. He was a member of Isabel United Methodist Church until it closed and his membership was transferred to First United Methodist Church in Pratt. He loved sports of all kinds and was a diehard Kansas City Royals fan. He spent 44 years as a referee for basketball and football all over Kansas, serving as a league commissioner for basketball and mentoring many new officials. He served multiple terms on the Cairo Co-op Board of Directors, including as president, and a term on the Pratt County Farm Bureau Association Board of Directors.

He is survived by his wife, Molly Jill Bush of Pratt; daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Bush of Columbus, Georgia; 3 sisters, Margaret Kay Dyer of Garden City, KS, Virginia (Mike) Ann Schuster of Ellis, KS and Teresa Jane Dill of Pratt; 13 nephews and 1 niece. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bob donated his body to the University of Kansas Medical Center for Research.

Memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation or Officials Against Cancer in care of the mortuary.

Comments



“ Bob & I officiated basketball together off and on for over a decade. I worked with him the last game I ever officiated. He had a calm presence that affected the around him. The countless hours we spent on the road traveling, we solved most of the world's problems. Good, good man.

Rich Anderson - July 15, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ BOB AND I OFFICIATED SEVERAL BASKETBALL GAMES AND HE ALWAYS HAD A WAY OF CORRECTING PROBLEMS ON AND OFF THE COURT. I WILL MISS HIS FUNNY SAYINGS. I WILL KEEP PEACE IN MY HEART FOR BOB.

JON TILSON---NORWICH,KS. 40 YEARS OF OFFICIATING

JON TILSON - July 10, 2016 at 10:25 PM



“ Bob was one of those good looking boys cousins at the Grossardt reunions. He always had a smile on his face. I am so happy that I got to say hello to Bob, Jill, and Aunt Marian at Aunt Marge's memorial service. I wish we lived closer to all of our extended family. He was part of a wonderful family. May God comfort each and every one of you.

Mike and Linda Danko - July 09, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ Our condolences to the family. Bob and I worked in Leoti and officiated basketball together for two years. Our most interesting story came about when we ended up officiating a Wichita County High School basketball game--odd only because I was the Principal and Bob worked in the district. The two officials assigned to the game did not show so we ended up calling the game. It went great--Bob was new to officiating and I had been doing it a while. He was a true professional and a great friend. My only regret is I didn't do a better job of staying in touch. We are in Meade, Ks. Now for the funeral of my my wife's mother when I thought about Bob and noticed his obituary. Our thoughts are with you and for your loss.
Merle and Cheryl Sharick

Merle Sharick - July 09, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ Please accept my condolences during this time of loss.

Larry Hunter
Columbus Museum
Columbus Georgia

Larry Hunter - July 09, 2016 at 07:35 AM



“ I always appreciated Bob's quiet spirit and dry sense of humor. I will never forget Bob and Jill's wedding day as I was the best man with stitches in my chin from a cattle chute accident just hours before. Like so many of our cousins we loose track over time as we get busy with our own lives. In fact Bob had to reintroduce himself at Aunt Marge's funeral a year ago. I could tell he got a kick out of me not remembering what he looked like. I was so glad I got to visit with him a short time at his Mom's funeral and reassured him we were hoping and praying the Drs. could help him in any way possible.

God had other plans in that He didn't what Bob to suffer anymore. I know he had the best care possible with Jill until that became impossible and then the care home and hospice needed to take over.

Condolences and our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Bob was a great and caring man.

Jim and Linda Grossardt

Jim Grossardt - July 08, 2016 at 08:19 PM