

Powhattan , KS



Robert (Bob) Dean Hirsch, Sr (Pup) passed away September 13th at Amberwell Hiawatha, Hiawatha KS. He was born February 8, 1932 in Fairbury, NE, the second son to Alvin Carl and Veda Mae Hirsch. The family moved to Powhattan when he was 8 years old where Bob attended Powhattan Grade School and graduated in 1950 from Powhattan High School. Bob had a football scholarship to play at Kansas State University, but due to an injury he lost his scholarship. He joined the Kansas Army National Guard in 1949 and served over 30 years with 154th FA BN & 2nd BN 130TH FA, retiring with a rank of CSM and 10 years in the Retired Reserves. He was mobilized in 1968 with the 69th Bde to Fort Carson Co where he volunteered to serve in Vietnam. He was inducted into the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara of the Field Artillery.

On December 6th, 1953 he married the love of his life, Barbara Harvey, to this union were 6 children. They spent the majority of their lives in Powhattan KS, where he worked many years for Bartley Grain Elevator, Brown County Coop, and later the Robinson Coop. He was very active and dedicated to his church, community and country. He was a lifelong member of Powhattan United Methodist Church and longtime Powhattan School Board member, where he served as president for many years. He was a member of Hiawatha Elks Lodge 1741 and later Atchison Elks Lodge 647. where he served many years on the Kansas Elks KETCH board, was District Deputy for the National Grand Lodge of the Elks and coordinated many hoop shoots. He was a member of Hiawatha Masonic Lodge #35, Life time member of the Powhattan American Legion Wenger Post 373. Life time member of Sabetha VFW Post 7285. In his later years he got involved with making Sleeping Mats for homeless vets. He continued this until his hands wouldn't let him due to arthritis.

Bob is survived by his wife, Barbara, Daughter in Law Susan Hirsch Netawaka, Childen, Peggy (Rick) Hutchison Wakarusa KS, Fred (Joan) Abilene KS, Terry (Jean) Hiawatha KS, and Ron, Sabetha KS. His siblings, Leroy (Sylvia) Mesa, AZ, Larry (Bernita) Syracuse, KS and Rose Ann (Gene) Odermatt, Topeka KS, Sisters in Laws Virginia Lee Hirsch Lorton VA, Mary Hirsch Hiawatha KS. Grandchildren Jenna (Art) Merriman Shawnee KS, Jessica (Philip) Jeffery Tonganoxie KS, Danielle Hutchison Overland Park KS, Bryan (Kelsee) Hirsch, Horton KS, Michelle (Doug) Niehues, Holton KS, Brent (Abbey) Hays KS, Michael Hirsch, Hiawatha KS, Steven Hirsch Sabetha KS, Ashley (Paul) Janzen Hesston KS, April Braxdale, Sabetha KS, Great Grandchildren, Zoe and Xander Merriman, Aria and Ella Jeffery, Soyer and Shelbi Coan, Rachel and Charlotte Hirsch, Henry Niehues, Lucy Hirsch, Alyssa Braxdale And 2 more expecting great grandchildren, and numerous nieces & nephews.

Bob preceded in death by parents, his sons Robert Dean Jr (Bobby), Walter Bryan. Brothers Fred, Dennis and Jim and Sister and Brother-in-Law Carol and Mike Brady

His enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching NASCAR. He tried to attend all of his Kids and grandkid's activities, often driving many miles to watch their activities. A grandfather like no other.

Celebration of life service is planned for 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 17, 2021, at the Powhattan United Methodist Church. Interment will follow with military honors at Powhattan Cemetery.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home after 10 a.m. Thursday where the family will meet with friends that evening from 6 until 7:30.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Powhattan Methodist Church or Powhattan American Legion, which may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

A special message may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com which is also live streaming site.

