

Fairview, KS



Vincent Robert “Bob” Lehmkuhl went to meet his savior on the morning of Monday, June 4, 2018, at the age of 74.

Bob was born March 1, 1944, at the Sabetha Hospital to Vincent and Margaret (Honeyman) Lehmkuhl. He attended Pleasant Hill School, St Augustine Fidelity school, and Hamlin school. He graduated from Fairview High School with the class of 1962.

On May 22 of this year, Bob and Linda (Johansen) Lehmkuhl celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. They were married at the Church of the Nazarene in Falls City, NE. They raised a son Robert Lehmkuhl, daughter Amy Kopp, daughter (niece) Heather Mitchell, and daughter (niece) Gretchen Courtney.

Bob worked diligently at the Padonia elevator for 49 years before retiring in 2013. Bob and Linda purchased the Cozy Café in Fairview, KS, in 2005.

After his retirement, he could be found wrapping silverware at the restaurant and completing a variety of honey-do’s.

During his younger years, Bob enjoyed hunting, attending and watching baseball games, and helping out his neighbors. Bob loved his church family from the Church of the Nazarene in Falls City, NE, and later the Big Lake Baptist Church in Big Lake, MO.

Later in life, he found immense pleasure in attending his grandkids activities which ranged from wrestling tournaments to livestock shows. He was also an avid watcher of KU basketball and St Louis Cardinal’s baseball.

Bob was known for his love of gardening. He was often found out in his large garden hoeing and tilling to keep the weeds out. He loved being able to share his produce with family, friends, and neighbors.

Bob had Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy and was confined to home for the last two

years. During this time, Bob especially cherished his weekly get together with his siblings. Time spent with family was precious to Bob. Over the years, he became a passionate bird watcher. He had many bird feeders outside his front window.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Keith & Irene (Fischer) Johansen; sister and Brother-in-law, Darlene & Larry Stahl; brother-in-law Eddie Young, and brother-in-law, Larry Johansen.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; children, Robert (June) Lehmkuhl of North Augusta, SC, Amy (Dan) Kopp of Fairview, KS, Heather Mitchell of Joplin, MO, & Gretchen (Bobby) Courtney of Coral Springs, FL; his siblings, LeRoy (Delores) Lehmkuhl, Lois Buescher, Larry (Karen) Lehmkuhl, Donna Young, Joe (Margie) Lehmkuhl, Marge (Rodney) Bradbury, Kathy (Steve) Chandler, & Terry (Kristi) Lehmkuhl. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Andrew, Daniel, Lyndee, Dannel, Keithen, Kowen, Addalyn, Breylynn, Gyensynn, & Iyralynn, a great grandson, Walker, and many other nieces, nephews, and relatives.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha after 10 a.m. Thursday, where the family will meet friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. that evening.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, Hiawatha, Kansas. Pastors Richard Lehmkuhl and David Showalter will officiate. Internment to follow at The Old Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Robert Lehmkuhl Memorial Fund to be designated later by the family, 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