



Robert "Bob" Kilby

December 11, 1927 - December 11, 2024

Robert Ray "Bob" Kilby, a life-long resident of Louisiana, Missouri, was called home and passed away peacefully on December 11, 2024 on his 97th birthday. Bob was born on December 11, 1927 to Samuel Ray Kilby and Elizabeth Capps Kilby. As a young boy, Bob spent his early years working alongside his dad and younger brother, Charlie, on the family farm. He had a love of farming and taking care of the animals, especially dogs. Some of his favorite hobbies were raising Labrador Retrievers, duck hunting with good friends, hosting family fish fries, and annually planting and harvesting his large vegetable garden. Sharing home-grown vegetables with his neighbors and friends brought him great joy!

As a young adult, Bob began his sales career at International Harvester selling farm equipment. He later went to work for John Deere, where he won several outstanding sales awards throughout his career. Bob also had a love and a servant's heart for community service. He was an active member of The Elks Lodge #791 for seventy years; he was a volunteer fireman with the Louisiana Fire Department for twenty-seven years and Fire Chief for thirteen years; he was a Trimble House Trustee for forty-one years and a board member of Louisiana Housing for eight years; he was a member of The Odd Fellows Lodge for forty-five years; and he was a seventy-five-year member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Capps Kilby; father, Samuel Ray Kilby; brother, Charles Kilby; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Kilby; son,

Robert Kimball Anderson; and wife, Charlotte Moore.

He is survived by his long-time loving partner and caregiver, Delores Blackwell; daughter, Kara Lidell (husband Craig) of Arlington, Texas; six grandchildren: Amanda Jennings (husband Adam), Tara Lockhart (husband Ryan), Jarrett Lidell (wife April), Connor Lidell, Ethan Anderson, and Mallory Anderson Vivar (husband Nic);

thirteen great-grandchildren: Austin and Avery Jennings; Holden, Gentry, and Landry Kate Lockhart; Abbie, Aila, Caden, Jolee, and Jackson Lidell; Wyatt and Laney Anderson; and Theodore Vivar; nephews: Michael Kilby (wife Sue) and Ronald Kilby (wife Christy); great-nieces and nephews: Faye, Kaitlin, Chase, and Charlie Kilby; and cousins: Mary Lou Tucker (husband Donnie).

The Celebration of Life Services will be on January 3, 2025 at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be from 2:00 P.M. until time of service at 3:00 P.M. Interment of his ashes will follow at the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana, MO and a reception will be at the Elks Lodge at 4:30 P.M.

Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Kilby, Ronald Kilby, Adam Jennings, Craig Lidell, Mel Manier, Roger Ehrhardt, Hayden Adkison, and Jim Branham. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Bob's honor to Elks Lodge #791, The Trimble House, or Centenary United Methodist Church.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO was in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

N. B Street
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church
691 S Carolina St
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4412

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

JAN 3. 4:30 PM (CT)

Elks Lodge
120 N. 5th St.
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Kilby.*



December 31, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ *I didn't know Bob well, but my Grandson set with him at Church quite a lot. They became friends there. Bob gave G-son some good advice which helped him through the years. We all loved Bobs relative with the beautiful singing voice. Thank you Bob for all the good you have done. Pat & Don Bronson*

Pat Bronson - December 28, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the families.*



Peggy Perkins - December 23, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ *Jim Stone Family lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Kilby*



jim stone family - December 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM

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“ I don't even know where to start. I grew up with Mr. Kilby as my neighbor. He took us girls to the river with the dogs to place fetch. I spent countless hours swinging with him in his back yard listening to his stories. I'd pop up on the fence seeing what he was up to and if it was okay to go visit! We adored him and Charlotte. I was blessed to be a part of his life and grow up being welcome to visit. I still have a little lamp he gave me as a small child. The world needs more Bob Kilbys! Your memory will live on within me.

Tara Ham - December 19, 2024 at 07:22 PM

MB

“ Melinda Brooks lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Kilby



Melinda Brooks - December 19, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Kilby



Cindy Poyser Osborne - December 19, 2024 at 11:33 AM

MC

“ Bob, For your duty as past Fire Chief of Louisiana Fire Department, I thank you and honor your service to the community. As a fellow volunteer firefighter, I always enjoyed our conversations of our firefighting experiences.

Mark E. Capstick, Buffalo Township Fire Chief, Retired

Mark Capstick - December 18, 2024 at 01:02 PM

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Mr Kilby was a great man that I took care of when I worked at the nursing home and his family was nice and sweet to us rest high Mr kilby

Carrie sleet - December 19, 2024 at 07:21 AM