



Robert "Bob" Nihl Cross

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Lakeview - Robert "Bob" Nihl Cross, age 90, of Stanton passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Bob was born on June 5, 1932, to Nihl and Lillian (Gyger) Cross in Entrican, where he was also raised. He attended school in Lakeview, graduating with the Class of 1950. Bob married the love of his life, Altona Jensen on February 2, 1952, at the Edmore Lutheran Church. He was self-employed as a farmer and then as the owner of Cross Home Improvement for many years, after working as a carpenter for Gust Construction for 10 years. Bob and Altona retired in 1995. In their younger years they loved to travel, including trips to Alaska twice, Hawaii, Nova Scotia, and Panama. He enjoyed golfing, bowling and spending winters in Florida. Bob loved being with his family and absolutely doted on his wife. He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Lakeview. Bob is survived by his wife of 70 years, Altona Cross of Stanton; son, David (Janet) Cross of Stanton; daughter, Lori (Steve) DeForest of Blanchard; grandchildren, Brian (Nicole) Cross, Derek (Ashleigh) Cross; 5 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sheila Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Doris Cannon, Noreen Abbey; brothers-in-law, Marvin Cannon, Mick Abbey, Duane Smith and Preston Jensen. The family will greet friends from 2:00-4:00 PM, with a guest speaker at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022, at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Lakeview. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Entrican. Those wishing to donate in Bob's memory are asked to consider the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences can be made by utilizing the guest book at www.brighamfuneralchapel.com



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SS

Sherrie Shelley posted:

Ted and I shared quite a few adventures with Bob and Altona along with my parents Frank and Sandy Banwell. Alligator run, dive bars, Christmas dinners and of course Bob's famous Long Island ice tea. You will be missed. Ted and Sherrie Shelley

October 21 at 8:00 PM

MG

Meryl Girard posted:

My condolences to the family. I have many good memories of time spent with Bob. He is in my prayers.

October 21 at 8:00 PM

GB

Gail Bauer posted:

Dieter and I have so many great memories. Bar hopping, golfing and always super bowl at their house. He once played Santa for our grandson at Christmas. He didn't need any stuffing. We send our condolences to the family. Thanks for the memories Bob and Altona

October 21 at 8:00 PM

DT

Darlene And John Topp posted:

John and I will remember our many get togethers through the years with Bob and Altona. John recalls many boyhood memories with the Cross family. The Cousin reunions were always special.

October 20 at 8:00 PM

SS

Shelia (Sister) Smith posted:

Great Brother - will be missed - love you tons We have had a good summer with you and Altona, RIP

October 19 at 8:00 PM

TG

Tammie Gorby posted:

We feel so very blessed to have been friends with Bob and Altona. We told them many times "When we grow up we want to be just like Bob and Altona.". So very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. Mark and Tammie Gorby

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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AC

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Robert "Bob" Nihl Cross posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Brigham Funeral Chapel - Lakeview

October 19 at 8:00 PM

PO

Pauline Obrien posted:

Thoughts & Prayers to Altona , Dave and Lori...❤️😞

October 19 at 8:00 PM

DM

Diann Maguire posted:

So sorry for your loss, prayers for the whole family.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

DD

Debbie Draper posted:

So sorry for the families loss 🙏🙏🙏

October 19 at 8:00 PM

GT

Genny Towne posted:

So sad to see this. Prayers to the family ❤️🙏

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CH

Cheri O'brien-Hutson posted:

Sending prayers to the family 🙏

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BA

Betty Abbey posted:

RIP.....friend & classmate, since 1947 !! LOVE & HUG'S for ALTONA.....FAMILY!!❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️👍

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Sarah, Roger, Beth, Mitch, Karla Gann And Susan Helfrich shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert "Bob" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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