



Robert [Bob] Monahan

May 28, 1946 - February 29, 2024

Robert "Bob" Monahan, 77, passed away Thursday, February 29, 2024, at the VA Hospital in Des Moines.

Survivors include his daughters Christine (Kevin) Bennigsdorf, Debora (Danny) Vawn and son Mike Monahan (Annette), grandchildren Zachary Bennigsdorf, Hanna (Taylor) Witt, Nicholas Bennigsdorf, Tessa (Jon) Korver, Evan Vawn, Chase Monahan, Gavin Westering, Brooklynn Monahan, Evelyynn Monahan, great grandchildren Mary Jayne Monahan and Tommy Struchen, his brothers Paul (Paulette) Monahan, Patrick (Laura) Monahan, Raymond "Ray" Monahan, his sisters Susanne Odendahl, Lucy (Roger) Balke, Annette (Keith) Michehl, and Beth Gilbert and brother-in-law Ray Cleland, special friend Shelly Heitner. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Loretta, brother Bernie, sisters Mary Monahan and Eleanor Cleland, sister-in-law Mary Monahan and Debbie Monahan, granddaughter Emily Bennigsdorf and nephew Chad Gilbert.

Robert "Bob" William Monahan, the son of Joseph and Loretta (Sedlmeier) Monahan was born May 28, 1946, in Fort Dodge. In 1964 Bob graduated from St. Edmonds High School. In 1965 Bob married Michelle Pliner and to this union they had 3 children. The couple divorced in 1991.

Bob enlisted in the Air Force in 1964 and was honorably discharged in 1972. He was wounded during his tour in Vietnam and was stationed in England AF Base in LA and then back at Edwards AF Base in CA for the F111 A test program. Bob was awarded the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/1 OLC, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Vietnam Service Medal Republic of Vietnam Campaign. After his military service Bob returned home to help farm and run the livestock operation. He worked as a truck driver, did construction and was co-owner of Bolt Security. Bob retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2004, with over 30 years combined in federal service. Bob enjoyed shooting at the FD rifle and pistol club, fishing, and traveling. He will be remembered for his generous heart and being humble in his charitable contributions to a variety of non-profit organizations.