



Robert "Bob" Witzke

November 24, 1949 - June 23, 2024

Robert "Bob" Witzke, age 74, of Newell, Iowa died Sunday, June 23, 2024 at St. Luke's UnityPoint Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Newell. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2024 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert August Witzke, born on Thanksgiving day, November 24, 1949 to Wilbert and Emma Schroder Witzke. His parents were truly thankful as he was their only child born 19 years after they married.

He attended Newell Providence school his entire school life graduating in 1968. He also attended Emmetsburg Community College for one semester where he met the love of his life Kathleen Myers. They were married November 29, 1969 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell.

Bob's true passion in life besides family was farming. He spent his life providing for his family by farming his land between Albert City and Newell. He was also a lifelong member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell. He served his church as a Sunday School teacher, Trustee and most recently as an

Elder.

Bob took great joy in his children and grandchildren in their school activities and their sports. He enjoyed going to their ball games for as long as he was able.

In recent years, he and Kathy enjoyed spending part of the winter in South Padre Island, Texas. If time permitted extra days were spent on the journeys traveling through Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas enjoying the different cultures and food. He had many good memories of the time spent on the way to the island and during their stay.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Wilbert and mother, Emma, and his Aunt Catherine. His grandparents August and Martha Witzke and Peter and Florence Schroder. Also preceding were his uncles Raymond Schroder who was killed in battle in the South China Sea during WWII, Laurence Schroder and George Schroder, and his aunt, Lorraine Witzke. Cousins Velma, Keith and Ray.

Bob is survived by his wife, Kathy, and his 3 children, Delbert Witzke and his fiancée, Roxanne Prescott, David Witzke and his wife, Melissa (Reckamp), and his daughter Jill Baron and her husband, Nathan. Also surviving are grandchildren Andrew Witzke, Austin and Skyler Witzke, Izak, Gunnar and Marshall Baron, and Sam Vander Vegte, and Maddie and Paul Lauman and a great granddaughter, Vivian Vander Vegte. Also surviving are his aunt Melvina Westfall of Orange County, California and cousin, Florence McCormack of Battle Lake, Minnesota.

His family would like to thank Dr. Marczewski and his staff, as well as staff at Loring Hospital, Buena Vista County Regional Medical Center, Buena Vista County Ambulance Service, June E. Nylen Cancer Center and St. Luke's

Hospital in Sioux City. Their kindness and comfort were greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.
Newell, IA 50568

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
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<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church -- Newell
314 South Clark
Newell, IA 50568

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Witzke*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 26, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jensen Funeral Homes - June 27, 2024 at 10:29 AM



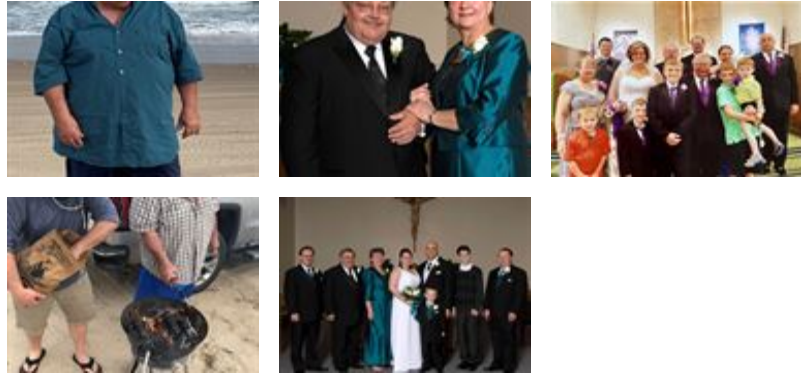
“ *Russ and Donna purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Witzke.*



Russ and Donna - June 26, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 26, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ *Becky White lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Witzke*



Becky White - June 26, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Witzke.*



June 25, 2024 at 09:00 PM

RS

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Witzke family with special thoughts to Jill, Nathan and family. God’s Peace to you all.



Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - June 25, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Witzke.



June 25, 2024 at 03:21 PM

KP

“ I always enjoy working with Bob, he always had a story to tell me.
Kent Pliner
Iowa Select Farms



Kent Pliner - June 25, 2024 at 09:57 AM

KN

“ Kerry & Terry Noethe lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Witzke



Kerry & Terry Noethe - June 25, 2024 at 09:00 AM

BE

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Witzke family. Bob was a great guy, and will be missed by all.

Brandi Ernst - June 24, 2024 at 05:55 PM

DU

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing! Always enjoyed visiting with him!! You have our deepest sympathy, Kathy, Delbert, David and Jill. God Be With You All as well as your families.



Duane/Eldona - June 24, 2024 at 04:40 PM

SS

“ Sorry for your lost prayers and hugs



Shelly schossow - June 24, 2024 at 04:01 PM