



## Robert F. Lenhart

June 16, 1936 - May 22, 2020

Robert F. Lenhart, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Friday, May 22, 2020 at his home in Storm Lake.

PRIVATE FAMILY MASS will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. To watch the live streaming of the funeral, click on the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81445449079>. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Robert F. Lenhart Memorial Fund to be directed to St. Mary's School. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Francis Lenhart, the son of Leo and Mary Louise (Steig) Lenhart, was born on June 16, 1936 in Storm Lake, Iowa. As an infant, Bob was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He later confirmed his Christian faith at the same church.

Growing up, Bob attended grade school and high school at St. Mary's Catholic School. He earned his high school diploma in 1954. After high school, Bob attended Buena Vista College and earned a bachelor's degree in Education in 1958.

Soon after college, Bob was drafted in the United States Army to serve his

country in 1959 during Peace Time. He was honorably discharged in 1961.

On December 27, 1960, Bob was united in marriage to Frances Jane Hirschman in Harrington, Nebraska. The couple was blessed with six children: Kelly, Shane, Ned, Ted, Theresa, and Sarah.

Throughout his lifetime, Bob was extremely active in his community as well as St. Mary's Church and School. Bob served for 8 years as St. Mary's School Board President, 10 years as a member of the St. Mary's Alumni Board, and was the 1st Chairman of St. Mary's Ball with Fran. Bob even self-proclaimed himself as the #1 raffle salesman of St. Mary's Ball. He was also an active Knights of Columbus member and was active in 4H activities with his kids and grandkids.

In his free time, Bob was an avid sports fan. His favorite teams included the St. Louis Cardinals, Minnesota Vikings, and the Buena Vista Beavers. Bob was a proud supporter of Buena Vista University athletics for many years and worked for BVU in his retirement as the equipment manager aka "laundry boy". Some of his hobbies included horseback riding, John Deere antique tractor pulling, farming with antique tractors, watching NASCAR, and attending races at the Alta Speedway. Above all, Bob was the #1 fan of his grandkids' and kids' sporting activities.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Frances Jane of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Kelly Lenhart (Mike) Cunningham of Helena, Missouri; Shane (Nancy) Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Ned (Debbie) Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Ted Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Theresa (Ali) Touray of Omaha, Nebraska; Sarah (Steve) Wiederkehr of St. Louis, Missouri; grandchildren: Anyssa (Curtis) Wells of Gardner, Kansas; Nathan (Ellie) Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Alan (Melinda) Lenhart of Garretson, South Dakota; Luke (Alexa) Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Jacob Lenhart of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dane

(Olivia) Lenhart of Alta, Iowa; Riley Lenhart of Kansas City, Missouri; Trisha Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Katie Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Lizzie Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Mary Wiederkehr of St. Louis, Missouri; Jordan Wiederkehr of St. Louis, Missouri; extended family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Leo Lenhart; mother, Mary Louise Lenhart Widman; brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Karen Lenhart; many aunts and uncles.

# Tribute Wall

SN

“ *Our sympathy - our love - and our memories of Bob..... will forever be with us and we know there were many! We send you our thoughts today and know that we will miss him. Your friends , Salli and Jim Nichols - and Jane Duncan*

Salli J Nichols - May 30, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Jen Launderville lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lenhart*



Jen Launderville - May 27, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Bob was a great guy. Always had a smile. Prayers for all.*

Deb Sefcik - May 27, 2020 at 07:49 AM

JW

“ *Sending condolences to all the Lenhart family. Mike and Jen Whelan*



Jennifer Whelan - May 26, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Service Recording



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - May 26, 2020 at 01:31 PM

RB

“ Dad and mom named me after him in '56. Bob reminded me of that often, the last time when he sent a nice letter after dad passed a couple of years ago. He always had something funny to say and great stories. Will miss you Robert Francis. Sorry for loss Fran and family.

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**Robert Francis (Bob) Bisenius** - May 26, 2020 at 11:45 AM

MH

“ Our sympathy goes out to the entire Lenhart family. Although we never met Bob, we knew he did a great job raising children through our friendship with Kelly at Briar Cliff. So sorry for your loss.

*Claudia & Mike Horner*

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**Mike Horner** - May 26, 2020 at 11:07 AM

MO

“ What a great man. When I was at BVU doing work study for the football team, Bob and I before practice started would go out and practice our field goal kicking. He and I had tons of laughs and shared many stories. He will be missed.

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**Matt Olson** - May 26, 2020 at 08:42 AM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lenhart*



**Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten** - May 26, 2020 at 08:37 AM

DP

“ *There's not enough space to communicate Big Bob's commitment to St. Mary's Parish and School. He was such a good man and good friend. He was my "go-to" man and always had great stories for me of his time at SMHS. I can't figure how he, Tom, Fr. Tidemann and Dan Connell could give me play by plays of basketball games from the 1950s! I loved every minute. You will be missed, my friend. Rest In Peace.*

**Dawn Prosser** - May 26, 2020 at 07:47 AM

LH

“ *Dear Lenhart Family-I remember Bob from my early teaching days at St. Mary's. His staunch support of a Catholic education and his love of family are my best memories of him. Peace be with you.*

**Laura (Hahn) Hanna** - May 26, 2020 at 06:46 AM



“ *I remember driving to a BVU football game at Dubuque with Bob one year. A good guy, and a fun guy to talk to. You will be missed. Peace to family and friends!*

**Ryan Thompson** - May 26, 2020 at 06:22 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 25, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Frannie and Lenhart family; thoughts & prayers of love to you. Big Bob was one of the best-I will hold forever, fond & joy filled memories of him always! Kay



Kay Marvin - May 25, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ A thought of comfort and condolences to the Lenhart family.

Margaret & John DeGarmo - May 24, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lenhart



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - May 24, 2020 at 08:51 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lenhart*



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**John/Connie Demers** - May 24, 2020 at 07:35 PM

VB

“ *Fran and Family: We were very sad to hear of Bob's passing. Alan and Bob had a wonderful time at Buena Vista talking about athletics and Bob's favorite NASCAR driver, Dale Earnhardt. Bob was a wonderful man and loved by all the BV athletes... Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.*

*Al and Vicki Baxter  
Chesapeake, Virginia*

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**Vicki Baxter** - May 24, 2020 at 05:27 PM

SF

“ *Stull Family lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lenhart*



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**Stull Family** - May 24, 2020 at 04:56 PM

JL

“ To my beloved NorthHarts our thoughts and prayers. Can't think of another person whose friendship I cherished more than Big Bob. A man of great practical wisdom and conviction that i admired. Yet in true Lenhart fashion a fun loving hooligan bringing laughter and smiles; traits being carried on nobly by the Abes and Abettes. Days are recalled of being counseled by his unique form of "grass therapy". Amazed by his ability to make plug of Redman appear to be a Payday candy bar. Comforted by his presence after J.B.'a heart attack and the sale of the dairy heard. And who be called in from the bullpen to take mound? Although we won't be attending in person due to our concerns with virus; Deb and I send our heart felt condolences to you all.

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**Jay and Deb Lenhart** - May 24, 2020 at 03:30 PM

KM

“ Keeping the entire Lenhart bunch in our thoughts and prayers. Bob will surely be missed.Keep alive all those memories that were made over the years.

*Kevin & Julie McKinney*



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**Kevin & Julie McKinney** - May 24, 2020 at 02:37 PM

RP

“ Fran and family, my deepest sympathies to you all for your loss. Bob was truly a friend and a joy to work with for years. I am thankful that my life was blessed by having him in it.

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**Rae Peck-Marshall** - May 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lenhart*



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**connie roche** - May 23, 2020 at 05:40 PM

CW

“ *Chris Willfong lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lenhart*



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**Chris willfong** - May 23, 2020 at 04:46 PM

PG

“ *OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO MY FRIEND FRAN & HER LENHART CREW. BOB WAS A GOOD & JOVIAL FRIEND TOO. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.*



*PRAYERS & PEACE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE & FAMILY*

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**PATTY GUNVILLE** - May 23, 2020 at 03:12 PM