



## Robert Otto

December 1, 2022

Robert "Bob" Dean Otto age 87 of Storm Lake Iowa passed away peacefully in his home after enduring stage 4 lung cancer. His wife was by his side as he received hospice at home.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, December 5, 2022 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Bob was born on July 12, 1935 to Lawrence and Esther Otto. He was the youngest of 4 children. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Gloria and Donna Jean; brother: Victor; and son-in-law: John McLaughlin. He attended Hayes school and was involved in baseball and basketball. He was a star pitcher for the Storm Lake Indies and recounted many games to his children. Baseball was his favorite sport, and he recalled many stats and facts about previous games he played.

Bob met Marleen Harms through church activities. He attended all of her ballgames at Truesdale. Four years later, they were married on April 12th, 1959. They celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary over Easter this past year with their children and grandchildren.

Bob and Marleen were blessed with 7 children: Steve (Deb) Otto of Austin, TX; Doug (Cathy) Otto of Bruning, NE; Sue (Clay) Drenth of Alta, IA; Laurie McLaughlin of Des Moines, IA; Trish (Jamie) Miller of Omaha, NE; Mike (Tami) Otto of Ankeny, IA; and Jenn (Neil) Pfeiffer of Overland Park, KS.

Their grandchildren include: Nate Otto, Jocelyn (Andrew) Polley, Skyler (Ashley) Otto, Spenser Otto, Kelsey (Troy Hofmann), Jayden Otto, Cole Drenth, Carly Drenth, Jaidee Miller, Shayla Miller, Emily McLaughlin, Derek (Melissa) McLaughlin, Sydney Otto, Mason

Otto, Audrey Pfeiffer, Grant Pfeiffer, and Stella Pfeiffer.

Bob and Marleen have 6 great-grandchildren: Elouise, Carter and Oliver Polley, Zoey Hofmann, Griffin and Bauer McLaughlin.

Bob drove a tractor at age 6! His grandchildren were amazed by this fact, but farming was always in his blood. He was a hog farmer until 2011, and continued grain farming until this past fall when he combined for the last time. He attended his kids' ball games, sport events and activities through school. He received an award for his little league coaching skills, and could be seen in the bleachers at Tornadoes basketball games until this past year. He also attended home games at BVU. He spent his leisure time enjoying family, and visiting his grandchildren.

Church was important to him. Bob served on the finance board at St. John's Lutheran church and was also Sunday school treasurer. His activities included bowling league in his younger days and playing dart ball at church. His children will remember his dry sense of humor, quick wit, and all his Dad jokes (AKA "Bob jokes"). He loved the Chicago CUBS, Cyclones, Hawkeyes, and all teams Iowa. He was an avid sports fan. One of his favorite memories was at age 75 touring Wrigley field with 2 of his sons, 2 sons-in-law, and grandson. Seeing the Cubs win the World Series in 2016 was a highlight.

Let's hope the angels in the outfield are ready. Bob Otto is up to bat...and if he has his way he'll say, "It's a beautiful day! Let's play two." We are waving the big W for you dad, and will miss your big sneezes, twinkle in your blue eyes, and bellowing laugh. We know you hit that ball out of the park!

# Cemetery Details

## Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

875 IA-7  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
402 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall

LZ

“ *Larry Sue Zwemke lit a candle in memory of Robert Otto*



**Larry and Sue Zwemke** - December 05, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Don Crouch lit a candle in memory of Robert Otto*



**Don Crouch** - December 05, 2022 at 11:09 AM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 05, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert Otto.*



December 04, 2022 at 10:32 PM

CH

“ *Curtis Harms lit a candle in memory of Robert Otto*



**Curtis L Harms** - December 04, 2022 at 10:31 PM

AB

“ Beautifully written. I was glad I got to meet your Dad. Farmers are the best people. Sending love and prayers for the family.

amy barber - December 03, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Otto.



December 03, 2022 at 02:35 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF ROBERT OTTO. MAY HE RIP. OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO MARLENE & FAMILY.

JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE



PATTY GUNVILLE - December 02, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ Rest in peace Bob Otto



Steph Mickelson - December 02, 2022 at 09:17 AM

DJ

“ Deb Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Robert Otto



Deb and Kevin Jesse - December 01, 2022 at 08:18 PM