



## Robert A. Humphries

September 6, 1932 - November 24, 2020

Robert A. Humphries departed to join the Lord he loved on November 23, 2020. Born on September 6, 1932 in Waynedale, Indiana to Sadie (Nelson) and Don Humphries, he graduated from Buck Creek High School and attended what was then called Manchester College.

He served in the U.S. Army as a medic during the Korean Conflict. Bob married Kathryn (Crothers) in 1952 with whom he had two daughters, Susan (Robin) Barna, and Bobbi (Tom) Russell. In 1974 he married Sharon (McCloud) who had four children, Brian, Vickie (John) Sherbahn, Lisa (Tony) Crenshaw, and Jeff (Tara). Knowing he had found the woman he wished to spend the rest of his days with, he adopted her four children after asking them for their approval. A few years later he and Sharon drew one more child into the family in Aggie (Greg) Mettler.

Bob began as a young man farming for neighbors, worked at the service station owned by Kathryn's parents, worked for Alcoa Aluminum and General Telephone. In 1963 he purchased Roanoke Hardware and operated it until he closed it's doors in 1989. He later purchased and operated Kleen-Em-All drain openers and then a pair of printing companies, The Gray Dove and Craftsman Lithograph.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Richard and his

youngest son, Jeffrey. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, and his six remaining children, Susan, Bobbi, Brian, Aggie, Vickie, and Lisa. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Burial will take place at a later date at Marion National Cemetery.

Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com)

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's death.  
We sure always enjoyed visiting the hardware.  
We are unable to attend the celebration of life but we would if we could.  
Steve always mentioned the pipe threader and Bob said he could always go visit it!  
Sincerely,  
Steve and Janet Osterholt

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**Janet L Osterholt** - May 26, 2021 at 09:47 PM

CH

“ John and I would like to send our deepest sympathies to the family.  
He was kind, generous and always willing to help. We always appreciated all his help. He will be missed.  
John and Cheryl Hitzemann

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**Cheryl Hitzemann** - December 08, 2020 at 09:17 PM

KW

“ Bob was a great neighbor always helping out with various projects and not accepting anything in return. Listening to Bob stories while visiting him on the porch left you inspired to do more with your life. He was always a kind and gentle man, not old and decrepit as he oftentimes commented about himself. He will surely be missed. The Wittwer Family

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**Kevin and Michelle Wittwer** - December 01, 2020 at 07:58 PM

SF

“ I can't count the times Bob helped us with something. He was a genuinely kind, caring and giving man. He was always there to help the town and the people, that's just what he did. He always said "dumb Bob here". Sure not true. Thanks for everything, Bob. Your help after Steve's accident was a God send. We'll see you in the big hardware store up above. You will have the part for our very old water tank gizmo. Can still see you digging around in a bin, but by God, you had one!

So sorry for your loss. He was one in a million. Our Prayers are with you.

Susan & Steve Federspiel

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Susan Federspiel - November 25, 2020 at 06:56 PM

TF

“ Such a kind man 💕 He was always there for us at the elevator when ever we could not figure t out the problem he always could. There wasn't much he didn't know ! Always had a big smile on his face that ment okt to us. He will be missed 😊 Fly high Bob you deserve it ❤️

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The Dennis Family - November 25, 2020 at 10:20 AM

RK

“ Bob so thankful for the grand smiles, the belly laughter, and always being the first to reach out in genuine kindness. Proud to know you and honored to carry any heavy hearts left behind.



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RhondaBauer Kattau - November 24, 2020 at 08:40 PM

LB

“ My first memory of Bob was him coming to fix our furnace on a holiday. That is in a nutshell, the kind of man that he was. I had the pleasure of working for him and his family for a year or so when I grew up, and that same kindness and compassion was still there. You will be missed, Mr Humphries. Roanoke has lost one of its treasures.

*Tom, Linda and Brian Bogner*

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**Linda Bogner** - November 24, 2020 at 12:18 PM

VG

*So sorry. Heart felt sympathy to all.  
Vicki Beck Giordano*

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**Vicki Giordano** - November 24, 2020 at 06:52 PM

TM

*Bob will truly be missed. He and Sharon were a tremendous part of the town of Roanoke. Bob was a veteran who served honorably. He did so much for those of us who needed help in any way. 10:00 pm one night I was doing some plumbing. I needed one plastic elbow to complete the project. Without it, there was no water. Called Bob and he said "I'll be at the hardware in 10 minutes". He opened the store for a \$.19 cent elbow. I will never forget that and all that he did for the town of Roanoke. As someone stated earlier, he was one in a million. Prayers for the family as they go through this difficult time. RIP Mr. Humphries.*

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**Tom Moore** - December 01, 2020 at 06:20 AM

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“ Grandpa you will be missed by all of ur family i love u forever. It will be hard. But we have great memories of you. Love u grandpa

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**Amanda hamaker** - November 24, 2020 at 10:56 AM