



## Robert "Bob" W. Sparr

January 30, 1950 - August 16, 2024

MEADOW GROVE -- Memorial service for Robert "Bob" W. Sparr, 74 of Meadow Grove, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 22, 2024 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Chaplain Mark Borchardt. There will be no burial held at this time. A celebration of life gathering will follow the service from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, at the old fire hall in Meadow Grove. Bob died on Friday, August 16, 2024 with family by his side at The Grace Space in Lincoln, NE. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to The Grace Space at 1740 Superior St., Lincoln, NE 68521. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Bob was born on January 30, 1950 in Meadow Grove, NE to Wayne and Annie (Halsey) Sparr. He attended several district schools around Meadow Grove as well as Meadow Grove Public School until his junior year. Bob graduated from Elkhorn Valley in 1968 after the school consolidation. After high school Bob worked for BC Manufacturing out of Battle Creek for a little while before working construction. Bob learned the construction trade to the point that he was able to build his own house. After a number of years in construction Bob was hired on at Goodyear where he worked for 32 years until his retirement. Bob was always keeping busy so retirement did not last long, he started working part time for Madison County and eventually for the City of Norfolk.

Bob married Rita Lenser on August 30, 1984 in Meadow Grove where they joined two families together. He enjoyed hunting turkey, elk, deer, as well as fishing, golfing, and camping with family. Bob greatly loved his dogs and jokingly reminded his kids that his dogs came first. Bob was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk, as well as the Meadow Grove Village Board.

Bob is survived by his wife Rita Sparr of Meadow Grove, children Chad (Kelly) Sparr of Lincoln, Jason (Kris) Sparr of Lincoln, Sheila (Mike) Duarte of Onawa, IA, Laura (Joe) Fink of Fargo, ND, Jena (Peter) Capewell of England, 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren with two on the way, siblings Patti Payne of Meadow Grove, Donald Sparr of Meadow Grove, and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Wayne and Annie, brother Rodney, and brother-in-law Jim Payne. Honorary pall bearers will be Justin Warneke, Larry Tienken, John Humphrey, Mitch Nielsen, Marco Duarte, and Ron Woslager. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Celebration of Life Gathering

AUG **22**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Old Fire Hall  
Meadow Grove, NE 68752

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ I was so sad to hear of the loss of bob. Losing a loved one is so hard and I pray God will comfort you in the days ahead. Mary Gibbs

mary gibbs - August 28, 2024 at 07:15 PM

DL

“ Rita, so sorry to hear about Bob-I will always fond memories of working with the both of you at GoodYear

Diane L. - August 21, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JM

“ Rita, so sorry to hear about Bob. Remembering the little chats we had at 3 am. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Jim Miller

Jim Miller - August 21, 2024 at 01:33 AM

DA

“ Dave Lenser and Michelle Averso purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.



Dave Lenser and Michelle Averso - August 20, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DA

“ Dave Lenser and Michelle Averso planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.

Dave Lenser and Michelle Averso - August 20, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DD

“ Rita & family - We were sorry to read of Bob's passing. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.



Don & Betty Dammast - August 20, 2024 at 07:15 PM

KB

“ Kelli and Kevin, Pam and Butch purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.



Kelli and Kevin, Pam and Butch - August 20, 2024 at 11:44 AM

KB

“ Kelli and Kevin, Pam and Butch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.

Kelli and Kevin, Pam and Butch - August 20, 2024 at 11:44 AM

BR

“ Bennet Fire & Rescue purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.



Bennet Fire & Rescue - August 20, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.*



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August 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *FHC Imaging Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.*

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**FHC Imaging Center** - August 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Rita - Sorry to hear about Bob passing away. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Randy Dunst*

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**Randy Dunst** - August 20, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.*



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August 19, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ *Love Dave and Rhonda Mattingly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.*

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**Love Dave and Rhonda Mattingly** - August 19, 2024 at 09:06 PM

KN

“ Ken and Amber Nettleton purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.



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**Ken and Amber Nettleton** - August 19, 2024 at 07:57 PM

KN

“ Ken and Amber Nettleton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.

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**Ken and Amber Nettleton** - August 19, 2024 at 07:57 PM

FK

“ From Kerry and kids purchased the *Small Garden Dish* for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.



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**From Kerry and kids** - August 19, 2024 at 03:37 PM

FK

“ From Kerry and kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.

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**From Kerry and kids** - August 19, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.*



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August 19, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ *Such a great guy to know and work with. Condolences to Rita and family.- Ron Eades*

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**Ron Eades** - August 18, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.*



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August 18, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ *Tim and Jackie Collins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Sparr.*



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**Tim and Jackie Collins** - August 18, 2024 at 07:14 PM