



## Robert G. "Bob" Downing

August 8, 1931 - February 25, 2024

NORFOLK -- Graveside service for Robert G. "Bob" Downing, 92 of Norfolk, will take place at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk at a later date. Bob passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Bob was born on August 8, 1931 in Ness City, KS to Len and Daisey (Burnside) Downing. He attended grade school in Burwell, NE and graduated from Hastings High School in 1949. After high school Bob enlisted into the United States Air Force on December 27, 1949 till December 15, 1953. After serving in the military, Bob started a drywall business in Hastings, NE till 1958. Bob married Janice Peters of Hastings on July 1, 1950 in Biloxi, MS. Janice later passed away in 2004. Bob later married Janelle Schachenmeyer on June 3, 2011 in York, NE. Bob began employment with the Nebraska Game and Parks as a conservation Officer on May 21, 1958 and was assigned to Fremont, NE. Bob was later transferred to Norfolk as District III Supervisor of Law Enforcement for Northeast Nebraska until retirement in May of 1992. After retirement, Bob spent a great deal of time hunting, fishing, and raising Labrador Dogs.

Bob hunted deer, elk, wild sheep, and mountain lion. Bob went on hunting trips in western United States, Canada, Alaska, and Mexico. Bob as well hunted locally for deer, gamebirds, pheasant, quail, and prairie chickens.

Bob is survived by his second wife Janelle Downing of Norfolk, son Tom (Pam) Downing of Columbia, MO, daughters Barb Barry of Lincoln, Susan (Mark) Knox of Bergholz, OH, grandchildren; Mitch Downing, Brooke Downing, Chris Barry, Tonya Barry, Bryan Myers, and 7 great-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his first wife Janice, parents Len and Daisey, brother Jerry, and son-in-law Daryl Barry. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfunearlchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfunearlchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk**

1500 Maple Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Condolences to the Downing family. We have enjoyed his former property on the Niobrara River all these years. We are grateful to Bob for showing us how to care for such a great place he and Janice had built.*

George Cunningham - April 12, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert G. "Bob" Downing.*



March 01, 2024 at 01:26 PM

LW

“ *Bob always had my back good or bad. I couldn't have asked for a better friend. May he rest in peace.*

Lyman Wilkinson - March 01, 2024 at 12:07 PM

BB

*Thankyou Wilk ❤️ ... this is Dad's daughter Barb. I have Many special memories of you & your beautiful family from my younger days. Pray all is well with you.*

Barbara Downing Barry - March 02, 2024 at 02:21 PM

JS

“ Rest in Peace Bob!! You had a wonderful life and were such a great friend and mentor to all of us at the Nebraska Game and Parks. Your love of Husker football and the outdoors was a bright spot for many. We share many of stories of the discussions surrounding those Huskers, hunting, and the lessons in state politics. The outlandish chocolate cakes bets on various topics that escalated to double layer chocolate cake bets and culminated in a grand 4 layer chocolate cake over a bet on the score of some deer antlers. The post-it notes stating things like "Boys, we're going to win them all this year" that would of course lead to another cake bet!! Bob, we will miss you dearly and save me a seat in the boat so we can go fishing again some day. All those evening we would bring the kids on their bikes over to Grant street to visit you are memories we will keep forever.

*Jeff and Pattie Schuckman and girls Jennifer, Emily and Abby*

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**Jeff Schuckman** - February 28, 2024 at 02:13 PM

BB

*I So Appreciate your memories of Dad ..I knew your Dad, John, when I was growing up, my smiling memories were on him. Thankyou for sharing*

*Barbara Downing Barry*

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**Barbara Downing Barry** - February 29, 2024 at 08:07 PM

DD

“ Bob was a dear friend to my father, Dale, and while I only met him a time or two, it was very obvious why. What a genuine man. So interesting and could tell a story like no other. So sorry for your loss. What a great man. Dan Detlefsen

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**Dan Detlefsen** - February 27, 2024 at 06:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert G. "Bob" Downing.



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February 27, 2024 at 06:12 AM



“ Love, Dale and Dan Detlefsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert G. "Bob" Downing.

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**Love, Dale and Dan Detlefsen** - February 27, 2024 at 06:12 AM