



## Robert C. "Bob" Thenhaus

December 6, 1945 - March 29, 2024

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Robert C. “Bob” Thenhaus, 79, of Jasper, IN, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2024 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Pastor Cal Kapels. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the local humane society or food bank in memory of Bob. Bob passed from this life peacefully on March 29, 2024 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper, IN. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Bob was born in Norfolk, NE on December 6, 1945, the son of Elmer and Margaret (Alberta) Thenhaus. He graduated from Norfolk High School and continued on to Wayne State College, where he received a Bachelor’s degree in Business. For the majority of his career, Bob worked in several western states (including Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, and Montana) managing contracts for large hydroelectric projects. Bob retired early to take care of his mother after his father passed away.

Bob was an avid traveler and was proud to say that he had visited all seven continents including Antarctica. Throughout his life, he enjoyed billiards, cribbage, and weightlifting. He was an avid reader of all types of books including the King James Bible. He loved Upwards and Scrabble and often had multiple Words with Friends games going at the same time. Bob was active in his church and had a strong faith in God. Many describe him as

being kind and cheerful.

In spite of all his adventures, Bob did not take on marriage until he reunited with Sharolyn (Bargstadt) Clark at their 40th high school reunion. At 59, he was married for the first time to the love of his life. They had five wonderful years together with memorable trips, shared faith, and daily Upwards competitions. Sadly, Bob lost Sharolyn unexpectedly the day before their fifth anniversary.

After a few lonely years in Des Moines, IA, without Sharolyn, Bob spent the last years of his life in Jasper, IN with his stepdaughter, Heidi, and her family enjoying Friday night movies and pizza. He also loved Klondike bars and Reece's Peanut Butter cups and he never passed a Dairy Queen without getting an Oreo Blizzard.

Bob is survived by his two stepdaughters Rebekah Santiago, husband Rafael Santiago, and Heidi Ehrhard, husband Bob Ehrhard, and grandchildren Amanda Ehrhard and Eric Ehrhard.

Bob was preceded in death by his loving wife Sharolyn, brother William "Bill" Thenhaus, and parents Elmer and Alberta Thenhaus. Condolences can be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **12**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Bob was a great friend of mine in Des Moines. He enjoyed playing golf with me and enjoyed being around my dog Venus. He had a strong faith in God and may he rest in peace. 🙏 Julie Juffer*

Julie Juffer - April 05, 2024 at 11:09 AM

BE

“ *What an absolutely kind, considerate, caring, loving individual. All who knew him was blessed by his presence. He cared for others more than himself. He is missed.*

Bernadette - April 05, 2024 at 09:44 AM

EN

“ *Condolences for your loss I never knew him but Heidi if he is anything like you he will be missed by many 🙏 for whole family and friends*

Edith Nugent - April 05, 2024 at 07:58 AM

DH

“ *My sympathy to Bob's family. I had the pleasure to work with him in Norfolk. I am so glad he found the love of a spouse and a family that loved loved him. May he rest in peace! Deb Hickman*

Deb Hickman - April 04, 2024 at 03:16 PM

DL

*I worked w Bob when he was an executive @ the Bureau of  
Declamation. He was a kind patient leader without an ego. He looked  
after his mom and treated folks nicer than he was treated. His views  
were rather far right but his heart was right in the center. The world is a  
poorer place.*

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**Dick lucy** - Yesterday at 02:36 PM