



## Robert Don "Bob" Borchelt

November 22, 1936 - June 26, 2020

Robert D. "Bob" Borchelt, age 83, of Marion, IL, former longtime resident of Cape Girardeau, MO, passed away peacefully with his family near, at 8:22 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020, at his home.

He was born on Sunday, November 22, 1936, in Cape Girardeau, MO, the son of Ivan Weldon and Eva Gaynell (Green) Borchelt.

Bob, as he was known by, attended school in Cape Girardeau and was a graduate of Central High School of Cape Girardeau.

He answered the call of this nation by enlisting into the United States Navy in 1956, and after his period of faithful service was honorably discharged in 1958, with the rank of Seaman.

Bob was united in marriage to Louise Frances LaCroix, on Saturday, April 11, 1959, in St. Mary's Cathedral of Cape Girardeau, and together they have shared over 61 years of marriage.

His working career was with Rust & Martin Interior Design of Cape Girardeau, overseeing their upholstery department for 38 years. After he retired from Rust & Martin in 2001, he opened up his own business called Borchelt's Upholstery there in Cape Girardeau and operated it until he totally retired in 2008, and it was then he moved to Marion, IL, to be near his family.

He was a former longtime active member of St. Mary's Cathedral of Cape Girardeau and when he moved to Marion, he became a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Marion.

He was always active in the community. When he was younger he was a member of the Exchange Club of Cape Girardeau. Something he loved being involved with was the St.

Vincent DePaul Society of Cape Girardeau where he served as President for 25 years. He also was a 4th Degree Knight and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1111 of Cape Girardeau, the Elks Club of both Marion and Cape Girardeau, a lifetime member of the American Legion of both Marion and Cape Girardeau and also taught upholstery at a Vocational School for 17 years.

In his spare time he enjoyed hunting in Montana and Colorado, fishing in Canada, Alaska and North Dakota, woodworking, camping and had traveled the world.

He loved his family and always enjoyed the many times they all would be together. The many memories that have been created will now be cherished by those he leaves behind.

He is survived by his wife, Louise F. Borchelt of Marion; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Stephen Brown of Marion; four grandsons, Stephen Nicholas Brown and his wife, Sarah of Marion, Jordan Michael Brown and his wife, Erin of Marion, Christopher Randall Brown and his wife, Stevie of Makanda, IL and Bryan Robert Brown of Carbondale, IL; great granddaughter, Annie Lucille Hutchcraft of Carbondale, IL; two great grandsons, Brecken Michael Brown and Tucker Randall Brown both of Marion, and another soon to be born great granddaughter, Frankie Gale Brown, other extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Dorothy Ann Ramsey and Edith Jane Anderson and brother, Dale Alfred Borchelt.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 N. Court St., Marion.

The funeral mass will be private at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 600 North Russell St. of Marion with Rev. Father Brian Barker presiding.

For those who prefer, memorial contributions may be made to "Hospice of Southern Illinois". Memorial contributions may be mailed to the Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 North Court St., Marion, IL 62959. Memorial envelopes will also be available at the church.

Military honors will be accorded at church by members of Heyde-Pillow V.F.W. Post No. 1301 of Marion, and members of the United States Navy Funeral Honors Burial Detail.

For additional information call the funeral home at 618-993-2131.



# Comments

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“ Louise

Don and I were saddened to hear about Bob's passing. He was always a joy to be around. Don still remembers the deer hunting trip with him. Please call me when you're in Cape so we can talk.

Bob practiced his Christianity in actions. He was sympathetic to those who needed help and a great example. We loved both of you.

You were his biggest fan, always smiling and you were the joy and love of his life. He wants you to continue having a happy life until you're together again in your future eternal home.

Love you

**Ellen Shuck** - July 10, 2020 at 09:52 PM

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“ John Welch would like to send his condolences to Bobs family. John had planned to attend the service on Saturday however he is now in the hospital and unable to attend.

**Tori Welch** - July 10, 2020 at 12:06 PM

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“ Louise, Mary and Family,  
So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We have so many great memories of your family from Missouri Street. Bob was such a kind man. I remember the unbelievable playhouse he built for Mary in the basement. We had hours of fun in that house. He was the first person I ever knew that had a tattoo and I thought he was a pretty tough guy, but then he would smile about something Mary and I were doing and I knew he would keep us safe. (Trip to Florida, etc.) My parents would never consider anyone but Bob to work on their furniture. When we sold their house, they still had the original sofa that had been reupholstered several times by Bob and it was in great shape. I agree with Marcia, hope Bob is up there sharing some stories with my dad and her parents and all the other Missouri Street neighbors that have passed. Wishing you peace and comfort from your memories.

Love and prayers,  
Dan and Kathy (Shrum) Keusenkothen

**KATHY KEUSENKOTHEN** - July 01, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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“ Louise So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He was a very good man and friend. He taught me a lot of life's lessons when we worked together at Rust and Martin. I think about you guys often because I live on Louisiana st. Just around the corner from Missouri where you lived. Not many people in your life will leave an impression on you but he sure left one on mine. May he rest in peace and God grant you peace.

Always your friend Melvin Ely

**Melvin Ely** - June 30, 2020 at 01:29 PM

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“ The Rust Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Robert Don "Bob" Borchelt.



**The Rust Family** - June 30, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ Louise, Mary, and Family,

Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have so many wonderful memories!  
You and Bob and the family will always have a special place in my heart!  
I read on a sympathy card once, "One life well lived!" I can truly say this describes Bob!

What an example of living out your faith.

May The Lords love and compassion give you peace to carry you through this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers dear friends.

With Loving Sympathy,  
Charlotte "Chickie" Nenninger

Charlotte Nenninger - June 30, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Susie and I wanted to express our condolences on your loss. Bob reupholstered a sectional for us around 2002. It was where all the kids would sit when they visited our Cape home. We moved earlier this year to Asheville, NC and a much smaller place. We had to get rid of much of our furniture. Some we gave to the kids. Our daughter, Shannon, wanted the sectional but didn't think she had anyplace to put it. Her husband insisted, they'd find room somewhere.

It's in their home now and they and our granddaughters use it every day. Same upholstery. She says she'll never change it.

We think of you and Bob often.

Please accept our sympathy.

The picture is of Shannon and her husband on Bob's couch.



J Russell Felker - June 30, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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J Russell Felker - June 30, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ The love shared by Bob and Louise was inspiring. I know that all of his family will have this memory to comfort them now and into the years ahead. Lola Wheeler

**Lola Wheeler** - June 28, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ Thank you

**Louise** - June 28, 2020 at 10:43 PM

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“ Louise and Mary and family, I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a great guy and I have many wonderful memories of our families getting together. God Bless you at this difficult time. Rest in peace Bob.

**Dorothy Plumb** - June 27, 2020 at 08:54 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Don "Bob" Borchelt.



June 27, 2020 at 02:01 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I first met the family years ago when I watched Mary Ann. We've always thought the world of Bob and his friendship, especially to Daddy. They put so much into planning those fishing trips! We can only imagine Bob and Daddy planning another one now! 😊 Rest In Peace!

Sharon Westrich Call and family

**Sharon Call** - June 27, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Thank you

**louise borchelt** - June 28, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Prayers and comfort sent to Louise, Mary and family. You were such great neighbors in Cape and we love you all. I'm sure my mom and dad greeted Bob when he came through Heaven's gates and my dad and Bob are talking about fishing, etc. Love and prayers! Marcia (Welker) Bliss

**Marcia Bliss** - June 27, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Thank you

**Louise** - June 29, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ Thank you

**Louise** - June 29, 2020 at 08:36 PM

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“ Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Don "Bob" Borchelt



**Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home** - June 26, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Thank you

**Louise** - June 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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“ Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Robert Don "Bob" Borchelt



**Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home** - June 26, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Thank you

**Louise** - June 29, 2020 at 08:36 PM