



Robert F. "Bob" Kruse

March 10, 1942 - July 3, 2023

Robert F. "Bob" Kruse, age 81 of Highland, IL, died Monday, July 3, 2023, at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, March 10, 1942, in Alton, IL, the son of Herman and Esther A. (nee Gehring) Kruse.

On Sunday, June 20, 1965, he married Janet F. Kruse (nee Holtmann) at United Church of Christ of Marine, Marine, IL, who survives.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ, and Past Treasurer, Finance Board, Consistory.

Mr. Kruse was born in Alton, IL; grew up in Edwardsville, IL moving to Marine, IL and graduated from Triad High School in 1960. He graduated from Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville with a degree in Accounting. He started working for Cassen Transportation in Hamel, IL, eventually moving to Highland, IL and working for Binkley (became B-Line) and moved to Sigma Aldrich in St. Louis retiring in 2003. He as a long-time volunteer at the Highland Home doing accounting. He enjoyed helping his friends with taxes. Bob enjoyed bowling for a number of years and playing Pinochle with friends. He and Janet were always traveling to Chicago to watch their grandchildren's sporting events. For many years they traveled on tours with friends on Zobrist

Bus Lines. Owning cars was a real passion for Bob - from Corvettes to whatever. In 58 years of marriage he had owned 44 cars.

Survivors include:

Wife - Janet F. Kruse (nee Holtmann), Highland, IL

Daughter - Beth A. (Stephen) Adamski, Prospect Heights, IL

Grandson - William J. Adamski, Prospect Heights, IL

Granddaughter - Kate M. Adamski, Prospect Heights, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Herman Henry Kruse - Died 4/14/1963

Mother - Esther A. (nee Gehring) Kruse - Died 5/8/1992

Brother - Richard Wm. Kruse - Died 2/09/2012.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, July 7, 2023, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Memorial Service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 7, 2023, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. William E. Kapp, Pastor, Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ or Highland Home.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Sending sincere sympathy to Janet & family. I will always appreciate Bob's help when I was Director at EvUCC Peppermint School.. God Bless 🙏

Beckie & Bob Schrupf - July 08, 2023 at 08:56 AM

DR

“ I enjoyed working with Bob on the EvUCC Consistory. I remember that smile when the meeting was closing and him being the first to make a motion to adjourn. He truly be missed but never forgotten.

Denise Rhines - July 05, 2023 at 09:09 PM

RR

“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Robert Kruse



Rita Rinderer - July 05, 2023 at 06:00 PM

LK

“ always a great friend

larry korte - July 05, 2023 at 02:17 PM

RK

“ Janet and family, please accept our deepest condolences. I enjoyed working with Bob at B - Line in Highland, and seeing him around The Highland Home when I worked there. He was a great guy to be around.

Robert & JoAn Kakac - July 05, 2023 at 11:54 AM

JB

I had the pleasure of working with Bob at yhr division of highways before caltrans. He was the only guy I know to have hiked down into Palmer Creek more than one. I have done it several times. I believe he did it with his son. great guy

john blackburn - September 22, 2023 at 03:08 PM