



Robert "Bob" Paul Blank

August 28, 2012

In the afternoon of August the 28th, 2012, God called home Robert "Bob" Paul Blank, 74, of Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born January 26, 1938 at home to Charles Paul and Gladys Whitticre Blank both of Cape Girardeau. On January 19th, 1957 he and Gaye Foeste were united in marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church. She was his partner, best friend, and love of life. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, a brother (Bill Blank of Cape Girardeau), a sister (Barbara Blank of Cape Girardeau), a daughter (Deena Ring of Cape Girardeau), son (Scott and Lisa Blank of Cape Girardeau), three grandchildren (Timothy Simmons, Travis Simmons, and Benjamin Blank), all of Cape Girardeau, one nephew (Jim and Jessie Gunn of Rolla, MO), and one niece (Nancy and Fred Harms of Pekin, IL). He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters. Bob had a strong work ethic that started early in life, carrying various odd jobs to help contribute to his family. Upon graduating from Cape Girardeau Central High School, Bob went to work for Simpson Oil Company as terminal manager. Eager to start his own business, Bob opened a Mobil service station for a brief time before going to work with his in-law's at Southern Oil Company managing a service station. Seeing an opportunity to expand the business, Bob started Bi-State Oil Company in the early 1970's, a bulk tank delivery business that expanded to operating three trucks. His business vision lead him back to the service station business some time later when he and his wife remodeled and re-opened his in-law's store on Morgan Oak Street as a convenience store, new to the industry at the time. His

direction and leadership lead to their opening of a second store in Cape Girardeau. For some forty combined years Bob handled the stores and trucks while his wife, Gaye handled the office and finances. What a team they made! Bob had a strong commitment to family, community, and faith. After high school he joined the National Guard serving for 10 years and earning the rank of sergeant. Later he served on both the Trinity Lutheran and Cape Girardeau Public School Boards, president of the Trinity Lutheran School Board. He was very proud to be a part of the board that helped pass the school bond issue to build the Career and Technology Center, Central High School, and Blanchard Elementary. In addition, Bob held two terms on the Cape Girardeau Planning and Zoning Commission. Fulfilling his joy of athletics, Bob served on the Capaha Field Improvement Committee, helping to improve the quality of sports and the atmosphere for which it was played at Capaha Field. He loved the game of baseball and was a season ticket holder for many years of the Cardinals. In his profession, Bob was a member of the Missouri Petroleum Marketers Association for many years. Bob was a devoted member of St Andrew Lutheran Church, and served as church treasurer. While playing an active role in his children's activities, Bob enjoyed spending time with the Boy Scout Association. He was instrumental in starting the Merchant Flag Program with Boy Scout Troop 21 that still exists today. His commitments to the Boy Scouts rewarded him with the honorary Order of the Arrow Award. Upon his retirement from the oil business, Bob continued to stay active as a founding board member of Alliance Bank in Cape Girardeau. Serving the bank in various board roles and advisory leadership positions for several years until his health did not allow. Bob enjoyed the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, most of which, he just enjoyed being outside. This led to spending time at the family farm and tending to his tree farm. His interests in forestry led to obtaining a tree farming certification as master tree farmer. Bob has been very successful in planting and growing a variety of trees. Bob will be missed for his leadership, wisdom, and love. Friends may call Friday from 3-8pm at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home and funeral will be Saturday,

beginning at 10am at St Andrew Lutheran Church. Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum. Pallbearers include, George Bockhorst, Jim Gunn, Gerald Jones, Tim Simmons, Travis Simmons, and Randy Stovall. Honorary pallbearers include; Benjamin Blank, Don Brown, Mel Dockins, and Ron Hunt. Memorial contributions can be made to St Andrew Lutheran Church or Cape Girardeau Public Schools Foundation.

Tribute Wall

SW

“Gaye and family, Randal and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your husband and father. Although I knew Bob for only a short time, I learned that he was a fine man and that he and his wife had a loving relationship. I also realized that Scott is a wonderful young man because of two special parents. May God remain close to you during your time of grief. Fondly, Susan Winkler

Susan Winkler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We think of you often.

Leon and Linda Wiggs - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“Mrs. Blank, Scott, and family: I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I'll keep your family in my prayers. I remember Mr. Blank watching intently as Scott and I played against and with each other during little league baseball games. Moreover, he was a constant observer and loyal fan during the high school games at the old high school field. He will be missed by many. I hope that God provides you peace and comfort during this time. Sincerely, Ken Pemberton, Jr. Financial Advisor with Edward Jones

Ken Pemberton, Jr. - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“I will always remember going to the Sunoco Hospility day at the Indy 500 practice with Bob. Please accept my condolences. Peace of the Lord be with you.

Stan Petzoldt - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“Gaye and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. We will always remember Bob as the generous and great man that he was.

Stephanie Skaggs-Kunefke and Allison Daniels - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“Gaye, May the love of family and friends and those wonderful memories carry you through this hard time. My prayers are with you and your wonderful family.

Linda Suedekum - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Kelly Suhre - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“Mrs. Blank, Deena, Scott & Family, My condolences and prayers are with you and your families. Mr. Blank was a very kind man and will surely be missed. Sincerely, Jonna Ingvalson Gilmore

Jonna Ingvalson Gilmore - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

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“Gay, I am sorry for the loss of your husband. You are in my thoughts & prayers at this time of sorrow. I feel like I have known you for a long time & it has been my pleasure

Mary Kay Schlosser - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Gaye, Scott, and family, Please accept our deepest sympathies on Bob's passing. He was a real gentleman. He will be missed by all. Sincerely, Jim And Caraline Salzman

Jim and Caraline Salzman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“Bob will be truly missed. I have never seen a man love his wife more than Bob did with Gaye. I liked spending time with him either by joking or sitting outside enjoying the evening. He was a respected man in the oil business and was good competition for Gramps. Thank you for being in my life.

Rachel Poythress - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Jess and Mary Bolen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Gaye and family, My sincere condolences to you and your family. Bob and you were wonderful neighbors to my family when I was growing up. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May your memories bring you comfort.*

Lora (Vogel) Mueller - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Robert "Bob" Paul Blank*

Al Mitchell and Family - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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SN

“ *Our condolences and prayers from the Irene Blank Niederkorn family.*

Steve Niederkorn - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Our condolence*

Mark P. Golightly - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Condolences on the passing of your father.*

Lonnie and Toni Wilke - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM