



Robert "Bobby" Essner

May 31, 1950 - August 1, 2023

Robert "Bobby" Essner, 73, died Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at his home in Cape Girardeau.

He was born May 31, 1950 in Cape Girardeau to Cletus Zeno and Stella Virginia Stone Essner.

He and Linda Spalding were married May 28, 1971 in Florissant, Missouri at North American Martyrs Catholic Church.

He was a graduate of Scott City High School and then received his certificate of Mechanics with Specialty of Diesel Engines from Ranken Technical College.

He started his career with Cape GMC Pontiac immediately after graduation from Ranken and continued with the company until the doors shut. He then started working at Van Matre until he retired in 2015.

In his retirement he found his love of woodworking and started making guitars and various other projects. His favorite guitars to make were out of old cigar boxes. He also enjoyed fishing in his free time.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Essner of Cape Girardeau; daughter,

Courtney (Adam) Hilse of Jackson, Missouri; father, Cletus Essner of Kelso, Missouri; sister, Dorothy Marie (Melvin) DeBrock of Kelso, Missouri; and two grandchildren, Kaelyn and Kyndahl Hilse.

He was preceded in death by mother, Stella Virginia Essner.

There will be a visitation from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. At the request of Bobby's granddaughters, please, wear bright colors and no black.

There is no service scheduled.

Memorial contributions may be given to Ranken Technical College, Attn: Development Office, 4431 Finney Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63113. Write "Bobby Essner" on the memo line.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

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“ Loved working with Bob. It would be hard to find a better diesel tech. He was a man of many talents and a joy to know. Fly high with angels, #04. You will be missed. Sending prayers of peace to Linda and Courtney.



Jane Abbott - August 04, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Essner.



August 04, 2023 at 01:36 PM

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“ Heartland Weight Loss Clinic purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert "Bobby" Essner.



Heartland Weight Loss Clinic - August 04, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Essner.



August 03, 2023 at 11:52 PM