



Robert Kerwick

March 16, 1937 - January 22, 2009

A rosary vigil will be held at 7pm Tues. Jan.27, 2009 at Assumption Catholic Church with a memorial mass at 12:10 pm Wed. Jan. 28, 2009 with Father Bill McCann officiating.

Robert Kerwick 3/16/1937 to 1/22/2009 has left this place for a far better one. He has gone home to be with the Lord. Bob, (as everyone knew him) was born at a very early age in Trenton N.J. He was the second of five children born to John N. Kerwick and Mary (Weiss) Kerwick, both of whom preceded him in death, as did his older brother, John W. (Bill) Kerwick and his younger brother Richard G. (Dick) Kerwick. His youngest daughter Laura Kerwick., also preceded him in death. Bob is survived by his lovely wife, Pristina A. (Sedillo) Kerwick, his son, Sean Kerwick and his wife Melanie (Saenz) Kerwick and their daughter, Mia Michell, all of Roswell. Bob also leaves behind a daughter, Mary K. Heneke, and her children Elizabeth and Alexander, all of Higley , AZ Other survivors include his sisters Barbara Laske and her husband, Frank of Trenton , N.J. and Jane Amantia and her husband Don, of Lawrence, N.J .and a whole lot of nephews and nieces, great nephews and great nieces, and cousins, in both New Jersey and in New Mexico

Bob attended St Anthony School, Trenton Catholic Boy's High School, and Trenton Jr, Collage, in Trenton, N. J. and Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. He joined the N.J. Air National Guard while still in high school, was called to active duty with the USAF as a Tech Sgt. He returned to the NJANG after

his tour of duty. Shortly after receiving a commission as a Lieutenant in the Air Guard, his unit was recalled to active duty. This time, Bob decided to stay the course. By this time, Bob had met and married his first wife, Norma Stein Roberts, with whom he had two beautiful daughters, Mary and Laura. Bob and Norma divorced just as he retired from the Air Force as a Captain in 1974. He went to work for the N.M. Commission for the Blind at the Rehab Center in Alamogordo, where he met his Pristina. They married in 1975, and moved to Artesia, N.M., where Bob was employed as a purchasing agent for the local hospital. He later moved to Roswell, where he found a home at the Roswell Public Library. As head of the Circulation Department, Bob was always right out front where he could see everyone who came in, and of course, they could see him. He loved the contact with the public, and really enjoyed talking to people about books or anything else they wanted to talk about..

Bob had a major heart attack in October, 1992, went into cardiac arrest and was told later that he had "died" on the table. But God had other plans for Bob and brought him back to his family and friends. He always said that he was a very healthy person, with a very lousy heart. Although he was told that he had congestive heart failure, Bob seldom let that keep him from doing what he wanted to do. Most people, meeting him for the first time, would not have believed he even had heart problems. In 2003, he was diagnosed as having a brain tumor, but when it came time to do the biopsy to determine whether or not it was cancer, the tumor had mysteriously disappeared. Bob knew from experience that this was just another one of those miracles that God loves to perform to confound the medical profession. And he was always grateful to God for choosing him to be the one to demonstrate His Grace..

Honorary Pallbearers will be Orlando Montes, RayJoe Sedillo, Albert Sedillo, Steve Guerrero, Santino Guerrero, Robert Briggs, Richard DePelsMaeker.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com

Cremation was under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Kerwick*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *To the Family Of Father Bob
It will never be the same checking out books, or going to the Lib. HE
always had a smile funny story, always asked about my girls how they
were doing or where they were. HE could always tell you the latest
good book in the new book shelves, Father Bob is now working in
Heavens Lib. And I know we will all see him again some day. To his
family you have our prayers.*

Lisa-Sarah-Stephanie - February 06, 2009 at 05:30 PM



“ *Bob was such a special person. I always enjoyed talking to him
when I was a library patron and even more when I worked for him.
He was kind and funny and crazy, and he really cared about the
patrons. He loved his family so much. I'm sorry to learn of his death,
and my thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Pat Brown - February 03, 2009 at 06:04 PM



“ *Bob was always a pleasure to talk with. No matter if you were at the
library or at the mall, he always had a smile and a kind word. He did
his job with kindness and genuine interest. He will be greatly
missed.*

Linda Dudlo - February 01, 2009 at 05:49 PM

MF

“ Pressy, Sean and the rest of the family, our prayers are with you on your loss. We will dearly miss Bob, especially at the library. Remember when we met at Atkinson Bible Church? It's been quite some time, but have not forgotten you. May God comfort you, keep you all close to him. With love, In Christ, Carlos, Pat & Camille Morales

Morales Family - January 28, 2009 at 08:39 PM

LL

“ Dearest Family, Bob, Father Bob as I knew him was, is a true gentleman and friend! Words and stories can't tell you what he meant to me! Somehow he knew my life wasn't quite what it seemed behind my smile. And that old souls can see that and reach out.

I know how much you all meant to him! We shared many family stories of his life, somehow he always knew when to share and when to listen mostly with his heart! I always looked forward to going to the library to check out books and to see Father Bob, he watched my kids grow and myself. Laughs and hugs will always be how I remember him! I saw him the last time in August after my Dad's Bride had passed away and I have regrets that I wasn't able to see him again before he went to be with God.

I know that we all have a very special angel watching over us! He dearly loved you Pristina, and was very proud of his family and treasured his blessed time with Mia! I am praying for all of you every day! Any time and any way I can do anything for you and your family Please let me know! My world was touched by him and blessed! Sincerely and lovingly, Laura McCoy Lindsey

Laura McCoy Lindsey - January 27, 2009 at 10:01 PM

VH

“ Bob was a person that always made me smile. He'd say "hey" and come over to the counter to see what was happening in my world, then he'd share news about his family. He'd grin and tell me how proud he was of his son, his wife, and daughter-in-law, and then the grandbaby. His wicked sense of humor was one of a kind. He will be missed by those he loved and all those people who he spoke with daily. I am so sorry he won't be available for our long conversation . I share in your grief and my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Vicki Hobson - January 27, 2009 at 08:21 PM

KA

“ My sympathy and love to Pressy, Sean, and the rest of his family, and all others who loved Bob, myself included. (Too numerous to count). He was as good friend to me. He was a sweetheart to everyone. He could light up and brighten my day just by talking to him at the library. I never met a kinder person. I will miss him and my life is better for having known him.

Kathy Adams - January 27, 2009 at 03:50 PM

SH

“ PRISSY AND SHAWN. I WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYER. I ALWAYS CALLED BOB MY FRIEND. I KNOW YOUR FAITH IN GOD WILL GET YOU THROUGH THIS TIME AND WILL GIVE YOU THE strength TO CONTINUE ON. I KNOW THAT RHONDA AND REBECCA WERE SURE GLAD TO SEE HIM. NOW SHE HAS SOMEONE ELSE TO TALK. TAKE CARE AND REMEMBER WE LOVE YOU JOHN AND SHIRLEY HUGHES

SHIRLEY AND JOHN HUGHES - January 27, 2009 at 11:47 AM

CC

“ *Someone so special like Bob can never be forgotten. He was a great boss and a wonderful person and will be dearly missed. Prissy, you're in our thoughts and please know how much you are loved and how deeply your loss is felt by all. May the love of those around you, help you through the days ahead.*

Claudia Chavarria - January 27, 2009 at 09:34 AM

KE

“ *bob always was a nice guy. if you needed a shoulder to cry on, he was there. if you just wanted to talk he would listen. my heart goes out to prissy and sean. i love you guys and if there is anything i can, please do not hesitate.*

kacie eaker - January 26, 2009 at 07:40 PM

ML

“ *Our deepest condolences to our Aunt Prissy, Uncle Bob's children and friends. Our memories are fond ones and our faith assures us to meet again. Until then, we miss you and pray for continued strength and guidance.*

Michael Laske - January 26, 2009 at 06:25 PM

JK

“ *May GOD be with your family during this difficult time. Bob was such a neat person, he always had a smile on his face. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him. We will keep your family in prayer*

James & Christina King - January 26, 2009 at 04:10 PM

PR

“ I feel very blessed to have had worked with Bob for so many years, I won't forget the stories he told about his life or hearing him talk about his precious grandbaby. To me he was a person you live your life to meet, and I am grateful I met him . I will miss him dearly . My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

paige rubio - January 26, 2009 at 02:52 PM

RH

“ Mrs. Kerwick, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. He has truly made the trip we all look forward to making.
Apria Healthcare Ron Fuller Terri Salas Felipe Galindo Jose Gomez

Ron Fuller / Apria Healthcare - January 26, 2009 at 01:03 PM

JB

“ Jesus said: I am the way, the truth and the life, no one come to the Father except through me. In my Father's house are many mansion. I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again for you; for where I am, there you might be also. John 14.
Jesus learned to walk amoung us so that we might learn to walk with God. Bob is walking in heaven now!
We send our condolences for your sadness at this difficult time.
Jesus loves you, Prisie.

Jerry & Dena Brown - January 26, 2009 at 11:09 AM

CD

“ To the Kerwick Family: I knew Bob through the Library and Covenant Healthcare Center. He was always so cheerful and had a great, quick wit about him. He and I were both from New Jersey, so we would compare stories of "home" with one another. He would comment on what books I'd selected and always made good reading recommendations, discussed many varied topics, but most of all he made everyone smile and feel special just by being himself. He is going to be missed by so many people. I am so sorry for everyone's loss. He was a fine man, and I am grateful our paths crossed and I was able to know him. God bless you now as He had blessed us with Bob.

Clare Doyle - January 26, 2009 at 09:50 AM

LM

“ Prissy, I am so sorry to hear about Bob, he was so unique, I really enjoyed his jokes. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

lupe morales - January 26, 2009 at 08:54 AM

EA

“ My heart goes out to Bob's family. Working with him made me feel like his other family! He will be sorely missed, especially the political conversations we used to have.
Love, Erin

Erin Asher - January 26, 2009 at 08:22 AM

RC

“ To the entire Kerwick family. We will all miss Bob and his laughter at the circ desk. The patrons will miss him alot. Many have asked about Bob during the last couple of weeks. It was great fun working with Bob over the past 16 years. I will miss his humor and kindness. We are all in my thought and prayers. Becky Clewell

Rebecca Clewell - January 26, 2009 at 08:15 AM

DS

“ may god be with you in this momen t my prays and thoughts well be with you allways love you. mrs delia stogden (florial lady from walmart

delia stogden - January 25, 2009 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ our prayers and thoughts are with you god be with you.

The stogden family - January 25, 2009 at 07:45 PM

JH

“ I feel very blessed to have been able to know Bob. I worked with him at the library, and he made it very fun, he wanted the library to be a fun place to work and it was. I loved my time there, I loved hearing his stories about his young days as a captain in the air force => we will all miss his very much, but I am happy that he was happy with the way he lived his life, and I hope God will bless, everyone he left behind, until its our time. My thoughts and prayers are for your family Bob.

Jen Hernandez - January 25, 2009 at 07:36 PM

KR

“ I am very grateful for being able to get to work with Bob. He was a phenomenal character at the library. He will be deeply missed by all who got the amazing chance to meet him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Krissy - January 25, 2009 at 07:30 PM

PL

“ Prissy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our thoughts and Prayers Paul & Joyce Lee

Paul Lee - January 25, 2009 at 04:57 PM

JC

“ Just wanted to say that I always thought of Uncle Bob as a very special person. He will always be remembered and always be in my heart. He will be missed. Love you Uncle Bob...my gleen-glo.
Love,
Jessica (Sedillo) Carrillo

Jessica Carrillo - January 25, 2009 at 12:16 PM

IG

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. I've been to the library a few times since Bob's been gone. Though I walked out with a good book, i left with an empty feeling because I hadn't visited with Bob. He is already missed by many people you may never meet.

Isidro González - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 PM

PR

“ Words cannot alone express how sorry I am to hear this news. Bob must have been, indeed, a wonderful friend and a great boss. He would be greatly miss. My most sincere condolences to his family.

PATTY RIVAS

In Sympathy

Today it's hard to say All that's on my heart. No words were made for comfort When loved ones are apart. But just these words spoken long ago When God promised He'd go with us All the way home.

Take Him at His word Hold His hand at night And speak with Him early At morning's light.

Not in our own strength Is it possible to see The peace He has in store One day for you and me.

But one thing is for certain, We'll see Him one of these days.... With our loved one standing with Him And He'll have led us all the way

PATTY RIVAS - January 25, 2009 at 11:01 AM

KA

“ I was saddened to see of Bob's passing. He was always such a joy to visit at the library. We will truly miss him. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen - January 25, 2009 at 10:59 AM

MM

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. We all knew him and loved him so very much. Our prayers are with you and the family. We all enjoyed his jokes. May God Bless all of you. Love, Margaret, Orlando, Joe, Michael, Jessica, Lauren

Margaret Sedillo Martinez - January 24, 2009 at 08:53 PM

MS

“ *I would like to send my condolences to my family about this very sad loss uncle bob i love and miss you so much may you rest in peace*

Michael Sedillo - January 24, 2009 at 08:19 PM