



Robert Simon Thompson

January 17, 1935 - June 9, 2017

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His family includes his wife of 60 years, Lucille of Beacon; his children and their spouses: Joni Bingham of Knoxville, IA, Rick and Jill Thompson of Oskaloosa, and Connie and Ron Lanphier of Oskaloosa; six grandsons and their spouses: Ryan Thompson, Jeff and Sarah Lanphier (they are expecting

their first child) , Brent and Krystal Lanphier, Tyler and Ana Lanphier, Jacob Thompson and Slater Thompson; two granddaughters and their spouses : Sadi and Jamie Ball and Aby Thompson; and one great-grandson, Nathan Thompson. He is also survived by his siblings: Jerry (Sharon) Thompson and Howard (Ellen) Thompson, both of Oskaloosa; Becky (Easman) Poe of Beacon, Margaret Gorman of Lewisburg, Kentucky, and Peggy Bowman of East Moline, Illinois; and an uncle and aunt, George and Pauline Blake of Oskaloosa.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death his siblings: Jack and Rodger Thompson and Grace Kennedy.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2017, at Beacon Cemetery near Beacon with Pastor Dwayne Poe of the Open Bible Church officiating. Memorial Contributions can be made to the MHP Hospice Serenity House. Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Simon Thompson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

MW

“ I was fortunate enough to meet Bob by chance 4 summers ago when the RAGBRAI crowd came through Beacon and I needed a break before our night's stay in Oskaloosa. I was smitten by a really large wrench leaning up against the fence in front of their house and he was in the yard and we struck up a conversation about the tools we collected. I was fascinated by his knowledge about tools and we hit it off well enough that I got invited into his inner most storage shed that was full of tools. I was like a kid in a candy shop marveling at his collection, but he took the time and effort to unearth one of his prize finds, a red and rust colored torpedo shaped tool box buried way in the back. It was a set I'd never seen up close and in person and I was absolutely floored when he let me take a few pictures of it on the back tailgate of his pickup. I told him that regardless of what happened the rest of the 400 plus miles on the RAGBRAI ride, this was the highlight of my first RAGBRAI and thanked him profusely. HE told me the story behind the tool box and the tools inside it and I'll never forget that afternoon in Beacon. To his wife Lucille, I must admit I stumbled upon Bob's obituary quite by accident as I was going through my diary from July of 2013 re-reading my travels across Iowa, when I came upon my entry concerning the stop at the Thompson house. I immediately wondered if he was still alive as he had mentioned that he'd already had 4 strokes and despite his walking aids he was using, he seemed so full of energy. Mrs. Thompson, belatedly I wish you comfort in the coming months as life without Bob will take a while to adapt to. But know this, one hot summer afternoon in July of 2013, Bob made a huge impression on a total stranger riding his bicycle across Iowa and somehow God brought us together, if even for an hour or two. He likely wouldn't have remembered me, but I'll remember his kindness forever. Godspeed to you and all of your extended family in these upcoming months and years. Sincerely, Max Wellhouse Cedar Falls Iowa

Max Wellhouse - August 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My Husband Knew Bob Better Than I Did, But I Went To School With Rick. We're Thinking Of All Of Your Family During This Heartbreaking Time. May God Help Guide You With Strength And Peace. You're In Our Hearts As Well As Our Daily Prayers. As Always, Ronny & Sheryl Mc Cain

Ronny - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To Lucy and your family, our most sincere condolences to you all. Paul and Bev Floden

June 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Ronnie, Connie & boys....we are thinking of you all as you go through this heartbreaking time. Memories will forever fill your hearts. Condolences to you, Rick and all of the Thompson family. Bruce, Donna, Dalton, Dylan & Dakota McBurney

Donna McBurney - June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Bob was a great guy. He used to stop by our house to visit with Mike and sometimes me. He loved Mikes collection and Mike admired his. This ole world just won't be the same without you Bob.

Mike and Carol Beadle - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Lucy, So sorry to hear of Bobs passing. I didnt know him very well except the times hewas a the skateing rink. And the halloweenparty at the rink and Minnie Pearl. Dena Johnson Roorda Oskaloosa Iowa

Dena Roorda - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ This man is my best friend's Dad. He was scary to me when I first met him, but learned he was like me...tough talker, didn't follow thru. A collector is a mild word to describe him for sure! Many auctioneers are going to be sad also! I am sorry for the loss of him, but glad he is pain free. My thoughts to all of the family. Hugs!

Deanna Klobnak - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Oh Lucy, i am so sorry to hear about Bobs death, lots of memories, uncle Lloyd Edwards was so happy to have him come and visit and talk about coal mining, and the old coal mining towns. will miss him at the next reunion.

Carolyn Satterlee - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM