



## Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker

April 22, 1938 - November 3, 2020

Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker, 82, of Eolia passed away November 3, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Memorial services for Bob will be held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Clement Church with Fr. Lou Dorn and Fr. Mike Quinn officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 6, 2020 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Bob was born on April 22, 1938 in St. Louis, Missouri to Edgar Raymond and Elsie Marie Hake Rucker. He was united in marriage to Joanne Garner on November 7, 1958 in St. Louis. She preceded him in death in 2009. He later married Kathy Vessell. She also preceded him in death.

Bob grew up in St. Louis. He graduated from St. Louis University High School in 1956. He was employed at Malinkrodt in St. Louis. After moving to Montgomery County, he worked for McDonnell Douglas, and in 1967 began working for Dundee in Clarksville from where he retired after several years. He belonged to Mary Queen of Peace Church in Clarksville, recently transferring to St. Clement Catholic Church. He was active in Crusillo. Bob coached Khoury League in Clarksville for many years, and was also a Clopton School Board member. After his retirement, Bob raised and showed Belgium Horses. Some of his other hobbies include watching his great-grandchildren

play basketball, watching the St. Louis Cardinals, Blues hockey and CNN. Bob could quote any article of the Constitution and always kept several copies close by. A visit to his house always included a history lesson. He and his wife were active foster parents for many years. Bob also enjoyed playing Santa Clause.

Bob is survived by a son, Dr. John Rucker (Phyllis) of Charleston, South Carolina; daughters: Donna Graham (Danny) of Eolia, Jane Wilkinson of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Sharon Dugan (Kevin) of Eolia; grandchildren: Zoe, Alexandra and Nicholas Rucker, Laura Parker, Jessica Enloe, Amanda Eddy, Michael Sullivan, Kathryn Bowser, Abigail Benn, Callie Lee, Jared Wilkinson, Megan, Daniel, Ryan, Collin and Matthew Dugan; 12 great-grandchildren, with 2 on the way; brothers Raymond Rucker (Val) of Truxton, Missouri and Glenn Rucker (Joan) of Jonesburg, Missouri; a sister, Mary Ann Sherman (Tom) of St. Louis, Missouri; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; both wives; son, Michael; and a sister, Theresa, who died in infancy.

Memorials may be made to Shriners or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green

606 West Main Street

Bowling Green, MO 63334

(573) 324-2211

[office@bibbveach.com](mailto:office@bibbveach.com)

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## Memorial Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church

21509 Hwy 161

Bowling Green, MO 63334

<http://www.stclementmo.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Spike and I are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He has been a friend of ours for many years. We spent time with him and Kathy after Cursillo sharing over a bite to eat. He always had ways of making you laugh and always so kind and friendly. We were glad we were able to see him and had a wonderful visit with him with Father Mike. We will miss seeing his great smile. Love to all the family. Spike and Theresa Ehrhardt

Theresa Ehrhardt - November 07, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Go rest high on the mountain your work on earth is done,he was a good man,and great friend.May he rest in peace

Gary Whitaker - November 06, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.



November 06, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.



November 06, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 06, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *31 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Bibb-Veatch Funeral Home's, LLC.** - November 06, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 05, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 05, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Bob and I hired on with Dundee Cement Company the same day, February 20, 1967. Our desks were next to each other in the Supervisors Office for 20 years. Bob was a great fellow employee and good friend. He will be missed.*  
*Ed Pennington*

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**Ed Pennington** - November 05, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 05, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 05, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker*



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**Cindy Poyser Osborne** - November 05, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ *Bob was so loved by the McCrory family! Our sincere prayers are with your family.*

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**Karen McCrory** - November 05, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 05, 2020 at 12:44 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 04, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker.*



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November 04, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ *Kim Sellers Ferguson sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Earl Rucker*



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**Kim Sellers Ferguson** - November 04, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *I was sorry to see that Bob had passed. Donna I will never forget your mom saying you all had the prettiest girl in Pike county and we had the cutest boy when my son was born. Your dad absolutely loved giving me a hard time after church on Sunday when he'd come in to Coopers and I was working. Or any other time as far as that goes. He had a great smile and laugh. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Kim Sellers Ferguson** - November 04, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ *Donna and family, our hearts are breaking for you. We have you in our thoughts and prayers. May your father rest in peace. God Bless.*

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**Jim and Donna Hunter** - November 04, 2020 at 03:45 PM