



## Robert L. "Blackcloud" Kowalski

April 7, 1933 - October 14, 2021

A Funeral Mass for Bob was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hebron, Nebraska. A Rosary was prayed at 10:00 a.m. at the Church prior to the Mass. Father Steve Major presided over the Services.

Carlece Kenner was the organist and Kurk Weidel was the cantor and they led the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace," "Here I Am Lord," "On Eagle's Wings," and Be Not Afraid."

Pallbearers for the service included Mike Puncochar, Tim Puncochar, Mary Budde, Barb Olsufka, Larry Buhrman, and Lance Buhrman. Honorary Pallbearers were Sandi Buhrman, John Kowalski and Sue Kowalski.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held at the Carleton City Cemetery following the Funeral Mass. Honor were provided by the Carleton American Legion and the U.S. Navy Honor Guard.

Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project or the National Wildlife Federation.

Robert Lee Kowalski was born to John Roman Kowalski and Anna Tekla (Curtis) Kowalski on April 7, 1933 in Elba, Nebraska. He passed away on

October 14, 2021, at Bryan Medical Center West in Lincoln, at the age of 88, 6 months and 7 days.

Bob graduated from Elba High School in 1951. After school, he joined the Navy and served for 4 years in the Naval Construction Battalion in Subic Bay in the Philippines. He was very proud to serve his country as a Seabee.

After his time in the military, he returned home and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for two years. He married the love of his life, Loretta Neville, on August 24th, 1963 in York, Nebraska. The couple started their married life in Saint Paul, and then moved to a small acreage near Alda, shortly after, Bob started at New Holland, where he worked for 27 years as a machinist. Bob was very proud to have built the home (Alda Ranch) in which he and Loretta raised their four children.

Bob enjoyed reading, traveling, spending time with his family and working on his yard. His greatest joy in life was being husband, Dad and Grampy. He made it to almost every game, fair, or school activity of his children and grandchildren. He and Loretta also enjoyed many years of traveling to Nebraska football games with friends. To friends and family, he was known as Blackcloud, B.O.B, Grampy, and Bobcat.

After retiring early, Bob and Loretta began a new adventure as winter Texans. They enjoyed 19 years traveling south, making many friends and wonderful memories. In 2000, they sold the Alda house and moved to rural Red Cloud, where they spent the next 21 years on their "ranch".

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Don, John (Butch), and Dean; and infant sons Lee and Christopher.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Loretta Kowalski, of Carleton,

Nebraska; children Kate (John) Lange of Bruning, Nebraska, Joni (Jerry) Johnson of Hebron, Nebraska, Kevin (Kris) Kowalski of Wilber, Nebraska, ,Laurie (Allan) Grell of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren Jared, James, and Samantha Lange, Claire and Rachel Johnson, Garrett, Wyatt, and Cassidy Kowalski, Josh Walsh, Alyssa, Hannah, and Ryan Grell; and great-granddaughter, Journee.

# Cemetery Details

## Carleton City Cemetery

Carleton, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Rosary

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
360 Eads Avenue  
Hebron, NE 68370

## Funeral Mass

OCT 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
360 Eads Avenue  
Hebron, NE 68370

## Graveside Service

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OCT 19 (CT)

Carleton City Cemetery  
Carleton, NE

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Loretta and family Our Deepest Sympathy Bob was a great guy. May God comfort each of you today and always. Prayers and Love. Elaine Nowak and family*

Elaine Nowak - October 20, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 19, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LN

“ *Joni and family. So sorry for your loss. Leann*

Leann Nelson - October 19, 2021 at 08:36 AM

MF

“ *Mike, Libbie and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert L. "Blackcloud" Kowalski.*



Mike, Libbie and Family - October 18, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. "Blackcloud" Kowalski.*



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October 17, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *Hey Bob, Thanks for all that kindness and Love you and beautiful sweet Loretta always gave to me and my family. You made all our lives better just by knowing and experiencing you. Peace to you and I am sure we will meet again. Bill Waechter*

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**Bill Waechter** - October 17, 2021 at 11:17 PM



“ *Bob was such a great guy. He was always ready with a smile and a warm hand shake.*

*He will be missed dearly. My prayers and thoughts are with his wife and children. May God bless him and all of you and give you peace and comfort.*

*Rest easy Bob, you led a good life!*

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**Jon Neugebauer** - October 16, 2021 at 10:22 AM