



Remembering

the life of

Robert "Bob" Larsen
1937 - 2026

Robert Louis “Bob” Larsen, 88, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

He was born October 5, 1937, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of ten children of Louis Alben Larsen and Rose Catherine (Pankau) Larsen.

Bob was first married to Mary Lou Dillon, and together they had two sons, Shawn and Mike. On October 11, 1979, in Marshall, Missouri, he married Mary Ellen Gerlt. They shared 46 loving years together.

Bob proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years as a mechanic, retiring in 1975. Following his military service, he worked as a machinist at Gardner-Denver for 21 years before retiring in 2000.

A man of faith, Bob was a longtime member of Smithton Baptist Church and later attended First Baptist Church. He was known for his lighthearted nature, quick wit, and ever-present sense of humor. Bob never missed an opportunity to share a good dad joke and was deeply devoted to his family. He was also a proud member of the American Legion and VFW.

In his younger years, Bob raised cattle and enjoyed a variety of hobbies throughout his life, including coin collecting, fishing, hunting, and playing cards. He especially loved games like poker, pinochle, pitch, hearts, blackjack, and solitaire. He also enjoyed relaxing at home watching classic Westerns on television.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of the home; four children, Shawn L. Larsen (Deb) of Morris, Minnesota, Michael A. Larsen (Mary) of St. Peters, Missouri, Rachel E. Hammers (Mike) of Sedalia, and Amber L. Watterson (Brad) of Sedalia; nine grandchildren, Joel Larsen (Chelsie), Tyler Moser (Anna), Rebekah Larsen, Jenna Larsen (Trey), Courtney Still (Zach), Joshua Larsen (Jordanna), Natalie Hague (Eric), Maribeth Hammers (Matt), and Kamron Gilmore; five great-grandchildren, Aubrie, Jack, Olive, Josie, and Charlie; and eight siblings, Louis, Barbara, Anthony, Rose, Jean, Helen, Edward, and Cecelia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Jerry Robert and Cory Michael; and one brother, Charles.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Robert “Bob” Larsen

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 pm Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Heckart Funeral Home

Sedalia, Missouri

OFFICIATING

Rev. Ron Griffith

MUSIC

“Softly and Tenderly”

“How Great Thou Art”

PALLBEARERS

Mike Larsen Shawn Larsen

Mike Hammers Kamron Gilmore

Joel Larsen Tyler Moser

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Brad Watterson Lloyd Arvin

Natalie Hague Maribeth Hammers

Courtney Still Jenna Larsen

Rebekah Larsen

MILITARY HONORS

United States Air Force

American Legion

Patriot Guard Riders

INTERMENT

Highland Sacred Gardens