

### *FINAL HARVEST*

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth  
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth.  
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew  
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.  
In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds  
In hope, to reap his family's needs.  
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come  
To gather the fruits of his labor home.  
Ever turning season, the years sped past  
Til the final harvest came at last.  
Then claimed anew by beloved sod  
He was gathered home to be with God.

*---Barbara W. Weber*



*Robert A. Sanderson*

*February 27, 1953*  
*May 29, 2021*



Robert “Bear” Sanderson was born February 27, 1953, to Melvin and Irene (Ganzeveld) Sanderson in Hawarden, Iowa. He married Nancy Anema October 15, 1977, in Ireton, Iowa.

Bob spent the majority of his life farming the family farm and also with his Boyer family on their farms. He enjoyed putting in a hard day’s work and unwinding at the end of the day. Fishing with his friends was also a favorite pastime of his, when he could find the time. (All who know him knows that a fishing license is optional!!) Bob rarely missed an opportunity to play pinochle.

He liked nothing more than visiting his kids and grandkids that he was so very proud of.

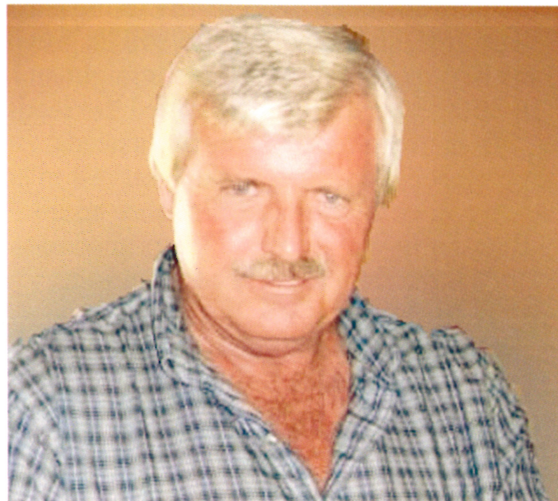
Bob passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 29, 2021, surrounded by his wife and kids.

Bob is survived by his wife of 43 years Nancy; son Luke (Katie) Sanderson of Ely, Iowa; daughter, Ellie (Brandon) Drescher of Austin, Minnesota; grandkids, Avery and Grady Sanderson and Brecken and Vance Drescher; sister, Ethel (John) Hege-man of Davenport, Iowa; Nancy’s siblings, Doug Anema, Barb and Jack Noteboom, Laura and Bob Jasper, and Tammy and Curt Scott; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Irene Sanderson; and brothers and their spouses, Ross and Peggy Riepma, Jack and Kathy Riepma, and Bill Sanderson.

Bob really loved trivia and would often share little known facts with others. He will be greatly missed by his family and many dear friends.

*Celebrating The Life Of  
Robert “Bear” Allen Sanderson*



**PRIVATE FAMILY SERVICE**

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Porter Funeral Home

Hawarden, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**

Pastor Carolyn Salberg