

Robert “Bob” Merle Hoyt was born on January 13, 1940, in Artesia, California, the son of Harlan and Dorothy (Shobe) Hoyt. He grew up in El Monte and graduated from El Monte High School in 1958. Following graduation, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was enrolled in radio school. He was assigned active duty on the Attack Transport Vessel 227 where he served for 3 years. In 1961, Bob was united in marriage to Anita “Ricky” Ryckman and they made their home in Brea, California. In 1964, Bob began employment at Hood Corporation, retiring in 1995 as the warehouse manager. In 2002, they move to Willmar, Minnesota to be closer to family. In 2016, Ricky passed away. In 2017, Bob was married to Connie Burns.

Bob was an active member of his church, serving with the church security and for over 20 years as a greeter. He also served as a board member of the Eagle Ridge Association and was a member of Hawk Creek Golf Club in Raymond. During his early years, Bob enjoyed trapshooting and bowling. Later in life, his hobbies were golfing, board puzzles and eating out.

Bob left a legacy of love for Jesus as an example to his family and friends to follow.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; one daughter, Sherri (and Joel) Vreeman of Puerto Rico, and their children, Chelsea (and Josh) Axe, Brooke Vreeman and Noah Vreeman; one son, Jeff (and Debra) Hoyt of Otsego, and their children, Brea (and Michael) Tallman, Thomas (and Jessica) Hoyt, Ellie Hoyt and Max Hoyt.

Also surviving are Connie’s children and their families, Jason (and Lacy) Larson and their children, Dylan, Wyatt and Cassidy Larson; Nathan (and Laura) Larson and their children, Ashley, Makenna, Brooke and Jake Larson; Joshua (and Demelza) Larson and their daughter Nyssa (and Fernie) Almaraz; and Janine (and Scott) Terry and their children, Hailey (and Hayward) Evans, Shelby and Josh Terry; besides many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Anita “Ricky” Hoyt in 2016.





You can shed tears
that he is gone
Or you can smile
because he has lived

You can close your eyes
and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes
and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty
because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love
that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

-David Harkins

Arrangements By
Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

Celebrating the Life of

Robert "Bob" Hoyt

January 13, 1940
Artesia, California

April 6, 2023
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, April 15, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Assembly of God Church
Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude Music		Heartstrings
Welcome & Prayer		Pastor Keith Kerstetter
Congregational Hymn	<i>"The Old Rugged Cross"</i>	
Obituary		Pastor Keith Kerstetter
Family Tributes		
Solo	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	Brooke Vreeman
Message		Pastor Paul McCullough
Congregational Hymn	<i>"In The Garden"</i>	
Military Honors		
Benediction		Pastor Keith Kerstetter
Postlude Music		Heartstrings

Military Honor Guard

Austin F. Hanscom American Legion Post #167
Willmar, Minnesota

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Willmar, Minnesota