



## Robert Custer

January 23, 1940 - August 26, 2017

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Jefferson, Iowa

Date of Death: August 26, 2017

Robert Wray Custer was born January 23, 1940 in Jefferson, Iowa to Wray Joseph Custer and Nina Blanche Smith Custer. Bob died August 26, 2017 with his family by his side at St. Anthony's Hospital in Carroll, Iowa at the age of 77 years.

Bob grew up in Greene County, Iowa and attended country school in Bristol Township until the 6th grade and then he attended school in Jefferson. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1958.

After the death of Bob's father, he took over the family farm. He raised crops and also cows and sheep. Farming, his dogs and his horses were really important to Bob.

In 1957, Bob was united in marriage to Sharon Coellner. Three children were born to this union: Stephen, Sheryl, and Laura Jean. In 1962, Bob was united in marriage to Marilyn Lee. Three children were born to this union: Jeff, Cindy, and Cherie. In 1972, Bob was united in marriage to Jessie Godwin Peterson. They expanded their family with Jessie's children: Debora, David, and Rebecca Peterson.

Bob loved his country and in February of 1957, he enlisted in the Army National Guard. He was part of the 234th Signal Battalion out of Jefferson, Iowa. Bob served until he was Honorably Discharged in 1965. In September of 1973, Bob reenlisted in the Army National Guard and was Honorably Discharged in 1974.

In his earlier years, Bob was a member of a Saddle Club and loved to go trail riding with his two favorite horses, Diablo and Silver. He also enjoyed fishing and playing cards and often hosted card parties out on the farm. Bob loved to snowmobile and was a member of the local snowmobile club. He was also active in the State Snowmobile Association. Bob

sold and installed CB radios for several years and talked with people all over the country on those radios.

Bob and Jessie established and grew an active Amway business, traveling in many states meeting many new friends. One of the highlights of this business was time spent in the Bahamas.

Bob had a love for children. He was involved with activities that involved being around and teaching kids. He was a 4-H leader for many years and never missed a day at the County Fair. He participated in the 4H Producer Class, which allowed him to donate a calf to a youth and work with them as they raised it and eventually showed it in the County Fair. He also umpired Little League for a few years. Through the years, Father's Days would often find Bob and family headed for Okoboji for their annual family reunion. Bob loved spending time with his grandchildren when they would visit and often playing chase games usually ending up in a tickle match.

For several years, Bob and Jessie applied anhydrous ammonia all over the county in the spring, often starting at dark and ending at dark. Then turned their attention to their own farming operation.

Bob was a member of the Central Christian Church his entire life. He served as board chairman and for many years as a deacon. He also served on many committees.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Wray and Nina; grandsons: Dimitrios Turnas and Andrew Paul Peterson; his sister and brother-in-law, Virgil and Gladys Kinnan; and his brother Billy Custer. He is survived by his wife Jessie Custer of Jefferson, IA; his children: Stephen (Vicki) Custer of Reeds Spring, MO, Sheryl (Doug) Zimmerman of Carroll, IA, Laura Jean (Jeff) Wine of Lake City, IA, Jeff (Lois) Custer of Jefferson, IA, Cindy (J.R.) Johnson of Lamar, MO, Cherie (David) Moore of Grand Island, FL; step-children: Debora (Joe) Bynum of Oklahoma City, OK, David Peterson of Jefferson, IA, and Becca Johnson of Knoxville, TN; 18 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 am Friday, September 1, 2017 at Central Christian Church in Jefferson. Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Burial will take place at a later date at Dawson Township Cemetery, Greene County, Iowa. Memorials are suggested to Central Christian Church or St. Anthony's Hospice and may be left Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home.

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

# Cemetery

# Events

Dawson Township Cemetery

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Funeral Service 10:30AM

Paton, IA,

Central Christian Church  
108 North Elm Street, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

# Comments

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Custer.



August 31, 2017 at 01:32 PM

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“ My condolences to you all!  
Shannon Reising

**Shannon Reising** - August 30, 2017 at 08:59 AM

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“ Gone far to soon Dad! All of you children and grandchildren will miss you dearly.  
Hope you are at peace and enjoying the after life in heaven. Please keep a watchful  
eye on all your family you left behind. Love you always !  
Sheryl & family

**Sheryl A Zimmerman** - August 29, 2017 at 01:02 PM

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“ Sheryl A Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Robert Custer



**Sheryl A Zimmerman** - August 29, 2017 at 12:58 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to the family. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8)

Cheryl D. - August 29, 2017 at 07:43 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My heart aches for you all! I have such fond memories of Bob as he and my big brother were good friends and rodeo buddies. Bob used to come and bail my Dad's hay and we would have him for dinner and always enjoyed his laughter and fun stories. He was like family to us and everyone loved him dearly! He will be missed very much by many! My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sorrowful time! God bless you and help you find peace in the beautiful memories he left behind.



Ruth Teeters Smith - August 28, 2017 at 11:14 PM

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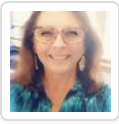


“ I miss you so much already daddy. So much time lost that we'll never get back.



Cindy Custer Johnson - August 28, 2017 at 09:10 PM

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“ Laura Wine sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Custer



Laura Wine - August 28, 2017 at 07:19 PM

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“ You will remain in our hearts Dad



Laura Wine - August 28, 2017 at 07:18 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers with you all. A very Special man who always made me Smile!  
Much Sympathy....The Dvorak Family



Robert and Veniece Dvorak - August 28, 2017 at 06:51 PM

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“ Our daddy was pretty awesome. I didn't get to spend a lot of my life with him. I just remembered I loved being on the farm with him. Having him holler at myself and my step sister Becca to slow the riding mower down. We mowed a bit fast lol. Telling me to keep the pole between the beans on the ole alis. So many memories of my daddy. I wish my boys and grandson had known him better, but you can see my daddy in Wes and Jaxon.

**Cindy Custer Johnson** - August 28, 2017 at 06:36 PM

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“ So sorry Sheryl & Doug and family for your loss. Prayers sent your way just as you did for me. Love you



**Jenny** - August 28, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ Thank you Jenny

**Sheryl A Zimmerman** - August 29, 2017 at 01:00 PM

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“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Robert Custer



**Lisa** - August 28, 2017 at 02:31 PM

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“ Jeff, Lois & family, sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless!

**Kathy Davis** - August 27, 2017 at 09:00 PM