



Robert "Bob" Westholder

January 2, 1930 - January 1, 2019

Robert "Bob" Westholder, 88-year-old resident of rural Hillman, MN passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2019, at the St. Cloud Hospital. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Bulldog Lake, MN with Father Eli Gieske officiating. Burial will be in the Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Military Rites will be conducted by the Hillman American Legion Post #602.

Bob was born Jan. 2, 1930, to Oscar and Kathryn (Meyer) Westholder in St. Paul, where he grew up. A U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War, he married his wife of 67 years Mary Jeanette Virnig on Aug. 4, 1951, at Holy Family Church. He loved hunting and fishing, particularly on Long Lake, where he had a cabin and eventually retired. A born storyteller, he recounted countless humorous or poignant stories from his childhood during the Great Depression, service in the Army or day-to-day events. Sober for more than 45 years, Bob was active in Alcoholics Anonymous until his death, seeking to help others overcome addiction. Professionally, he worked as a jeweler for many years and owned Ardell Jewelers in Minneapolis and Bloomington Jewelry and Trophy. His previous jobs included paperboy, factory worker, TV repairman and troubleshooter. His greatest loves were his wife and family.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary; children and their spouses, Steven and

Sherri Westholder, Diane Westholder; John Westholder; Jeff Westholder; Cheryl and Paul Hartman; Mark and Claudia Westholder; and Mike and Lisa Westholder; as well as 17 grandchildren and their spouses, Kelli and Sean Parish; Jim and Christa Westholder; Josh Runyon; Megan and Andrew Troff; Nathan Runyon; Kursten Westholder; Shian and Cody Cooper; Bob Westholder; Adam and Amanda Hartman; David and Cassie Hartman; Mark and Christina Hartman; Janet and Kris Horsley; Caroline, Luke and Joe Westholder; and Alex and Augie Westholder; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Betty Semling and Jean Reeney; and grandson, Jeremy Westholder.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Bull Dog Lake
1182 County Road 8
Hillman, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Westholder*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 03, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *Robert "Bob" Westholder*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mary, I'm so sorry to hear that your husband has passed away. May you enjoy all that's left of your life (and may it be long) for life is precious.*

Nancy Pundsack

Nancy Pundsack - February 01, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.*



January 04, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.*



January 04, 2019 at 03:18 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.*



January 04, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.*



January 04, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.*



January 03, 2019 at 03:55 PM

LF

“ Love, George Virnig Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.



Love, George Virnig Family - January 03, 2019 at 03:26 PM

ST

“ Srey Nang & Phillip Tomek purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.



Srey Nang & Phillip Tomek - January 03, 2019 at 02:02 PM

TF

“ The Fitch Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.



The Fitch Family - January 03, 2019 at 02:01 PM

VF

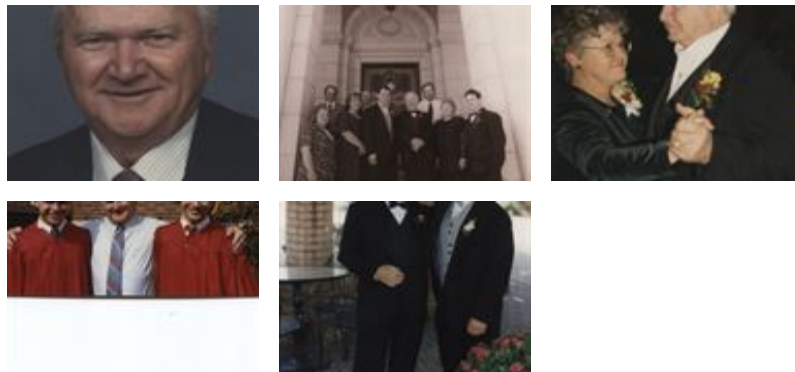
“ Vieira Family & Manning Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.



Vieira Family & Manning Family - January 03, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 03, 2019 at 10:59 AM

FE

“ From Dennis and Linda Eisenzimmer purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.



From Dennis and Linda Eisenzimmer - January 03, 2019 at 09:48 AM

FG

“ Frank & Tammy Giuliani lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Westholder



Frank & Tammy Giuliani - January 02, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Westholder.*



January 02, 2019 at 07:06 PM