



Robert "Bob" McKee

September 1, 1928 - March 19, 2024

Bob's funeral service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/938900100?share=copy>

Robert "Bob" McKee, 95, of Gilbert, AZ, formerly of Luverne, ND, passed away on March 19, 2024, in Gilbert, AZ.

Born in rural Steele County, ND, on September 1, 1928, he was a son of the late Louis and Helga (Jacobsen) McKee. Bob led a life filled with hard work and dedication.

Becoming a husband twice in his life, first to Helen (Sherwin) in 1954 and then to Patricia "Patti" (Powell) in 1988, Robert cherished the bond of family above all else. Raised on the family farm, he instilled a hard-working ethic in all he did, working in California and Alaska before ultimately returning to Luverne to work alongside his three sons: Rick, Ron, and Ryan, on the very land that raised him. After retiring from the farm, Robert moved to Apache Junction, where he owned a donut shop with his son, Ron.

An embodiment of resilience and generosity, Bob was known for his warm smile and hearty laugh. His friendly demeanor made him a friend to everyone he met. With a sweet treat in hand, Bob could often be found socializing with friends and sharing stories about "the good old days" with anyone who would

listen.

Those left to cherish Bob's memory include two sons, Ron (Susan) McKee, of Gilbert, AZ, and Ryan (Kathy) McKee, of Pflugerville, TX; three grandsons, Travis (Brittney), Curtis (Sarah), and Sam McKee; five great-grandchildren; his chosen family, Beverly (Sather) Watkins, Kasie Watkins, and Tamie (Kupitz) Fischbach; many extended family members; and countless friends.

In addition to his parents, Louis and Helga, Bob was preceded in death by two wives, Helen and Patti; a son, Rick McKee; sisters, MaryLou and JoAnn "Mitzy"; and a brother, Marvin "Jene" McKee.

A funeral service will be at 1:00PM on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at Luverne Lutheran Church, with a visitation beginning at 12:00PM. Burial will follow in Luverne Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver – Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Luverne Cemetery

Luverne, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Luverne Lutheran Church
3rd Ave
Luverne, ND 58056
(701) 769-2185

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Luverne Lutheran Church
Luverne, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Our heart-felt condolences go to Robert's family. My mother, Margaret Corey, became good friends with him while living at Copper Springs in Gilbert. She will be heartbroken when I share the news of his passing. We enjoyed including Robert in our family celebrations. He will be missed. The Corey and Aman family.

Diane Aman - June 10, 2024 at 02:41 PM

WF

“ With love, Tamie (Kupitz) Fischbach purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" McKee.



With love, Tamie (Kupitz) Fischbach - April 22, 2024 at 07:37 PM

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“ With love, Tamie (Kupitz) Fischbach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" McKee.

With love, Tamie (Kupitz) Fischbach - April 22, 2024 at 07:37 PM

RJ

“ I have many memories growing up as next door neighbors to Bob and Helen, on my Dad's farm. Through good times and hard times, Bob would always keep on keeping on. Always had a friendly hello for us kids, even when we were not so young anymore. Praying as you mourn his loss.
Ried Jacobsen

Ried Jacobsen - April 20, 2024 at 07:13 PM

BD

“ *My sincere sympathy to Bob's family!*

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Beth Dreher - April 20, 2024 at 11:30 AM

GS

“ *I would like to send my condolences to the entire family. I Remember going over to Laverne to the farm and Bob was always there to greet us with a big hug or shake of the hands big old smile. he would walk me down to Gean's to see the horses .He knew I love the horses. I also remember when living in Arizona and working at The donut shop. We would have to be there early and he would be right there with us happy, jolly and keeping us going. Heaven has gained an angel. Say hi to Mom and the rest of our crew. We'll see you in heaven where our crazy crew will be back together. Love and hugs to all of you.*

Greg Swensen

Greg Swensen - April 19, 2024 at 12:16 AM



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



April 18, 2024 at 10:16 PM

WF

“ *With Love, The Soto Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert "Bob" McKee.*

With Love, The Soto Family - April 18, 2024 at 10:16 PM

LR

“ I have such fond memories of going to Uncle Bob and Aunt Helen's house. We'd visit often with my mom and dad when we were young. They are my Godparents. Bob was always friendly, jolly, loving. I miss him and look forward to our heavenly reunion some day.

Linda Rahn - April 17, 2024 at 02:13 PM

FB

“ To the Mckee Family: Joyce and I want send our sympathy and condolences . Bob was a great guy and due to being married to my older brother I always called him Bob In Law. May he rest in peace. Frank and Joyce Dahl

Francis Dahl Billings - April 08, 2024 at 02:44 PM