



## Robert Allen Ausenhus

September 18, 2024

Robert Allen Ausenhus passed away peacefully on September 18, 2024, and because of his deep faith in Jesus is now at home in heaven. Bob was born in Mason City, IA and raised on a farm in nearby Hanlontown. He began college at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. Intending to return to the family farm, he transferred to Iowa State University in his sophomore year, where he went on to earn a B.S. degree in vocational education and a M.S. degree in agricultural economics. But in response to a specific call from God to become a lawyer, he changed his career direction and earned a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder. Upon graduation, he moved to Loveland, CO, where he lived out his calling by practicing law for 51 years before retiring at age 80.

He is survived by Fran Ausenhus, his loving wife of 65 years, and a loving extended family: Scott and Mary Kay Ausenhus, Dave and Pam Ausenhus, Mark and Ann Ausenhus, Steve and Cori Ausenhus, Diep Nguyen, Grace and John Hockman, Kirsten and Andrew Dufault(Jordan, Harper and Joelle), Matthew Nguyen, Luke and Kierra Ausenhus (Wren), Rachel and Patrick Abiah, Laura and Drake VanRoekel (Selah), Amy and Matt Tse, Caryn Ausenhus, Hannah and Terrel Stoltzfus (Rhett), and Kaari and Gavin Schade.

He is also survived by his brothers John (Karen) and Paul Ausenhus. He was preceded in death by his father Clarence and mother Ferne Ausenhus, along

with his sister Mary Ellen and her husband Clell Bone.

Memorial services will be held at Redeemer Lutheran church, 7755 Greenstone Trail, Fort Collins, Co 80525 on October 7th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given either to Lutheran World Relief (online or mailed to P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD, 21297-1061), or to Redeemer Lutheran church. If you are unable to attend the service in person, we invite you to watch it by going to Redeemer's website at [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) and clicking on the "Watch Live" button. Or, go directly to <https://live.redeemerconnect.com/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 7. 10:30 AM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
7755 Greenstone Trail  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ I met Bob in 2008 when he helped my family negotiate the estate process following my father's death. I honestly don't know how we would have managed without his expert guidance. Sadly, we needed his help again in 2012 when my brother passed away. Bob was semi-retired then but gave 100% service to our devastated family. My mother passed away early last year and, had Bob still been practicing, I would surely have called on him again. Bob provided first-rate legal services in such a compassionate and considerate way; I will always be grateful that Bob lived out his faith in his professional life, and my family benefited from that.

Whenever we would meet with Bob, it was very evident from his surroundings and conversation that his family and his faith were the foundation of his life. I'm sure he is greatly missed by his loved ones and so I extend my sincere condolences for your loss.

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**Jolene Keck** - October 26, 2024 at 08:30 PM

DH

“ Fondlest memories of a great friend at Iowa State. Had several Ag classes together and spent one summer as "lumberjacks" in Colorado.

I treasure the memories of Dear Bob and my heart goes out to his loving partner, Fran, and their family. Dick Hagen, Northwood IA

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**Dick Hagen** - October 02, 2024 at 03:26 PM

BB

“ It was "tradition", according to Bob, that every new attorney in town had to buy him lunch. I did, and it was an honor. Bob drove three of us to the first annual Southern Larimer County Ski Day, and on the way back we had dinner at El Rancho, because Bob had been there and liked it. He picked up the balance of the dinner tab after the rest of us pitched in what money we had. That started the tradition of the annual ski trip, which grew and grew, and lasted for many years.

Bill Babcock - September 26, 2024 at 06:53 AM

CM

My name is Clarence Elichilia marina, I am very sorry to hear about the death of our family friend Bob Robert Ausenhus, I will tell my Dad about this baby news My God rest his soul in internal peace. My email address is mmarirumissa2016@gmail.com

Clarence Elichilia mmari - December 11, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CM

Clarence Mmari from Tanzania

Clarence Elichilia mmari - December 11, 2024 at 10:29 AM

BT

“ I'm pretty sure my mother-in-law, Lillian Tuttle, did some work for him for a short time in the early 1970's. She really admired him because of his faith and how he ran his practice. Lillian passed away on September 11th so I'm sure they are meeting again in heaven.

Barbara Tuttle - September 25, 2024 at 10:25 AM

KS

“ As a just admitted lawyer to the Colorado bar I called Bob and asked if he could meet for lunch and share any advice for starting my practice.

We spent two hours together at the Black Steer where he was a wonderful source of advice.

For the record it was understood that I was catching the lunch tab. He was a very fine attorney and a true gentleman.

*Kelsey Smith*

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**kelsey smith** - September 23, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MH

“ Bob was a great friend. He flew me more than once to Canada on fishing trips. On one trip he caught the biggest fish. We, Bob, my son, Rick, and his two twin sons flew all over Alaska one year. We visited almost all the main places to see in Alaska. I always marveled how he could find the correct airport by compass and radio. We also enjoyed several trips to some property in Jackson County, near Walden. One of his sons drove a car to the airport, and we had to take a battery each time to start the car. Mo Heth

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**Mo Heth** - September 22, 2024 at 03:03 PM