



## Robert Joseph Rosauer

December 10, 1943 - September 3, 2015

Robert (Bob) Rosauer passed away peacefully on September 3rd, 2015, surrounded by the love of his family after a year-long, hard-fought battle with cancer. An eternal optimist, glass-half-full, humble and ebullient man, Bob faced the challenges of this past year with grace, courage, a sense of humor and a never-failing smile, endearing him to the many physicians, nurses, therapists, friends and neighbors with whom he interacted.

Bob was born on December 10, 1943 in Vinton, Iowa to Donald and Earlene Diamond Rosauer. He graduated from Don Bosco High School in Gilbertville, Iowa in 1962. He then attended Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and the University of Detroit, earning his degree in electrical engineering. Upon graduation, Bob worked for Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as an avionics design engineer, then moved to Fort Collins where he obtained his MBA at Colorado State University. He worked as a design engineer for Teledyne Waterpik for three years, then began his dream career at Woodward Governor, holding various positions in design engineering and management. Bob considered it a privilege to be associated with the many talented Woodward members, whom he deemed not just coworkers but also good friends. His travels with Woodward allowed him to make friends throughout the world, and he greatly valued those opportunities.

A devout fly fisherman, Bob was never happier than with a fly rod in his hand in a stream anywhere in his beloved Rocky Mountains. It was there that he felt

most at peace with life and nature.

His love of woodworking leaves a legacy of handmade clocks, cabinets, and a beautiful family room for his family to cherish.

He and his wife Gail, companion and best friend of 32 years, were blessed to have shared many travels together, including Australia, New Zealand, Bora Bora, the Caribbean, many parts of Canada, Mexico, and many memorable sojourns across the U.S. in their RV.

Bob is survived by his adoring wife Gail, his beautiful and loving mother Earlene Rosauer of Dubuque, Iowa, his children Robin (Dennis) Graham of Palm Springs, California, son Eric (Ann Marie) Rosauer of Norco, California and their daughter Jordan (Bob's precious granddaughter and pride and joy), stepson Corey (Lisa) McNair of Sanger, California, and their son Zachary, and stepdaughter Heather McNair (Byron Chen) and their son Graham, of Gaithersburg, MD. He cherished and was very proud of all of them. He is also survived by his brother Mark (Rita) Rosauer of LeClair, Iowa, sister Janice (Tim) Cox of Blue Springs, Missouri and sister Joan (Bob) Lentz of Dubuque, Iowa, numerous wonderful nieces and nephews and his sweet God child Clara Cox and her sister Mariella – a constant source of joy to him. Bob was preceded in death by his treasured father, Donald Rosauer.

Bob's family would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the many people who gave exemplary care to Bob in this past year, especially Dr. Ian Brickl, whose compassion and friendship touched Bob in so many ways. To the outstanding staff at PVH and MCR – far too numerous to mention; Jeff and Tara his physical therapists who gave him the gift of mobility and strength. To the amazing nurses and staff at the Harmony Infusion Center and the Harmony Cancer Center for their love and compassion, and most of all our dear neighbors and friends at "The Woods," who selflessly gave their time, talent, food, "the ramp" and their love to help us through this difficult time. God bless you all.

Memorial contributions in Bob's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project. A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1250 7th St, Windsor, CO at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, September 9th. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Colorado.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of The Valley  
1250 7th Street  
Windsor, CO 80550

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Joseph Rosauer*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *The thing I will most remember about my brother Bob is that he would not just laugh when something was funny, he would "explode" with laughter! I will miss that the most.*

*Joan Lentz*

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**Joan Lentz** - September 11, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ *We are so very, very sorry for Bob's passing.  
He was a good friend and the world needs more like him.*

*Russ & Cathy Clark*

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**Russ & Cathy Clark** - September 09, 2015 at 10:50 AM



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**Russ & Cathy Clark** - September 09, 2015 at 10:23 AM

ML

“ I've been friends with Bob's brother Mark and wife Rita for 48 years.

*Friends have posted many great memories about Bob. He obviously was an outstanding person.*

*Our sincere condolences to the Rosauer family and their many friends.*

*Mike and Linda Lannan*

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**Mike Lannan** - September 08, 2015 at 07:57 PM

JT

“ Jim Tobin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Joseph Rosauer.



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**Jim Tobin** - September 08, 2015 at 07:05 PM

PM

“ I am sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I remember him teaching me to play "Classical Gas" on the guitar. He had a great smile. We are keeping Bob and his family in our prayers.

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**Pat Friedmann McCormick** - September 08, 2015 at 06:29 PM

RP

“ It was my distinct honor and good fortune to work for Bob for a number of years at Woodward. He was one of the best bosses I ever had and he always treated us as co-workers rather than subordinates. Bob was always optimistic and could make a bad day all the better just by talking to him. he will be missed by all of us that had the privilege to call him a friend.

*Be at Peace.*

*Ron Platz*

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**Ron Platz** - September 08, 2015 at 02:54 PM

DR

“ Dean R. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Joseph Rosauer.



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**Dean R.** - September 08, 2015 at 10:10 AM

DC

“ I learned much from Bob over the many years at Woodward. From application engineering to marketing to leadership while on Terry's Turbomachinery Controls staff, Bob was always willing to share. I use a Bob Rosauer phrase frequently... "I may not be right but I am not uncertain".

*My sincere condolences to the immediate and indirect family. Bob was a good man and he will indeed be missed.*

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**Don Cook** - September 08, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Rosauer.*



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September 07, 2015 at 10:51 PM



“ *Bob lives on in our memories. Two of his kindnesses are particularly memorable in my mind: picking me up at the Cedar Rapids airport in Nov. '69 upon returning from a year with US Army in Vietnam and providing a place to stay while I searched for a job in Colorado 1973. Glad to see he asks us to remember our wounded service members, too. May he rest in piece.*

*Ed Friedmann, Redfield, IA*

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**Ed Friedmann** - September 07, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ *Dad, you will always be my compass...R*

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**Robin Graham** - September 06, 2015 at 06:23 PM



“ *Bob and I shared many a cup of coffee on our "Illegal" coffee breaks from Woodward. And now that I think about it, he did always have a smile on his face, even when complaining about the little daily frustrations we would share at coffee. It was a pleasure to have him as a friend and co-worker. A great guy!*

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**Del Tapparo** - September 05, 2015 at 02:46 PM

JT

“ Although our relationship with Bob started a few short years ago, it seems like we've been friends forever. The man had a wonderful way of making you feel welcome in his life, as well as his home. This last battle was a tough one, but Bob never wavered in his conviction that he would not be defeated, and that smile of his seldom left his face! Go in peace, dear friend, and await our arrival!  
*John & Jill Tuorila*

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**John & Jill Tuorila** - September 05, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Rosauer.*



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September 04, 2015 at 01:31 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Rosauer*



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**Chrissy** - September 04, 2015 at 10:07 AM