



Robert Vandenberg

December 1, 2020

Robert Peter Vandenberg, age 90, of Fort Collins, Colorado died December 1, 2020 at his home.

Bob was born in Columbus, Nebraska to Albert and Mary Vandenberg. They moved to Colorado when he was very young. He attended St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Ft. Collins and he graduated from East High School, Denver, class of 1948, which he then enlisted into the Air Force as a Master Sergeant. As a Sergeant, Bob served at F. E. Warren Air Force Base as well as Buckley Air Force Base as a teacher to young recruits. After he was discharged, Bob got a degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Colorado, Boulder. He worked for 10 years at Martin Marietta and travelled to various missile sites. He also spent many years working at CSU in their Research Department. Bob retired from CSU in 1993.

Bob Married Theresa Gizewski on Dec. 1, 1956 at St. Joseph Polish Church in Denver. They enjoyed square dancing, skiing, and fishing together. He died on their 64th wedding anniversary.

Bob was preceded in death by his brother, Francis and is survived by his wife, Terry; three children, Bruce Vandenberg of Fort Collins, Sheila (and Keith) McClune of Aurora, and Glenn Vandenberg of Littleton; and five grandchildren, Devon, Serena, Gwen, Taryn and Marisa.

Private services for Bob's family will be held on December 7, 2020 and will be streamed live online for others to join from home. Recitation of the Holy Rosary beginning at 9:30 am, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am, December 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins. Military honors conclude the services, after which a private burial will take place at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, CO.

His family requests that any memorial donations please be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital by mail to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at: https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=wtg-lz-donateno
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Bob's family would also like to express great appreciation to all of the caregivers who provided 24/7 assistance.

To join the service online, please follow either of the links below:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfTYqQ96sVNI3ED-UZFF0eA>

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephChurchFC/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Vandenberg*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Vandenberg.*



December 04, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Gosh, we are so sad that Bob has left us. He was such a lovely neighbor & friend. We had many wonderful & often funny chats over the garden fence & occasionally a trip through the gate was called for. Bob loved the fudge I make which occasionally had a bit of cayenne mixed in. But most importantly, he was never shy about letting me know he had eaten up the last of his supply!*

When we acquired a beat up old 1927 Model T, Bob just about shot across the lawn & through the gate to have a look. It was delightful to share in his excitement when Pokie finally took him out for a long ride squealing tires & sliding through the dust on gravel roads.

Bob was a dear man & we loved him very much. He always had a kind word, a warm hug & a sweet smile for us. We will miss him so much.

Kristi Carson & Pokie Parmidge

Kristi Carson - December 03, 2020 at 09:08 PM

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He was so thrilled to have gone on that car ride with Pokie! The next time we came up, he barely waited for us to get through the door before he was showing us the pictures. You have been such good neighbors to them over the years. Thank you.

Sheila (Vandenberg) McClune

Sheila (Vandenberg) McClune - December 04, 2020 at 03:01 PM

KC

You are so welcome, Sheila. It has been our pleasure to know your parents and we plan on much more time to share with your mom.

Kristi Carson - December 07, 2020 at 04:23 PM