



## Robert (Bob) Althoff

April 4, 1949 - June 5, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Robert (Bob) Althoff

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Robert (Bob) Althoff, 76, of Park Hills, OK, passed away at home on June 5, 2025. He was the proud son of Martha Pauline (Kraft) Althoff and Edward Charles Althoff, both deceased, as well as one brother, Michael Althoff, who preceded him in death. He is survived by one sister, Cindy Althoff Stoll, two nephews, Jeremy Stoll (Derick), Joshua Stoll, and one niece, Kimberly Stoll-French (Nick), as well as numerous cousins that he loved and treasured. His pal, his best friend, and four-legged companion, Petie, was always at Bob's side.

Bob was born in Murphysboro, IL and raised in the Immanuel Lutheran Church. He graduated in the class of 1967 and was known as "Flash" while playing football, his favorite pastime.

Bob obtained three Master's Degrees; however, it was his Master's Degree in Social Work, as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker that appeared to be his true calling. As a close friend of his in OK described, it was not uncommon for him to bring smiles to the faces of kids in treatment by taking them on walks, bringing them treats to brighten their day, and showing them that they were loved and cared for while hospitalized.

He showed compassion and care for individuals that some would consider "the least of these." He actually "saw" those that others ignored or passed by in fear. He walked the halls of the Capitol, seeking compassion for those in mental health crises. He developed a Mobile Outreach Crisis Service that consisted of a team of clinicians who helped to stabilize those in perilous situations. His work continues to impact people with serious mental illness, the homeless, as well as Veterans and Disabled Veterans. He was considered a "legend" in the Tulsa area for the amazing work that he accomplished.

Through the years when he came home to visit family, he entertained his young niece and nephews with many stories about the Big Muddy Monster, as he was a great storyteller and jokester. He relished going out to Lake Murphysboro and reliving his fond memories of fishing, camping, and using the archery range.

In honor of Bob, please share a few of Bob's values towards others. Be kind and show compassion for those in need and be the stronger one by standing up for those who are unable to stand up for themselves.

Bob was cremated by Reed-Culver Funeral Home in Tahlequah, OK.

Funeral Services have not yet been determined and will be arranged.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

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“ I got to know Bobby when visiting my Grandpa and Aunt on Candy Lane. I was about 3 years younger and along with many of my friends about the same age would get Bobby to show us some football basics in the vacant field behind their house. He filled a leadership role for me and my friends. Rest in peace my friend .

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**Mike Sloan** - August 25, 2025 at 07:46 PM

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“ Bob and I enjoyed a great friendship

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**Lowen Zeiner** - July 23, 2025 at 12:58 AM