



Robert "Bob" Radtke

April 7, 1936 - December 30, 2017

Robert C. Radtke, 81, died December 30, 2017 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale with his wife, Jan, and family by his side.

He was born in Oconomowoc, WI to Clarence and Doris Radtke, April 7, 1936.

He graduated from the Lutheran Concordia High School and College in Milwaukee, WI. He attended the Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis, MO where he met the love of his life, Janice Lobitz. They were married in Independence, KS on August 30, 1958. He completed his bachelor's degree in psychology at UW Milwaukee, and later received his masters and PhD in experimental psychology from U of Iowa in 1963 while raising three children. Upon receiving his PhD he accepted a position at the University of Rochester, NY where he taught for three years. In 1966 the family moved to Carbondale, IL where he was on the faculty of SIU. During his 30 plus years at SIU he served as professor in psychology and held the position of Associate Dean of the graduate school. He held many leadership positions and remained active with the university system after retirement.

Bob enjoyed the adventure of travelling the world near and far, visiting many friends and family. His travels included many golfing outings, and camping trips, which were a big part of family life. He enjoyed skiing, as well as walks

with friends around Campus Lake. He never tired of learning and was always up for a stimulating intellectual conversation.

Bob was very generous with time and service to his community, serving on many boards of local, state, university, and church related organizations.

He will be missed by many, especially the wife he adored, Jan; daughter, Tam (John); son Tim (Jenny); son Jon (Lis); his grandchildren, Sarah (Nate), Kris (Adriane), Cameron, Erin, Kaylyn, Sabrina, Ben, Nik (their mother Fairouz) and Mateo; great grandchildren, Jackson and River; brother, Dennis, other relatives and many friends.

Bob is remembered by many for his kindness, perpetual good cheer, and generosity to everyone.

Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Chautauqua, Carbondale.

Visitation with the family will be Friday January 5, 2018, 5-7 p.m. at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Dr., Murphysboro and from 10-11a.m., Saturday at Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Memorial donations can be made to: Jackson County Stage Company and will be accepted at the funeral home and/or Southern Illinois Music Festival, checks made payable to SIU Foundation with IL Music Festival in the memo line. Send to: Ed Benyas c/o School of Music Mailcode 4302, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Memorial Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Epiphany Lutheran Church
1501 W. Chautauqua
Carbondale, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Radtke*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Just found out about this sadness! I always enjoyed seeing him at Faith when he would visit you in O'Fallon. Joe and Onnie*

Onnie Wargo - January 07, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Tom Werlich*

Tom Werlich - January 05, 2018 at 06:55 AM



“ *So, so sorry. Bob was a very good friend of ours for many, many years (approx 45 -50 or so years). He will be missed by many people- I can hear his laughter and see his smile. Loss of a loved one can be unbearable a times. We seem to manage one way or another. We want you to know that we are thinking of you and we care about your whole family. The Paige Family*

Carolyn Paige - January 04, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ *The DOI Office of Occupational Safety and Health purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Radtke.*



The DOI Office of Occupational Safety and Health - January 04, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Radtke.*



January 04, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *Bob was one of the more influential males in my life during my formative years in High School and College. He taught me the importance of a great education and how to truly enjoy being with your family every day. I had a lot of fun with him and the "gang" as we went camping, hiking, fishing and golfing together across the wild west. He also taught me how to be a better conversationalist by engaging more in the interest of others than myself. Bob was an avid reader and I often think of him when I pick up a novel to read. He will truly be missed but the things I learned from him I will keep forever and pass along to my family. May the Holy Spirit give us all comfort during this difficult time.*

Terry McGee - January 03, 2018 at 11:56 PM



“ *Bob had a great smile and great laugh. He was always deeply interested in others. I will always remember his lively personality. Prayers to all the Radtke family.*

The Volpe's - January 03, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the Radtke family.*

Marcia Chew - January 03, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Radtke.*



January 03, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *You always treated me with a Smile and for this I am forever grateful !!! You will be missed !!*



Brooks Hayden - January 03, 2018 at 12:01 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad Tam. Prayers of comfort coming your way.*

Joan and Paul Jinks - January 02, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am sitting here thinking of all the fond memories of your family. Praying for God's peace at this time.*
Carolyn McGee Perro

Carolyn Perero - January 02, 2018 at 03:16 PM



Always a sparkling smile and sense of fun in this lovely man I got to know after having his two wonderful sons work for me. No surprise to find a magnificent family. So many will miss you, Bob.

steve falcone - January 03, 2018 at 08:52 AM

SM

“ Back in the 90's Dr. Radtke was one of my favorite professors. Being an older student I went to him on several occasions complaining that the cognitive psychology book was confusing and unreadable. To which he answered, "the only way to understand the subject matter is by coming to class where I explain everything." I knew then he had an agenda that was working for him. I never missed a class and ended up with the highest grade in his class. He was a pro at using psychology to work to his advantage. Great teacher. He will be missed.

Suzanne McCann - January 02, 2018 at 11:27 AM

MS

Jan and family,

Bob was a great person and always willing to listen. He will be missed.

Marilyn Starkey - January 02, 2018 at 11:06 PM

DB

Bob was always happy. He was a great friend and a great neighbor to many people. We will miss him dearly. Praying for God's peace during this time. Jeff, Debbie, and Brett Blair

Debbie Blair - January 04, 2018 at 04:47 PM