



Vernie Robert Bender II

July 22, 1946 - December 26, 2022

Vernie Robert “Bob” Bender, II, age 76, of Evansville, passed away at his home on Monday, December 26, 2022 with his wife and the love of his life for 56 years, Vicki, by his side and surrounded by family.

Bob was born July 22, 1946 in Evansville to the late Vernie and Loretta (Strueh) Bender. He worked for Bristol Myers as a sterile drug compounder before retiring. Bob was a life member of the West Side Nut Club, a life member of the Riverbend Association, a life member of the Scottish Rite and was a 50-year Free Mason and member of Evansville Lodge #64. Bob was also an avid golfer; he played golf at Reitz High School and Evansville College and had served as President of the Helfrich Hills Men’s Club. Bob had competed in and won many local, regional and national youth golf tournaments.

Surviving Bob are his wife, Vicki (Grossman) Bender; son, Richard (Teona) Bender of Evansville; two grandchildren, Morgan (Stephanie) Bender and Kanin Bender; two great grandchildren, Madelyn and Nora Bender and his mother-in-law, Mary McCurdy.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his sister, Rebecca Bender.

Funeral services for Bob will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Terry Gamblin officiating. Entombment will take place Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a Masonic service held at 6:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the West Side Nut Club Foundation, to ARC of Evansville, 615 W. Virginia Street, Evansville, IN 47710 or Deaconess Hospice, 611 Harriett Street, Evansville, IN 47710.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
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Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Vernie Robert Bender II*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 31, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vernie Robert Bender II*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 28, 2022 at 02:44 PM

DL

May God speed your time you are able to be with Mike and Kelley ❤️

Donna Lawrence - December 28, 2022 at 07:44 PM

BL

Bob was a good, dependable worker for me in sterile drugs. God Bless all in his family. Bruce Long now of Mesa, AZ

bruce long - December 28, 2022 at 08:50 PM

DG

It seems like only yesterday when we were young. Right after high school we were some of the only ones first married and Vicki and Bob would come to our apartment. Love you both I know you have had a most wonderful life.

Deanna Clark Gordon

Deanna Gordon - December 30, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ Vernie Robert Bender II

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernie Robert Bender II.*



December 30, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Vernie Robert Bender II.*



December 29, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vernie Robert Bender II.*



December 29, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Silver Victorian Tear Bottle with FREE Matching Tray was purchased for the family of Vernie Robert Bender II.*



December 28, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 28, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Bob has been a long-term member of our Ormond Golf Group. Twenty golfers who come to Florida every winter with our wives to enjoy our favorite passtime. Several years ago Bob & Vicki brought Mike Sturgeon and his wife Debbie into our circle of friends. Bob was a favorite in our group to every member because of our respect for his three Indiana Amateur State Golf Championships, his sense of humor, and his "Golden Rule" lifestyle. He was truly a wonderful friend and we were blessed to have him and Vicki as special loving people in our group. We know God blessed Bob in his life with us and that He will continue to bless and reward Bob in the hereafter for the goodness and love he shared so generously with family and friends.*

Tom Haughey - December 28, 2022 at 12:05 AM

KC

Thoughts and prayers.

Kelly Cardin - December 28, 2022 at 06:17 AM

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Bob was a 55 year member of the Masonic Fraternity. That is no small feat, and he will be missed. We pray peace and comfort upon his family at this time. May God welcome Brother Bender into the Celestial Lodge above.

Evansville Masonic Lodge #64 - December 28, 2022 at 01:17 PM

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*Vicki, we keep Bob & you & your family in our prayers.
Tom & Judy Hogan*

Thomas Hogan - December 28, 2022 at 03:23 PM