



Robert Eugene Rousseau

February 26, 1936 - February 22, 2025

Robert E. "Bob" Rousseau, 88, of Perryville, Missouri peacefully passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Mercy Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born February 26, 1936 in Perryville, MO to Frank and Henrietta (Klump) Rousseau.

Bob and Carol Faherty were married on November 16, 1968 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville. She survives him in Perryville.

Bob was a 1954 graduate of St. Vincent's Seminary in Cape Girardeau and a SEMO graduate with a master's degree in education. He was a math teacher and school principal for a combined 45 years, dedicating his time and passion to his students and staff at St. Vincent Elementary. After his retirement in 2004, he did some substitute teaching in Perryville, Farmington, and Bloomsdale. He enjoyed traveling, reading, spending time on the family farm cutting and splitting wood for the wintertime, and especially spending time with his family. He loved watching the Cardinals play and rarely missed a game on TV. He also followed the Blues and enjoyed watching the Chiefs. He was a dedicated St. Vincent de Paul parishioner, where he was a lector and Eucharistic minister, a member of Knights of Columbus Council 1263 Degree & Holy Name Society. Bob was never a stranger to anyone and always

enjoyed a conversation. He was remembered by many of his past students and faculty as he has graciously touched their lives with his kindness (and maybe a few flying chalkboard erasers). He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin R. (Diane) Rousseau of Herculaneum, MO, Terry L. Rousseau of Perryville, MO; daughter, Stacey R. (Randy) Thurman of St. Charles, MO; sister, Dorothy (Ernest) Genco of Staten Island, NY; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Rellergert of Perryville, MO; five grandchildren, Sarah (RJ) Moses, Nolan Thurman, Mitchell Rousseau, Allison Rousseau and Kayla Rousseau.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers; Hubert, Lester, Merlin and Clyde Rousseau, two sisters; Marie Rousseau and Helen Morgan.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, March 2, 2025 and from 8:00 am - 9:30 am on Monday, March 3, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Monday, March 3, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Joe Geders C.M. officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent de Paul Schools or Masses.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

MAR 3. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Funeral Mass

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Tribute Wall

CE

“ I am proud to have worked at SV elementary school and have never known a principal to be so caring for his students. He was always interested in everything they were doing. I know that he always backed me up whenever I came up with new ways to present new ideas to my 6th graders. Carol and family, I am so sorry for your loss but I know that you are all strong and will do well. Just remember all the good times you had as a family. You are all in my prayers. Cathy Eberhardt.

Catherine Eberhardt - March 04, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Rousseau.



February 28, 2025 at 11:39 PM

DG

“ Dorothy & Ernest Genco purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Eugene Rousseau.



Dorothy & Ernest Genco - February 28, 2025 at 06:40 AM

DG

“ Dorothy & Ernest Genco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Eugene Rousseau.

Dorothy & Ernest Genco - February 28, 2025 at 06:40 AM

SS

“ St. Vincent DePaul Church & Schools purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Eugene Rousseau.



St. Vincent DePaul Church & Schools - February 27, 2025 at 01:04 PM

MS

“ Kevin, Dianne and Family .I am deeply sorry that you have lost your Father,Father-In-Law and beloved Grandpa. It is tough to see the time we had together pass so quickly in retrospect. All those precious memories will live forever as you all sit down together and share. Your children will be his legacy. He was an example of a good Christian Man. Because his Son is definitely! With deepest condolences , Mary Blandford Schimpf

mary blandford schimpf - February 27, 2025 at 09:29 AM

FA

“ Carol, Kevin & Diane and family, we are so very sorry for the loss of your beloved Bob. May he rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord. May God bless you all and may the Holy Spirit be with all of you and guide you in these difficult days.
Faye Amschler and Michelle Clifton



Faye Amschler - February 26, 2025 at 05:34 PM

MM

“ May the family find comfort and solace in their memories what an incredible educator

Melanie Prevallet Muir - February 25, 2025 at 09:49 PM

EB

“ Carol and family I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.



Ellen Bean - February 25, 2025 at 04:47 PM

VD

“ Im so sorry for your loss of Mr. Rousseau. I remember him well as our principal. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a way of putting people at ease. Thinking of the family and sending prayers for healing.

Vicki (Kiefer) Dowdy - February 25, 2025 at 04:47 PM

TN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great family friend and our kids were in school together while he was the school principal. I worked with his sister and mother-in-law at the AMM office. We also volunteered together at the AMM office. We worked many school fund raisers together. He was a good man and will be greatly missed.

Thelma and Eugene Nations

Thelma Nations - February 25, 2025 at 02:50 PM

LM

“ So sorry Carol n family for your loss. May God give you comfort n peace

Larry and Karolyn Marr - February 25, 2025 at 01:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Rousseau.



February 25, 2025 at 01:28 PM