



Robert "Bob" C. Ransom

October 22, 2016

Robert "Bob" C. Ransom, 79, of Mason City and longtime owner/operator of Ransom's Cigar Store 120 N. Federal, died Saturday morning, October 22, 2016 at Hospice of North Iowa inpatient unit.

A Memorial Service will be held 4:00 pm on Friday, November 4, 2016 at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd ST. SE, Mason City. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to make contributions to the Robert C. Ransom, memorial fund. Condolences and sharing with Donna, Tammy and Todd, may be done on the funeral home webpage, www.Fullertonfh.com or Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes.

Robert was born on January 22, in Mason City the son of Harley and Annabelle Ransom. He graduated from Mason City High School and then attended Mason City Junior College. He joined Interstate Power for a short time and then became partners with his father in business at Ransom's Cigar Store. In 1965 Bob took over and became the sole proprietor The business is one of the oldest family operated businesses in Mason City, having four different locations with Bob being the fourth generation owner and operator. Ransom's Cigar store is the last place in North Iowa to find a snooker table. Many lessons were given and learned at those tables, along with card lessons every Saturday morning. He and Donna also operated the Country House Restaurant for many years. Many employees were with Bob and Donna for

over 20 years and one current employee for close to 50 years. Bob met Donna while socializing with friends and they were united in marriage on September 15, 1967 in Las Vegas, NV. Many, many trips were made back there as it was their favorite place to go. Bob and Donna were the consummate host and hostess and always loved entertaining. With their group of friends they often met at the Country Club, and would often end their time by inviting friends, staff and others out to eat at Northwestern Steak House or to their home, sometimes just to socialize and other times to play cards. It was a weekly treat to go out and spend time eating at many of the bars and restaurants in and around Mason City. Bob always made sure to step into the kitchen to laugh and joke with the owners and staff. For many years he enjoyed have Saturday morning breakfast and driving around town with his daughter Tammy to stay up to date on the current events. Even though Bob did not have a recognized religion, he often helped others in need with money, a place to stay, friendly advice, or just to do for others, as he would want for himself. If he was your friend he would do anything to help you. When he received his Sunday license to operate he would share his type of communion with popcorn and beer. To keep things lively he would share in contests on sporting events such as baseball, football and NASCAR. Bob always had a project on the burner, even up to the last year. He redid all the woodwork in his home and loved doing woodworking for others. No matter what happened his family came first, not just with holidays which they loved, but all year. He instilled in his children the responsibility, respect and honor that children need to grow up right. Even letting them skin their knees once in a while to learn a valuable lesson in life but loved them dearly.

Although the family is small it is mighty with survivors Donna his wife of 49 years, two children Tammy and her husband Scott Davies, Todd and his wife Sharon Ransom, all of Mason City, three grandchildren, Joseph and Samantha Davies, and Jon Ransom, two great grandchildren Isaac and Izabella Davies, his brother Dr. James (Marsha) Ransom, three nieces, one

nephew, his beloved dog Shadow and surrogate daughter Peggy Feltus after her own father passed away.

His parents and Aunt Dorothy Crumb preceded him in death.

Arrangements by Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676 www.Fullertonfh.com, [Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhomes)

Cemetery Details

Cremation Services of North Iowa

123 2nd ST. SE
Mason City, IA 50401
mail@fullertonfh.com

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

NOV 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" C. Ransom

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Donna & Family

So sorry to hear about Bob. Spent lots of hours in your place over the years. Don't get to Mason City very much anymore. God be with your family through this terrible loss.

Lynn Davis

Lynn Davis - November 03, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Spent many hours and years knowing Bob and sorry to hear of this. think of him and Donna allot as I haven't drank in years and have lived in MN. for the past thirty plus years. Nothing bad to say about the man. Dave Sletten*

David Sletten - October 29, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *Condolences to the Ransom family, Bob will be missed. Nick from Rochester (prev.Mason City)*

nick engdahl - October 28, 2016 at 09:35 AM

BP

“ Donna, Tammy, and Todd,
Our thoughts and prayers to your family. One of my first jobs as a kid was at the Country House & Lounge. I have a lot of great memories of Bob and all of you--you treated your employees like family. May Bob rest in peace

Bill Phillips

Bill Phillips - October 28, 2016 at 07:07 AM

KR

“ Bob Ransom
Mr. Mason City

*RIP
Kraig Koller*

Kraig - October 27, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Bob's Wall Tributes



James@Fullertonfh.com - October 26, 2016 at 02:24 PM

SB

“ Donna and family, I am so sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers in the days ahead! Sandy & Gary Benson.

Sandy Benson - October 26, 2016 at 09:53 AM

EM

“ Dear Donna and Family,
I'm so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I stopped in a couple of times last Oct. to say "hello" and missed him. Little did he know that it was the "last stop" for my sister Rene'. She loved the old memories and couldn't stop in when she was ill in a wheelchair. I made sure she stopped in with me for a final "shot" before I laid her to rest. Set her right up on the bar, sent her off in style. I'm sure she'll meet up with Bob along with the entire old gang from years past.
My heart goes out to all of you now and forever.
Betsy (Rozen) Michaels

Elizabeth Michaels - October 25, 2016 at 11:08 PM

LR

“ Lisa R. purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Robert "Bob" C. Ransom.

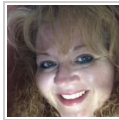


Lisa R. - October 24, 2016 at 09:17 PM

RZ

“ *Tami,
I am so very sorry about the loss of your dad. I know you were close to him.
I lost my dad in July and I know how much it hurts. You will be greatly in my thoughts.
Renee Zirbel*

Renee Zirbel - October 23, 2016 at 10:53 AM



Girls, hard to believe we are the age to lose our parents and the age our parents were when we were young girls starting our lives out. Lost my Dad the July before yours Renee and we lost Ron's mom in June a month earlier than your Dad. It tough and every time I think of a memory of them I get choked up. Both of you are in my thoughts. Renee I tried to send you a message in July and not sure if it posted as it glitched and I forgot to check. Take care and I will have to stop in Tami when we get back there and Renee will have to join us.

Denise Henely - December 02, 2016 at 10:58 PM

DL

Bob Ransom was a legend in Mason City. I spent hundreds of hours in Ransom's shooting pool, drinking beer, and hanging out with friends. In passing, his memory will remain with me although I have long since left North Iowa, but cherish those fond memories!

Dee R Lichty - July 24, 2020 at 08:34 PM