



Robin Vosburgh

April 12, 1931 - November 20, 2025

Robin Vosburgh, born April 12, 1931, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2025, surrounded by family. She was beautiful, strong, loving, and a remarkable role model for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Robin began life on a rubber plantation in Sumatra, Indonesia, where her father managed the estate. Her earliest years were spent traveling with her parents and her brother Chris throughout Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, until World War II abruptly altered their world. During the war, Robin, her mother, father, and Chris were imprisoned in a Japanese concentration camp for three years. Even in those unimaginable conditions, she carried herself with dignity, courage, and resilience – qualities that would define her entire life.

After liberation, the family resettled in Scotland, her father's homeland. Robin attended boarding school, where she played field hockey, and later university, where she was crowned Queen of the Arts Ball. She earned a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, reflecting her lifelong love of cooking, hospitality, and bringing people together.

Robin met her husband, Joe, in Scotland, and after their wedding and honeymoon in Lugano, Switzerland, they eventually moved to North Iowa.

There, they raised four children and built a warm, bustling home filled with laughter, conversation, and constant family activity. All while raising her busy family, she loyally cared for Joe, standing by him through every chapter of their life together.

Robin had a remarkable memory – if you couldn't recall a date or name, you simply called Robin. She cared deeply about family and kept track of everyone's birthdays, milestones, and stories. She stayed in close contact with family and friends “across the pond” and was surprisingly tech-savvy for her generation. She emailed, FaceTimed, and messaged her grandchildren regularly, cherishing those conversations. Her connection with family overseas remained strong throughout her life; as one family member wrote, “Giving thanks for our beautiful, resilient, caring and loving Auntie Robin.”

She was a friend to many and famous for her shortbread. Robin was a fantastic cook, and if you were lucky, she prepared Rijsttafel for you – a meal no one ever forgot. Her hospitality, generosity, and warmth made everyone feel welcome.

Throughout her life, Robin enjoyed traveling and had explored all over the world. She remained curious, open-hearted, and deeply engaged with life well into her later years.

She carried her beauty, humor, and sharp wit throughout her life. Her sarcasm was legendary, and she could make an entire room laugh with a single look or perfectly timed remark.

Robin is survived by her children: Bob Vosburgh (Cindy), Sascha Simmons (Joel), Dell Vosburgh, and Sonja Tepley (Mike). She was the beloved grandmother of Blake, Jessica, Heather, Emerald, Adriana, Dirk, Alexa, Alexandra, and Anelise, and the proud great-grandmother of 14 great-

grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Gert Williams.

Robin faced every chapter of life with resilience, determination, and heart. Her legacy is one of courage, loyalty, humor, and deep love for her family. She will be profoundly missed.

The family sincerely thanks her wonderful caregivers, and in particular Monika and Ghania, for their loving care during Robin's final year.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. with visitation starting at 9:00 a.m. until service time on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 502 2nd St S, Rockwell, IA. Pastor Jane Harris will be officiating. Following the service, Robin will be laid to rest at the Rockwell Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to DAV-Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Cemetery Details

Rockwell Cemetery

Rockwell, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church

502 2nd St S

Rockwell, IA 50469

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Funeral Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church

502 2nd St S

Rockwell, IA

Tribute Wall



“ Our family would like to thank everyone who attended and helped up make Mom’s send off special . Thank you to all who were able to join us , those who sent flowers, donations, and shared lovely memories . We all truly appreciate you all !

Sonja Tepley - December 03, 2025 at 12:20 PM

JL

“ We are thinking of the Vosburgh family during this sad time. May all the good memories bring peace and comfort . We are so thankful to have known Robin and to have shared our families. We would like to honor her memory with a financial gift to the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Humboldt TN. Love and prayers, the Michael, Jarvis and Lamb families

Jane Lamb - December 02, 2025 at 12:19 PM



Thank you so much , Jane and Mark ! Very thoughtful and kind words . Mom &Dad would have loved your contribution to the veterans org there . Mom loved your Mother and enjoyed hearing about your growing families .

Sonja Tepley - December 03, 2025 at 11:54 AM



Thank you to Trisha , Alma Ruth , and Jimmy as well ! What a wonderful family you all have . Mom enjoyed all the times she attended occasions and you all made her feel at home in TN .

Sonja Tepley - December 03, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JS

Thanks guys, very well done!! Love ya!

Joel Simmons - December 03, 2025 at 12:23 PM

GN

“ Robin was my Mom’s best friend for many years-going way back to when Robin and Joe first moved to Clear Lake back in the 1960’s. Despite the challenges of life, she was always kind, cheerful, and giving-an absolutely delightful person to be around! Her charming Scottish brogue and her “to-die-for” Scottish shortbread are two indelible memories of those years and I will dearly miss both! This is a picture of Mom and Robin when she visited Clear Lake several years ago. Bob, Sasha, Dell, and Sonja-may God bless you and keep you; make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you as you grieve the loss of your dear Mother; may He turn His very face upon you and give you the peace that only He can give. Much Love, Greg (for the Nicholas Family) PS We are in Florida so unfortunately we will not be able to be at Robin’s service.



Greg Nicholas - December 01, 2025 at 11:23 AM



Thank you for posting these memories and this beautiful photo ! They look to be having a great time 😊. Mom loved Mary Lou so much and was her best friend and such a help to her when I was a baby. Mom was so sad to hear of her passing . It was good to see Jeff and to read your lovely message here.

Sonja Tepley - December 03, 2025 at 11:57 AM

DA

“ I have so many fond memories of Robin, starting way back as a freshman at ISU. She was always fun to be around, energetic, and kept a positive outlook on life. I remember many weekends at Clear Lake with Bob, enjoying the conversation and, of course, Robin's Scottish shortbread. After college Robin kept in touch, and I always looked forward to her very thoughtful birthday cards. She will be missed.

Dave - December 01, 2025 at 07:01 AM



Thank you, Dave! Mom and Dad always loved you and we have fond memories of the trip to your family FL home way back when I was in high school. And they also so enjoyed anytime you visited the lake with Bob . Thank you for your message

Sonja Tepley - December 03, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JL

So many memories. So sorry for your loss. Condolences to the entire Vosburgh clan. Jennifer

Jennifer Larsen - December 04, 2025 at 07:01 PM

WS

“ With love, Randy and Gail Stone purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robin Vosburgh.



With love, Randy and Gail Stone - November 30, 2025 at 07:26 PM

JG

“ Robin was an amazing person. My mother knew her and thought the world of Robin & Joe. I interviewed her about her time in Sumatra. She was a strong and resilient person!

Jane Cavanaugh Gleeman

jane Cavanaugh Gleeman - November 30, 2025 at 01:20 PM

AB

“ Allison Brinker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robin Vosburgh.



Allison Brinker - November 29, 2025 at 05:29 PM

AB

“ Allison Brinker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robin Vosburgh.

Allison Brinker - November 29, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Sonja Tepley - November 29, 2025 at 01:41 PM

BT

“ *Belinda, Bryan, Brianna, and Tim purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robin Vosburgh.*



Belinda, Bryan, Brianna, and Tim - November 29, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LK

“ *Love Rob Gretchen and the kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robin Vosburgh.*



Love Rob Gretchen and the kids - November 29, 2025 at 09:23 AM

ST

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Sonja Tepley - November 29, 2025 at 07:08 AM

ST

“ 5 files added to the album Bob Album



Sonja Tepley - November 29, 2025 at 07:04 AM

MT

“ Robin was an amazing woman who was always there for her family. We got along extremely well, sharing many of the same likes, dislikes, and sense of humor.

Despite having to persevere through some difficult circumstances, she never used that as an excuse to not do what she wanted. Robin was always there for Sonja and I to help and offer support whenever needed. She was always up for any adventure too; motorcycles, sports cars, and planes. Even at 93, hardly able to get up out of her chair, damned if she didn't join us for a boat ride on the Potomac. The way she lived her life is an inspiration to all of us. Robin will be missed terribly.

She used to tell stories of how she and Billy Joe "loved to dance" when they were dating. Robin is finally reunited with her beloved husband. Making up for lost time, they can now spend eternity dancing together in Heaven.



Mike Tepley - November 28, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Vosburgh.



November 28, 2025 at 08:40 AM

CD

“ Cheryl and Dale purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robin Vosburgh.



Cheryl and Dale - November 27, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Robin would very much appreciate donations given to the DAV or VFW in lieu of flowers. Thanks

Sascha Simmons - November 27, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ A life, though well lived, must also pass, that rule we can't deny,
But the spirit kindled by our loved one has no such bond to comply.
Lo, it remains with us as we move onward as life demands we must,
To remind us of who and what we are and where to place our trust.
That force with which our Robin lived is passed now to her kin,
Live life full, don't wait too long, be brave in your endeavors,
You'll find the way when times get tough, I know 'cause I have been
there.
We mourn the loss of this sweet lady and wish it could be other,
But she did tell us it's time to go and so we do obey her.



Joel Simmons - November 27, 2025 at 09:43 AM



Thank you, Joel ! That is just lovely and expressed so beautifully . Mom loved her Joel Harris ! You did so much for her and were a wonderful son in law to “Rob’s”

Sonja Tepley - November 27, 2025 at 07:01 PM

JS

“ My sincerest condolences to all of Robin's family! She was a loving and engaging Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Aunt, and Mother in Law. Robin was always welcoming to me and my family, staying in contact with my parents and always asking about my sisters and their families. We enjoyed many years filled with food, fun, laughter and family time, I especially provided many opportunities for teasing learning to play 500. I will miss you!

Joel Simmons - November 26, 2025 at 07:48 PM

Dell Vosburgh

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Dell Vosburgh - November 25, 2025 at 08:24 PM

Dell Vosburgh

Heather Darling sent these for tribute, thank you Heather

Dell Vosburgh - November 25, 2025 at 08:25 PM

MO

“ 2 files added to the album Bob Album



Moira - November 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Robin Vosburgh.



November 25, 2025 at 01:55 PM

JG

“ Jeff & Kristi Geier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robin Vosburgh.

Jeff & Kristi Geier - November 25, 2025 at 01:55 PM

GM

“ Gert, Moira, Tanya, Amy and Mike purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Robin Vosburgh.



Gert, Moira, Tanya, Amy and Mike - November 25, 2025 at 01:33 PM

BI

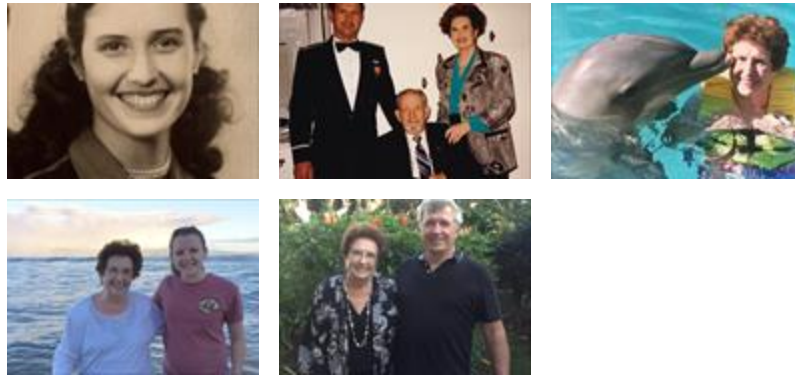
“ *BERNER INTERNATIONAL purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Robin Vosburgh.*



BERNER INTERNATIONAL - November 25, 2025 at 12:18 PM

BV

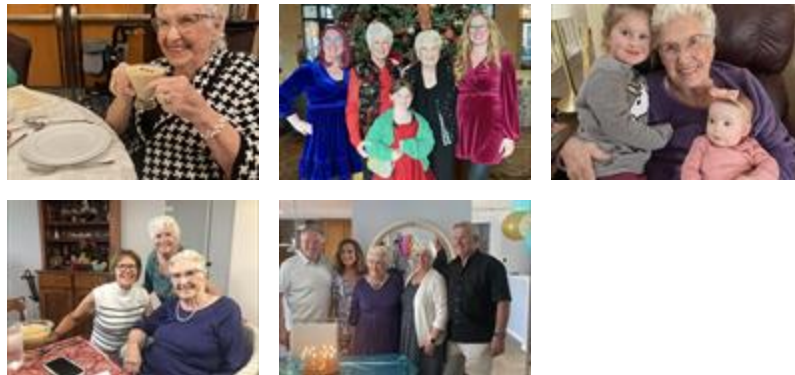
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Bob Vosburgh - November 25, 2025 at 06:22 AM



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Sascha Simmons - November 22, 2025 at 07:41 PM



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Dell Vosburgh - November 22, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anelise Tepley - November 22, 2025 at 04:41 PM