



## Robert Emmett Ylinen

May 28, 1941 - July 2, 2024

Robert Emmett Ylinen, 83, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, in Houston, TX.

Bob was born May 28, 1941, to TJ and Roseanne Ylinen and grew up in Montana with his younger sister, Liz. He earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT, and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi scholastic honor society, Sigma Nu fraternity and Sigma Xi honor society of science and engineering.

Bob worked as a chemical engineer with Shell Oil for 35 years until his retirement in 2000.

While at MSU, Bob met the love of his life, Kathleen Daun Burnison. Bob and Kathy were married on August 23, 1964, in Wolf Point, MT, and eventually settled in Houston, TX, where they raised three children and retired together until Kathy's passing in 2019.

Bob spent many of his retirement years supporting and caring for his wife at home during a prolonged illness. Bob retained a sharp wit and excellent sense of humor throughout his life, and his presence always lightened the mood in a room, no matter the circumstances.

Bob was an avid reader and sudoku enthusiast, and also enjoyed woodworking and home improvement projects. He was an excellent cook and an engaging storyteller. Bob loved to share tales of his time in Montana, including summers working on the Forest Service during college. He also enjoyed sharing stories of his time at Shell and his experiences as a devoted husband and father.

Bob cherished the time he spent with his granddaughter, Vera. Vera was always excited to visit Grandpa Bob, listen to his stories, play games with him and work on projects and puzzles together.

His immediate family survivors include daughter Deborah and husband Chris Smith of Manor, Texas; son Kyle of Los Angeles, California; son Judd and granddaughter Vera Kathleen of Pacifica, California; and sister Liz and husband Joe MacIntosh of Redmond, Oregon.

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ I only recently learned of Bob's passing. I was a college friend, fraternity brother, and roommate (final quarter) at Montana State University. We stayed in touch over all those years. He considered moving after his wife passed, but he never found the perfect place. We send our condolences to his family and friends. Clint & Linda Logan

Clint Logan - September 27, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JZ

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I was lucky enough to carpool with Bob for the six years we worked downtown in Houston. Bob was always in a good mood and happy to entertain us with an endless library of stories. He was also helpful to me in the more technical aspects of my job and in making repairs around our home. We missed both him and Kathy when we left Houston.

John Zoeller - August 25, 2024 at 01:17 PM



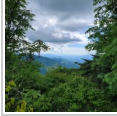
Bob was a generous lion. I met him in the '80s and my life was improved.

Greg Beckham - December 27, 2024 at 10:28 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry for your loss, but thanks for letting us know. I roomed with Bob in our senior year in college, as well as worked at Shell where we frequently crossed paths. You are right - Bob could get you laughing until it hurt! A big loss!  
Stan and Rae Buckland

stan buckland - August 22, 2024 at 06:29 PM



*One of the funniest folks I have encountered and chose well for wife and his 3 kids all turned out with class.*

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**Greg Beckham** - December 27, 2024 at 10:31 PM

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“ *Debbie, Kyle and Judd I am so sorry for your loss! I know Bob went through a lot during his last days so he is in peace now.*

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**Rudy Rahnert** - August 20, 2024 at 06:33 PM

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“ *Bob and I became friends and neighbors over 55 years ago when we moved into this neighborhood. He and I were both "do it ourselves" and would exchange tools when we were involved in projects. We both enjoyed each other's humor. Kathy and my wife Barbara also enjoyed visits together before both their passing. Bob was a fine fellow and will be missed!*

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**Rudy Rahnert** - August 20, 2024 at 06:28 PM