



Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn

May 16, 1953 - February 20, 2025

Robert (Bob) Alan Arterburn joined his heavenly family on February 20, 2025, in Wichita, KS at the age of 71. Bob was born in Enid, OK on May 16, 1953, the sole son of Eleanor Francis (Ciskowski) and James Douglas Arterburn.

There will be a visitation on Friday, February 28th from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at St. Mary Church in Medford, OK followed by a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. A service will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on March 1, 2025, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Medford followed by burial at St. Mary Calvary Cemetery.

Bob grew up in Medford, OK with his beloved six sisters and many cousins. Attending St. Mary Catholic School through sixth grade and graduating from Medford High School in 1971. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University receiving a degree in Electronics Engineering Technology and Biomedical Electronics.

Initially stationed at the Medford Plant, Bob began a 4-decade career with Koch Industries specializing in pipeline safety. He held many roles before being transferred to the corporate headquarters in Wichita, KS where he spent a quarter century designing and implementing control systems for stations across North America. Becoming a go-to expert among his colleagues and a trusted guide for young engineers.

Bob had a love of music and a beautiful voice. Some of his fondest memories being performing in chorus groups in school and around his community. This love of music continued throughout his life, often exposing others to new songs and artists in the hope of expanding their musical interests.

In his younger years Bob journeyed across the country during harvest with his family, operating a combine. Ingraining in him a lifelong spirit of exploration that he passed to his son. Taking Aaron to many of the places he visited in his youth, as well as exploring countless new ones together. However, he most frequently reminisced upon the many excursions taken to view the natural fall beauty of the Northeast with his spouse Janine (Butcher) Arterburn.

Bob is survived by his son, Aaron James Arterburn of Seattle, WA; sisters: Peggy Cooper and husband Chip of Bristow, OK; Karen Junghanns and husband Carter of Bixby, OK; Joan Kretchmar and husband Randy; Lisa Skrdla; Cindy Pratt all of Medford, OK; and brother-in-law Albert Taber of Stillwater, OK. As well as many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Eleanor; sister, Barbara Taber; brother-in-law, Ronny Pratt; and nephew Chad Taber.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made through Anderson-Burris, 3002 N. Van Buren, Enid, OK 73703 to Medford Food Pantry, Medford Future Farmers of America Booster Club or St. Mary Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Saint Mary Calvary Cemetery

Medford, OK

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
214 W Cherokee St
Medford, OK 73759
(580) 395-2148

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 1. 10:30 AM.

St. Marys Catholic Church
Medford, OK

Tribute Wall

ES

“ E S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.

E S. - February 28, 2025 at 10:05 AM

ES

“ E S. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.



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BL

“ Brandon Lackey purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.



Brandon Lackey - February 27, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.

February 27, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.



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“ Lee Schmidt & Fam & the "Old PACE Group" purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.



Lee Schmidt & Fam & the "Old PACE Group" - February 27, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.

February 26, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.



February 26, 2025 at 02:42 PM

DC

“ Dwight and Eileen Chaska purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Alan Arterburn.



Dwight and Eileen Chaska - February 26, 2025 at 01:25 PM

BR

“ Sending along my deepest sympathy to all of Bob's Arterburn sisters and son, Aaron. So many great memories of Bob when cousins still lived close to each other and the Enid Roncks saw the Arterburns frequently during Eleanor's weekly shopping trips to the "big city". Bob was always good for creating attention like the time he was practicing casting with his new fishing rod in our driveway and hooked me in the hand. That really got Eleanor's attention and mine also! Trusting Bob is now in a better place and has already posed the question——why so many sisters to tease me growing up?? Rest in peace, Bob

Bryan Ronck

Bryan Ronck - February 24, 2025 at 06:57 PM