



**R**obert "Bob" Collins, 81, of Ankeny passed away March 6, 2018 at Bishop Drumm retirement center.

Bob was born September 26, 1936 in Marshalltown, Iowa to Cecil and Marcene Collins. He graduated from Marshalltown High School and went on to college at the University of Iowa and Wayne State University, where he earned his degree in Public Education.

He was married February 8, 1964 to Irene Boyle. They made their home in Ankeny, where they raised their 3 boys, Scott, Chris, and Ryan. Bob was a teacher for the Des Moines Public School System. He taught history and was a driver's education instructor. He taught in Des Moines for 40+ years, until his retirement in 1998.

After retiring, he and Irene spent countless hours visiting and volunteering at area nursing homes with their therapy dog Baxter. Bob enjoyed fishing, snow skiing, crossword puzzles, and was a prolific reader. He coached his boys in multiple sports and never missed a game they played no matter the city. Bob especially enjoyed his time with his son Ryan and the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps, driving across the country for performances. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Bob is survived by his wife of 54 years, Irene; children, Scott of Mooresville, NC and Ryan of Casper, WY; and grandchildren, Ender, Nick, Jared, Jordan, and Anastasia. Bob is preceded in death by his son Christopher.

Bob will be remembered by the thousands of students he impacted, the friends he laughed with, and his beloved family he cared so much about. He never met a stranger. His love, kindness; and sense of humor will leave lasting memories.



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