



Robert James Verbic

July 7, 1943 - March 25, 2025

Our loving husband, father, grandfather and friend returned to our Heavenly Father on March 25, 2025. He was born July 7, 1943, to Rudolph James Verbic and Anne Marie Begich Verbic in Chicago, Illinois. His brother Nick was born in 1952. Bob attended Catholic Grade Schools and Brother Rice High School, where he graduated at the top of his class. After starting his undergraduate work at the University of Illinois, he was both Illinois State Scholar and an Edmund James Scholar, while playing middle linebacker for the football team. He graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing in 1965. Bob also had an MBA from the University of Chicago where he graduated in 1968.

He had a very successful career as a real estate executive. His sales and marketing expertise, were awarded by the Home Builders Association and directed his decisions later in life with where to live and how to vacation.

Bob began playing sports at a young age. He played baseball, handball, and football. He loved sports and believed that they developed determination and character in his life and he shared that with his family.

Bob married Olivia Grossi in 1965. They had two beautiful daughters: Lauren and Diana.

In 1978, he met and married Anita Trawczynski. Together they raised Anita's

son Brian Kaulig and Bob's two daughters. They created many memories of love and adventure. They traveled to Mexico, had surprise boating trips, went to Disneyworld, visited the Mississippi and had countless other excursions as a family. Bob imparted love and guidance to his children over the years that will never be forgotten.

Anita and Bob found a love of Jesus Christ together and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He held many leadership positions in the church including Bishoprics, High Councils, and other positions. He found and helped purchase the land for the Chicago LDS Temple under the direction of President Spencer W. Kimball. One of the highlights of his life was being called as the first Young Singles Branch President in Chicago. Through the church, he created life-long friendships. Bob had a gift for making friends with all who met him. He was the king of pranks!

His family moved to Buena Vista, Colorado. Here, he developed his love of horses and became as he called it a, "pretend cowboy". He always loved nature and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He later moved to Prescott, Arizona. He enjoyed many happy years in Colorado and Arizona. These were very special times for his children and especially his seven grandchildren for fun filled cousin camps.

After Anita's death, he met and married Susan Indo in 2014. This was a great blessing in their lives. They moved to their present home in Leeds, Utah. Bob and Susan traveled extensively, reveled in the beauty of their own back yard, and were blessed with 11 beautiful years together. They served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to Kona, Hawaii in 2017. The gospel of Jesus Christ was an integral part of their marriage and helped them to grow together as a couple. He also created beautiful memories with his 4 step children and 5 step grandchildren during his continued annual tradition of cousin camps.

Robert is preceded in death by his wife Anita Trawczynski, Father, Rudolph James Verbic, his Mother, Anne Marie Verbic, and brother Nicholas Verbic. He is survived by his loving wife Susan Verbic, Lauren Wood (Daughter), Diana Verbic (Daughter), Brian Kaulig (Stepson) his 7 grandchildren: Cole Verbic, Samantha and Jake Riding, Wyatt, Hunter, Isabelle, and Lia Wood, and 3 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Robert Verbic's life will held on April 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the Leeds Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints building at 75 N Main St. in Leeds, Utah. Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Bob Verbic's name:

American Cancer Society

1-800-227-2345

P.O. Box 6704

Hagerstown, MD 21741

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Leeds LDS Church
75 N Main Street
Leeds, UT 84746

Tribute Wall

WV

“ Well, it is with a heavy heart as I remember what a wonderful friend and brother in the Gospel Bob was to me. Bob became my realtor and sold us our house in Lake Zürich when we came from Pennsylvania back in 1979. Obviously, he stirred us into his own Ward which turned out to be an amazing decision; because then he became my friend. Our New Year’s Eve parties, dinners, charade games, (Three Blind Mice will go down in history) and Johnny Carson satires are absolute classics. I can see and hear Bob sitting on that sawhorse saddle singing Rawhide, I’ve got 1,000 additional memories that I could share. Most of them are just absolutely tremendous fun and laughs; but then, a few heartaches too. I wish condolences to his family and loved ones. He will be missed! I will miss Bob more than I can say, I love my friend. A I look forward to seeing him again someday.



Vic Villont - April 04, 2025 at 12:40 AM

LA

Vic, this is the absolute best. Thank you for stirring up all those memories. I remember being a kid peering into the adult game nights and my dad cracking the whip during the church “roadshow” skit, people rolling with laughter! Hope to see you soon.
Love,
Lauren

Lauren - April 10, 2025 at 04:55 AM

CW

“ From Chuck and Millie Wolf:

Bob was a wonderful influence in my life. We shared all the good things and helped each other through our problems. He was a good example and I followed his footsteps for my benefit, peace, and joy for eternal direction. I never saw anyone else that lived life with happiness and feelings from heaven. He loved nature, happiness and eternal direction. We will be together in the future. I love my fishermen, thank you for your love.

Chuck and Millie

Chuck and Millie Wolf - April 02, 2025 at 09:07 PM

BJ

“ 17 files added to the album Jacksons



Byron and Nancy Jackson - April 01, 2025 at 02:13 PM

BJ

“ We first met Bob when he and Anita were investigating the Church. We attended their wedding in the NW Ward building in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Bob had an infectious, joyful personality that drew people to him. We watched him grow spiritually from a Sunday school teacher who ordered takeout pizza to be delivered to the class on Sunday morning to being called as the first YSA branch president in the Chicago area. He called young adult counselors and helped them grow in leadership skills.

Bob loved the Lord and His gospel plan. He was always ready to have a deep gospel discussion and to testify that Jesus is the Christ. We moved to Prescott shortly after they did, and Byron was assigned as their home teacher. Only the Lord knew of our history together in Chicago. It was at this time that Anita fought her final battle with cancer. Bob was devastated by her death, but he knew, deep down, that his life was not over.

It wasn't long before he met his darling Susan. She brought the light back into his eyes. They put more "living" into their 10 years together than many couples do in their lifetime. They saw the world. They designed their "perfect" mission in Hawaii and served valiantly.

We loved travelling with them - even if our travel arrangements went awry. Jerusalem will always hold fond memories of being together. Bob and Susan were staying with us when he started to feel ill. In a matter of days he underwent his extreme, final surgery. We will miss you, Bob.

Byron and Nancy Jackson

Byron and Nancy Jackson - April 01, 2025 at 01:53 PM

ED

“ Susan, our hearts are breaking for your loss. May God bless you and keep you my sweet friend in this time of sadness. We will miss Bob very much, what an incredible man.

Erica & Kalli van Dijk - March 31, 2025 at 10:50 PM

SH

“ Sweet Susan, I'm so sorry to hear about your sweet husband Bob. I'm sending my love, hugs and prayers to you and your family. I love you Susan'

Sandra Hall - March 31, 2025 at 09:11 PM