



Robert G Trail

May 17, 1931 - February 12, 2013

Robert G. Trail, 81, passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Bob was born on May 17, 1931. He was the only son of the late Reuben Grover Trail Jr. and Marguerite(Marge) Alvina Wenzel Trail.

Bob was a life-long bachelor growing up in Ferguson and living for the past 50 years in Florissant. He spent most of his adult work life in the motor pool of the Missouri Air National Guard. An industrial accident in 1979 forced him into early medical retirement. It slowed him down for a while, but he eventually got back to very active living and made the most of his extended retirement years.

Bob had two main interests. One was the lake property he bought in 1964. He spent three to four days almost every week from late April to late October, keeping things in good shape and fishing. His second interest was buying a new Chevrolet pickup truck each fall which he used to drive all over the USA visiting relatives and friends. He always had dog cookies in his truck to share with any dog with which he came in contact.

He is survived by several first cousins and their families: Claudia Niswonger of Ofallon MO, Karen Brigance of Leland NC, Jerry Ameling of Lee Summit, MO, David Wendt of Prairie Home MO and other relatives.

Visitation will be Monday February 18 at Hutchens Chapel, 675 Graham rd,

Florissant MO at 9am with a short service at 10:30. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks national cemetery at 11:30 am.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 18. 11:30 AM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
2900 Sheridan
Jefferson Barracks, MO

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I send condolences to the family and friends of Bob Trail from Texas. When I was 14, I spent some time in the summer with my aunt Judy and Uncle Dave (Wendt). I remember our going to see him out at the lake, and trying to swim! I know that he will be dearly missed and hope that you will find comfort during this time.

Linda J. Londrie - February 17, 2013 at 09:58 PM

HF

“ Bob we will miss you dearly. The good Lord threw the mold away when you were made because anyone you met was your friend forever. You will be missed.
Harold and Norma Fischer

Harold and Norma Fischer - February 17, 2013 at 08:15 PM

 Doug
Wendt

“ *Rest in Peace Bob! I have so many fond memories of you. From Friday night Family card parties, you coming over on Wednesday evenings with ice cream, big holidays and the lake. Being obsessed with all things nautical, the lake was a highlight to my childhood and I thoroughly enjoyed each time we went down there. I will always remember that when my Grandpa Fred Wendt passed, I was close with him near his end. You collected scrap lumber, fiberglass and supplies and brought them over to our house so that I would be distracted, building my first clubhouse while the loss of Grandpa was being dealt with.*

After I separated from the Air Force, I was happy that you continued to celebrate Thanksgiving and often Christmas with my family and that my sons also became fond of you and your sense of humor. I'm very thankful that you were able to spend one last holiday season with us. You'll be missed Bob. Have no worry for now I will carry your mantle as the 'Purty' one.

Fair winds, Bob.

Doug (first cousin, once removed) and Angie along with Derek, Dylan & Damon.

Doug Wendt - February 17, 2013 at 03:08 PM

BK

“ *Trail always had dog biscuits hidden in his pockets when he came to my Mom and Dad's house. He really made their dogs work for the treats! A great guy and good friend of our family, he will be missed.*

Bob, Lisa, Audrey, and Kathleen - February 17, 2013 at 10:31 AM

SH

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Sheila - February 15, 2013 at 07:19 PM

SH

There was never a dull moment with Trail, as I called him. He will be missed by our family at Christmas dinner. I will never forget the way he always called me "squirt". I will never stop telling the story of Trail at the lake. When I was about 10, he took me and my sister out in a row boat and pulled the plug. You should have heard us yelling as the boat sank and he laughed his head off. He showed us many good times at the lake when we were younger. I will never forget the rides he gave us in "the Jeep". Last but not least, I will never forget the "candy drawer" in the kitchen. I use to love to fill up my paper bag with all the goodies he had in there. Rest in peace, Trail.

Sheila - February 15, 2013 at 07:25 PM

 Doug
Wendt

Bob used to sink the rowboat on me also; only Grover was there too. If you remember Bob as Zany, his father Grover was substantially more stern. Bob would fake-scream that I'm breaking his boat and Grover would chew me out from his lawn chair on the dock. Good times! For me, he used to always have Oreos in the plastic container on the shelf in the Trailer. I used to pig out on those!

Doug Wendt - February 17, 2013 at 02:54 PM

JE

“ Bob, my cousin, was like an older brother to me. Neither of us had brothers or sisters. When I was a youngster, Bob, Junior (another cousin) and two of his friends, Shelby and Parker (his first name was Jim, but they always called him Parker), took me to Meremec State Park for weekend camp-outs many times. One of their fun things to do was grabbing me by the ankles and pounding my head into the ground. They enjoyed it and I guess I saw it as being accepted by them. I must have enjoyed the trips because I kept going back! In later years, Bob and I spent a lot of time together at the lake. Bob loved the lake. I remember the hours we spent fishing, floating around the cove on innertubes and just sitting on the dock - he always sat in the sun. There are so many memories. I will miss the good times we spent together.

Jerry - February 15, 2013 at 10:37 AM

JM

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Jim McCullough - February 15, 2013 at 03:56 AM

JM

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Jim McCullough - February 15, 2013 at 03:17 AM

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Willie Eyermann - February 14, 2013 at 10:27 AM

 Jim
McCullough

“ *I remember Bob was the first person to meet me and shake my hand the first day I walked into the Vehicle maintenance shop in 1972. We drove to my first summer camp together at Volk Field and remained friends ever since. We shared a lot of great times together in the Guard over the 41 years that I knew him. After Bob retired I always looked forward to seeing him come in to visit every Wednesday at break time to share a new story or some time together. Bob will be truly missed by me and all that knew him, he was a great true friend to me.*

Jim McCullough - February 14, 2013 at 08:44 AM

CB

“ *Rest in peace Bob. I will always remember you for your quick wit, humor and great stories while we would visit at the lake. You were always there when we needed a helping hand and for a good laugh. You will always be "pretty" in my mind! I am blessed you were a part of my life growing up at the lake.*

Craig Branum - February 13, 2013 at 08:44 PM

SL

“ Bob was always a friend to me in the ANG. I remember him helping me with a vehicle problem when I could not afford a mechanic.. I was sorry to see Bob leave into retirement and he was missed by many of the gang in CBPO. I know Bob is happy to see his old friends now and are sharing tales of the old days. Soon, we all from the Unit at Lambert Field will be joining our comrades and standing our last inspection before our God. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family and God Bless them all.

SMSgt Steve Lunsford, USAF, Retired.

Steve Lunsford - February 13, 2013 at 06:21 PM

SM

“ We were very sorry to hear that Bob passed away yesterday. He was very close friends with my brother Ed whom he worked with at the Guard base and bought a place next to at the Lake. We still enjoy the lake place through each summer. Bob also helped Ed through the early retirement process when he became too ill to work. And every year, except this last one, Bob came to my Mom and Dad's home for Christmas Eve to enjoy good food, gifts and laughs. We will Bob at the lake and each Christmas. May he rest in peace.

Sharon and Tom Magee and family

Sharon Magee - February 13, 2013 at 03:19 PM

KC

“ Karen and Claudia purchased the Sacred Duty S pray for the family of Robert G Trail.



Karen and Claudia - February 13, 2013 at 03:17 PM