



Robert C. "Bob" Cullen

March 27, 1936 - September 26, 2023

Ridgeway / Dodgeville – Robert “Bob” Cullen, age 87 of Ridgeway-Dodgeville passed away surrounded by family on Tuesday September 26, 2023 at Crestridge Assisted Living Center.

He was born on March 27, 1936 the son of Elmer and Marie (Paull) Cullen of Ridgeway. He graduated in 1954 from Ridgeway High School. From a young age, Bob worked side by side with his father Elmer on the Northern Ridgeway soil of the Family Dairy farm. Robert was lucky enough to marry Carolyn McGann, his high school sweetheart, on February 14, 1957. Together they farmed the Cullen Homestead and laid a foundation of family, work ethic and love. He and Carolyn were married for 52 years before her passing in 2010.

Bob was never intimidated by hard work and knew the value of a firm handshake and a person’s word. Bob was so very proud of his second career at Hallada Motors Ford Dealership. He started working at Hallada’s in 1975 as a salesperson until his semi-retirement in 1999. He accomplished many regional sales awards, selling over 10,000 vehicles throughout his career. Bob continued to work at the dealership supporting the business in any way he could until the young age of 83.

He cherished his work and the friendships he made over the years, however that could not compare with the value he put on his family. Bob loved nothing

more than having his family close by. Family get-togethers were filled with good food, fun stories, and countless games of Euchre (he usually won). Bob was also very grateful for his friend Shirley Everson whom he held dear, together they found adventure whenever possible. Bob had a big heart and made room for many to be a part of his life, he truly was one of the most genuine persons you could ever meet.

Bob is survived by his children, Julie (Todd) Martin of Dodgeville, Jean (Tim) Solberg of Ridgeway, and Jason (Whitney) Cullen of Dodgeville; his grandchildren, Jenna (Jason) Palzkill, Elizabeth (David) Digman, Katherine (Ryne) Ponsler, Lucas (Laura Hadfield) Solberg, Leah (John Kieler) Solberg, Jackson Cullen and Danni Hess; great-grandchildren, Allison, Clayton, Jessie, Maxwell, Cullen, Jayne, Sally, Stella, Ralph and Millie; his sisters-in-law, Mary Jean Rounds, Betty McGann; and brother-in-law, Dean Murphy.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn, his sisters Linda Isherwood and Betty Hahn, his daughter-in-law Sandra Hess Cullen and his infant brother, Jack.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Ridgeway. Burial will be held in St. Bridget's Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Ridgeway Community Center would be appreciated.

His family would like to thank the staff of Upland Hills Hospice and Crestridge Assisted Living for their dedicated and compassionate care.

Cemetery Details

St. Bridget's Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 29. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

SEP 30. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Bridget's Catholic Church
803 Main Street
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Bridget's Catholic Church
803 Main Street
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.*



September 29, 2023 at 08:59 AM



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

September 29, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Patti Eno - September 28, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.*



September 28, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JO

“ To the Cullen family and my mom Shirley, our deepest sympathy to you all! Bob was one of the good ones, always happy and had a smile when he greeted us!! We will miss him at our family gatherings and all the stories and knowledge he gave us. We will miss all our visits to Ridgeway/Dodgeville to play a few games of Euchre! RIP Bob!!
The Oliver Family
Jackie, Matt, Abby(Jonathan) Aidan(Malia) Avery(Kylene)



Jackie Oliver - September 28, 2023 at 03:57 PM

JG

“ It was always a pleasure to meet Bob. His friendly smile and warm "Hello" were ever present. Trips to Hallada's were enriched with his presence. He will be missed. Jodean Grunow

Jodean Grunow - September 28, 2023 at 03:20 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cullen Family.
Jack & Marlys Latterell

Jack & Marlys Latterell - September 28, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.



September 28, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *My condolences on the loss of your Father. I remember when Bob and Carolyn would come into my Mom and Dad's grocery store, Everson's Market to shop. Your beautiful Mom with her lovely dark hair would do the shopping while your Dad stood by the fruit stand with you kids, waiting patiently for her. He never spoke much but always polite and had a great smile. Again, very sorry for your loss.*

Mary Everson - September 28, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.*



September 27, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Love, Bob and Diane Hein and Patti Eno purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.*



Love, Bob and Diane Hein and Patti Eno - September 27, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *It was such an honor meeting Bob. He was such kind man until we sat down to play cards :) Every card game we played, he always won. You will be missed. My deepest condolences to the Cullen family. I am a friend of Shirley's.*

Patti Eno - September 27, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Bob and Shirley



Patti Eno - September 27, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.



September 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM



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

September 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.



September 27, 2023 at 03:27 PM

LJ

“ Love, Jeff&Sandy,Rita&Greg,Vicki&Mike purchased the *Vivid Recollections* for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.



Love, Jeff&Sandy,Rita&Greg,Vicki&Mike - September 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM

LJ

“ Love, Jeff&Sandy,Rita&Greg,Vicki&Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen.

Love, Jeff&Sandy,Rita&Greg,Vicki&Mike - September 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM

RM

“ Rebecca Martin lit a candle in memory of Robert C. "Bob" Cullen



Rebecca Martin - September 27, 2023 at 02:06 PM