



Robert Francis Gross

March 16, 1942 - December 15, 2025

Dodgeville – Robert Francis Gross, age 83, of Dodgeville, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 15, 2025. Robert was born on March 16, 1942 in Darlington, Wisconsin to Frank and Gertrude (McKillip) Gross. Bob served in the Army Reserves from 1962 to 1968.

Bob married his sweetheart Laura “Toots” Crist on June 23, 1963. Bob and Laura moved to Dodgeville in 1964, where they raised their children, Paula, Scott, and Angie. He became an Assistant Manager at Ben Franklin and retired from Lands’ End as a courier. In between, he worked at Gardner Bakery, Stella Cheese Factory, and drove bus for Anderson Bus Lines. He coached little league softball and was involved in Boy Scouts. Bob never missed any events for his grandchildren whether it was a sporting event or a musical performance. As a true outdoorsman he loved to bike, fish, and cross country ski. He also never missed his daily walks. He will be missed especially for his mischievous pranks and sense of humor.

Robert is survived by the love of his life, Laura (Crist) Gross; his children Paula (Gerry), Scott (Tracey), Angie (Brian); his grandchildren Geoff (Jess), Jake (Maggie), Kyle (Jaclyn), Jack (John), Courtney (Andrew), Katie (Nick), Karlie (Noah); two great grandchildren; and his sister Connie Kilcoyne.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Gertrude, siblings Shirley

Bennett and Janette Johnson; brother in-laws Don Bennett, Leroy Johnson, Larry Kilcoyne, and Mark Higgins; and his beloved pup, Max.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the RED ROOM in Dodgeville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be donated to Bob's favorite organizations.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Red Room
108 E. Merrimac Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Francis Gross.*



April 30 at 02:40 PM



“ *We lived on North Street and the Gross family was our backyard neighbor. So many pleasant memories of Bob as kind, funny, a great neighbor, and ready to help when needed. Our sincerest condolences to Laura and the family. All will miss him but cherish those wonderful memories forever!*

Dale and Carol Barstow

Dale Barstow - December 20, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *To the entire Gross Family, sorry to hear of Bob's passing. So many memories hanging out over at the Gross house and growing up with Scott, Laura and Angie. Thoughts are with the entire Gross family!!*

Tim Whitford - December 20, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Laura & family, so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. May you find comfort in a life well lived & keep those memories in your heart thru these difficult days ahead. Joey Gilbertson*



joey Gilbertson - December 18, 2025 at 08:35 PM

RM

“ Extending my sympathy in your loss of Bob. We go back to our Darlington days as friends, I enjoyed shopping at Ben Franklin in Dodgeville when he ran the store, our catch-up visits along the way here and there. He was a great guy. Keep your fond memories of him to help you heal in your loss. Rosalie (Armstrong) May

Rosalie (Armstrong) May - December 18, 2025 at 03:48 PM

JZ

“ Laura, so sorry to hear about your husband. Love and hugs to you and your family. Julie Zirk

Julie Zirk - December 18, 2025 at 12:14 PM

CM

“ Laura, Paula, Angie and Scott,
Robert was such a kind man. What a great family and we are sending our sympathy on Robert's passing. Prayers and love to you all during this difficult time.
Craig and Linda March

Craig and Linda March - December 18, 2025 at 12:13 PM

SC

“ Sharon Crook lit a candle in memory of Robert Francis Gross



Sharon Crook - December 17, 2025 at 08:34 PM

SC

You have my sympathy.

Sharon Crook - December 17, 2025 at 08:35 PM

EA

I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Eileen Lindholm Azzinaro - December 17, 2025 at 09:24 PM

MH

“*Laura and family, So very sorry to learn of Bob's passing. May God bring you comfort and strength.*
Marion Howard

Marion Howard - December 17, 2025 at 04:41 PM

TG

“*I am Scott's wife, and I had to share that this was the family's second choice for the obituary photo. He always did something funny. I never knew what to expect. Most recently he would start laughing so hard before he told us the joke, sometimes he couldn't get it out and we never actually heard it.*



Tracey Gross - December 17, 2025 at 04:21 PM

DF

Bob would have expected nothing less that something funny! Deepest sympathy and hugs to everyone! Dawn DeVoss Forseth

Dawn Forseth - December 17, 2025 at 04:44 PM



So sorry Laura and family ! Prayers and Hugs !

Sharon Osbon - December 19, 2025 at 09:11 AM

KC

*Thoughts and prayers are with the Gross family!
From Karen Clough and family*

Karen Clough - December 20, 2025 at 10:20 AM

SE

“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Hugs "Toots"!
Shirley..Bradt...Everson. of course, we have now arrived as the
"older" generation ...such is life! I'm still upright and just welcomed
my first "great grandson" into my world.*

Shirley Everson - December 17, 2025 at 03:45 PM