



## Robert V. Horn

November 3, 1945 - March 5, 2021

Robert V. "Bob" Horn, 75, of Chanute, passed away on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita, KS. Born on November 3, 1945 in Coffeyville, KS to Vernon and Helen (Howland) Horn, Bob graduated from Field Kindley Memorial High School in Coffeyville, Class of 1963. With the Boy Scouts of America, he was an assistant scout master, obtained Eagle rank, and was a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He had been a long-time S.E. Kansas resident and was a member of the Humboldt United Methodist Church.

He received an A.A. degree in Pre-Professional Studies (1965) from Coffeyville Community College. He also received a B.S. degree in Behavioral Science (1973) and M.S. degree in Counseling Psychology (1974) from Kansas State University. He also earned an Ed. S. degree for Applied Educational/School Psychology (1984) from Pittsburg State University. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

He served honorably as a non-commissioned U.S. Coast Guard officer from 1968-1972, becoming a Radioman 2nd Class. In particular, his tour of duty onboard the USCG Cutter Ironwood in Homer, Alaska gave him many fascinating experiences. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 170.

On December 18, 1971 Bob married Janice Kay Messersmith at the Presidio in San Francisco, CA. They celebrated nearly 50 wonderful years of marriage together.

Throughout his career, Bob specialized in social and mental health rehabilitation. He was a Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for S.E. Kansas and an Applied Educational Psychologist throughout various school systems in KS and MO. He also received Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor of the Year in 1979.

Music was very important throughout his entire life. Besides learning the piano and various banjos/guitars during his childhood, he started playing the tenor trombone in junior high and continued in several marching, concert, and military bands. He also sang tenor in different groups, including church choirs and the Southeast Kansas Shavers barbershop group. Starting in the 1990s, he would play trombone for numerous bands in the Chanute area, including the Tioga Township Dixieland Jazz Band, Jack's Hot Cats, Brass Arts, and the Sauerkraut Oompah Band. At the same time, Bob discovered a passion for folk and celtic instruments, especially hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, and celtic harp. He personally handcrafted dozens of wood folk instruments, including dulcimers, harps, bowed psalterys, and lyres. Bob would use these instruments to perform a one-man show, entertaining and educating both kids and adults alike.

Robert is survived by his wife Janice of Chanute, KS, his son Justin and daughter-in-law Amy of Parkville, MO, his sister Marilyn and brother-in-law Garry of Bella Vista, AR, many nieces and nephews, and several cousins. Preceding him in death were his parents Vernon and Helen.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Chanute with burial to follow at

Memorial Park Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Services under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Otterbein United Methodist Church  
631 W. 7th  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Hello, my name is Mel Stanley. I served with Bob on the USCGC Ironwood in 1970-71. Bob was a great friend and a fine bass guitarist in the 4-piece rock band we created with a lead guitarist, drummer, and me on rhythm guitar. We played many gigs there in Homer. He had a subtle sense of humor that sometimes creased my eyebrows until I got the point. I looked up his name online and was saddened to find his obituary, but I'm sure he was a good husband and father. The world was a better place for his presence. Should you care to message back, my number is 360-918-2437. God Bless...

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**Mel Stanley** - June 12, 2025 at 07:17 PM

JO

“ I remember the smile on his face with I was able to give him a Coast Guard ball Cap

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**Joe** - March 25, 2021 at 02:13 PM

JO

“ Jan, I have been thinking about you and bob for the past month. Each time I drove by I would look to see if you two were home. He is a good friend and I will miss him. Please let me know when a service is scheduled. I can be reached at Joefrancis1@hotmail.com or at 620-365-9778. Please reach out to me if there is anything i can do for you.

For Bob, --- --- ..-/-.. .-./-... ./- . ... .. -./ ,-, -- -.-/

Joe Francis

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**Joe** - March 25, 2021 at 02:11 PM

JO

“ Bob and family, had been thinking of you for the past month. I just saw the OBIT today. Jan, if there is anything I can help you with let me know. Please let me know when a Life Service will be held. I'm at 620-365-9778 or JoeFrancis1@hotmail.com.

*For Bob, my Friend*

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**Joe** - March 25, 2021 at 01:53 PM

WT

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**William Monroe Trester** - March 19, 2021 at 05:33 PM

SB

“ I have many fond memories of Bob playing his trombone in the Tioga Dixieland Jazz Band and the summer Jazz band series in Chanute. And, he always had a joke or lighthearted story to offer at the end of some great music playing. I can envision him now, up in heaven, playing “My Blue Heaven” with my father and grandpa alongside Merle Calhoun singing the alternate lyrics to that song! :)

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**Scott Bideau** - March 17, 2021 at 10:38 PM

SJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Bob in the Crest School system for many years. He was very good to work with and always made sure what he thought was best for the child came first.  
Susan Jones, retired Crest teacher

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**Susan M Jones** - March 15, 2021 at 02:50 PM

DS

“ Jan, Gene and I were so sorry and shocked to hear of Bob’s passing. Bob was a wonderful person that had a positive effect on everyone’s life that he touched. Mom talked about how good he was as a school psychologist and we sure enjoyed going to the shows at Carthage with you two. Between choir and HCWD I felt like I had known him forever. He will certainly be missed by many and you are in our prayers.

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**Debbie Smith** - March 13, 2021 at 11:52 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss. We remember having such a good time with you and Robert on our tour of Washington D.C., I remember when he said I would make a good sailor.... You and him also entertained our grand children with his very talented music.

*Your Friends Terry and Peggy*

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**Terry Highfill** - March 13, 2021 at 12:07 AM

RO

“ Jan, Bob was good guy, will always remember the Camp Hunter String Band and the fun times it was. His sense of humor and the tunes we played together I will not forget.

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**Ron** - March 12, 2021 at 08:53 PM

GC

“ It was a privilege to work with Bob. He was a dedicated school psychologist, who was totally focused on the needs of the students and their parents.

Bob was empathetic and cared about the lives of those around him. His kindness to a mother whose son was struggling in school will never be forgotten.

Musically Bob was an immense talent.

It is my hope to be able to attend his celebration of life. Thank you!

Georgene Caoile

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**Georgene Caoile** - March 12, 2021 at 06:50 PM

KM

“ Janice, I am so sorry to learn of Bob passing. I enjoyed his quick wit and ready smile in Stay Strong classes that you all attended. I know he will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy McEwan

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**Kathy McEwan** - March 12, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ Hi Jan, just heard about Bob. Jean, the girls and I are so sorry. Of course, since I was a colleague and good friend of Bob's, I have many great memories of him. So many, it is hard for me to pick just one to share. But, a very vivid memory I have is one of him writing about our school psychology paraprofessional, Terri Young. It was probably the funniest thing I have ever read and, reading it, I was doubled over in laughter. Bob had many great qualities; one of the best was his sense of humor. I hope you are well. Will be thinking of you.

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**Chuck Wood** - March 12, 2021 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ Jan and family, Carol and I were so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. We enjoyed fellowshiping with you and Bob on the trips we took thru FCE group.

Please know that you all are in our prayers for peace and understanding!

Carol and Jon Stephens, Erie, KS

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**Jon Stephens** - March 11, 2021 at 07:39 PM

JW

“ So very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful man with many, many talents, who could make you laugh with his comedy or at peace with his music. I wish Jan and the whole family God's peace which surpasses all understanding.

Some of my favorite memories are of him playing the hammered dulcimer in my back yard during my Bluegrass Jamboree a few years ago. He was truly amazing.

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**John Works** - March 10, 2021 at 02:54 AM

CT

Very sorry to hear of Robert's passing, he was one of the good guys from FKHS in Coffeyville

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**Charles Templer** - March 11, 2021 at 03:48 PM

FW

So sorry to hear Robert trombone man horn in mr Pearce class has past to the big band first chair in heaven I bet rest in peace

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**Freddy williamson** - March 11, 2021 at 06:57 PM

KL

Bob was a good man of many talents that he shared so cheerfully. He made his presence felt and will be greatly missed.

Karen & Vernon Lee

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**Karen L Lee** - March 13, 2021 at 11:52 AM

WT

*Sorry to here of Bob's departure. I met Bob many years ago and although we weren't more than acquaintances, we shared a common hobby at that time.*

*I would see him infrequently and would speak when the opportunity permitted. Wishing his family fond memories and easier days, Monroe*

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**William Monroe Trester** - March 19, 2021 at 05:46 PM

LS

*I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We shared the same little tiny room at Crest on opposite days where I was the SLP. He often left me thought provoking notes, a tic tac toe game, or some other clever unique item that made me smile as I started my day.*

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**Lady Steph** - March 22, 2021 at 09:16 PM

JW

*I knew Robert as a classmate at Kansas State University, FKHS and CCC. He was energetic, funny and entertaining. Condolences to his family may he rest in peace.*

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**Jerry Wishall** - April 17, 2021 at 03:40 AM