



## Robert E. Bowers

July 8, 1940 - June 24, 2023

Robert E. Bowers, 82, of Racine, WI went to be with his Lord on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Bob was born July 8, 1940, in Steubenville, OH. The son of James E. and Julia M. (Bado) Bowers. Retired in 2005 after 43+years in publishing. Last worked for WATT Publishing Co. as CFO and served on the board of directors. He married the love of his life, Jacqualin F. Bowers on Oct. 26. 1960. He is predeceased by his wife Jacqualin. Member of St. James Catholic Church, Belvidere, IL.

Survivors include sons, Scott (Kathy) of Janesville, WI., Robert (Jayn) of Franksville, WI., & Sean (Marsha) of Algonquin ,IL.; daughters Christine (Robert) Houdek of Racine, WI, Jacqualin (Tom) Mikic of Avon Park, FL ., Cynthia Bowers (Michael Minard) of Lake Zurich, IL; eight grandchildren & twelve great grandchildren; sister, Beverly (Ronald) Larson of Cleveland, OH and brother, Richard (Belva) of Port. St Joe, FL, and his golden retriever, "Baby".

He received a bachelor business admin. degree with a major in accounting in 1973 from Cleveland State University. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army for three years during Vietnam War. Bob is a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and was an assistant instructor with Mike Fay at Nash Recreation Center in Oregon, IL.

Since the loss of his wife of 55 years and 4 months, Bob considered the Northeast Y staff and its many members to be his extended family.

Funeral services will be held graveside, closed to family, under Bob's wishes, at St. James Catholic Cemetery, Belvidere, IL, on Saturday, July, 1, 2023, at 11 a.m. with Father Brian Geary officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church, 402 Church St, Belvidere, IL 61008.

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Catholic Cemetery-Belvidere

851 N. Appleton Ave  
Belvidere, IL 61008

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



Katelyn  
Grace

“ Bob, you weren't just a member of the gym, you were my friend. An amazing one at that. I just spoke to you a week before you passed and you were excited and hopeful to be back in the club before July 1. Bob, you were a grandfather figure to me. Everyday when you came into the gym, before you got to my office door you'd yell "you awake girly?" It was our thing. You sat with me everyday you came in for at least 20 minutes to chat, and my time with you was valuable. I always told you if someone needed me they could wait a few minutes so you could finish your story. The night before one of the toughest days I've had to navigate through, you called me at work to let me know you were praying for me and thinking of me. You checked in with my mom while I wasn't at work to make sure I was okay. I cried on the phone and said "you remembered". Of course you did. We had a bond. I always remembered the anniversary of your wife's passing. Something you only told me once before and I always reached out to you to check on you on the anniversary. You said "you remembered". Yes of course I did. When you care about someone you remember the important things. Bob, now I will always remember you. The impact you had on my life. The love you so freely gave to me and support you always offered me. I will miss you so much. Rest In Heaven Bob. ❤️

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**Katelyn Grace** - June 30, 2023 at 07:08 PM

JM

Thank you for your kind words of my father 🥹 Jacquie Mikic

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**Jacquelin Mikic** - July 07, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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“ I'll miss our daily texts and conversations Bob. You've been a great mentor and friend. I will miss you more than words can properly express. I promised to keep showing up at the gym as long as you kept going because you were my gym rabbit. Although you're done with this set, I promise to keep the reps going in your honor. I look forward to when we can catch a lift together in heaven's gym. It has been an absolute honor and privilege. Rest easy big guy.

*Forever Your Friend, Brad*

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**Brad** - June 28, 2023 at 11:42 AM

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Thank you for your kind words of my father. Jacquie Mikic 🥹

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**Jacquelin Mikic** - July 07, 2023 at 07:51 PM