



Robert Edward "Bob" Clawson

July 22, 1933 - August 8, 2025

Robert Edward "Bob" Clawson, age 92, of Brookfield, Missouri, passed away at Boone Hospital in Columbia, MO, surrounded by his loving family on August 8, 2025.

Bob was born on July 22, 1933, to Vahl and Oweda Clawson at home south of Laclede, Missouri. Bob was the ninth of sixteen children. On April 14, 1957, he married the love of his life, Patricia Ann "Pat" Schaefer. Together they built their life in Brookfield, Missouri. Bobbie walked the first four years to Burch Country School followed by fifth and sixth grade at North Side Elementary and seventh and eighth grade at New Adams. He graduated from Brookfield High School in the class of 1952. In high school, he played football and wore the number 36.

He enlisted in the army in 1953. Bob was a rifleman and qualified parachutist. He was assigned to the B Company of the famous 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment as a paratrooper. He was discharged October 15, 1955. Bob participated in the Central Missouri Honor Flight in 2019.

Bob had various jobs: running his own hay crews, fireman for the railroad, and worked at Missouri Power & Light. In the 60's, Bob and Pat purchased their first semi-truck hauling grain and in 1966 leased to Huston Truckline hauling Moorman feed to western states, bringing grain and lumber back. Throughout the years, they added to their fleet and business. They sold tires, batteries, truck parts, alternator rebuilding, truck building as well as offering rental in their storage buildings. In recent years, they sold the business to their son, Jim and wife Audra.

Bob loved trucks! He was featured on the cover of "Wheels of Time" national magazine with his restored 1919 White stake truck. He had many old trucks, tractors, and cars and showed his trucks in many truck shows. Bob and Pat were honored to be called the Dream Team in The Great American Race driving a '38 Kenworth across the United States. They were a part of this race for two different years.

An ardent sports fan, Bob followed the Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas City Royals, Missouri Tigers, and the Brookfield Bulldogs. Bob was a Mason and Shriner, belonged to the YMCA, VFW, Elks, and American Legion.

Bob is survived by his children: Doug (Anna Mae) Clawson of Sturgeon, MO; Cindy (Scott) Clark of Keytesville, MO; Jim (Audra) Clawson of Brookfield, MO; and daughter-in-law

Deann Clawson of Blue Springs, MO. His legacy lives on in his grandchildren: Jennifer (James) Bratton, Janice (Daric Denney) Clawson, Katie Clawson, Caleb Clawson, Ryan (Brienne) Clark, Zachary (Shelby) Clark, Kyle Clawson, and Paige Clawson; great grandchildren: Margot Clark, Eliza Clark, and Brandt Denney. He is also survived by his brothers: Jerry Clawson, Lauderdale by the Sea, FL; Dick (Trudy) Clawson, Brookfield, MO; and Ronnie (Julie) Clawson, Warrensburg, MO; sister-in-laws Mary Clawson, Sand Point, ID; and Ann Clawson, O'Fallon, MO; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth (Kenny) Joseph Clawson; grandson, Patrick Edward Clawson; parents, Vahl and Oweda Clawson; brothers and sisters, Luzenia Mae Arthaud, Arlene June Clawson, Ira Lee Clawson, twins Mervil and Myrtle Clawson, Neva Louise Wombwell, Hazel Marie Doss, Billie Joe Clawson, Doris Ann Borron, Roy Harvey Clawson, Judith Kay Tate, and Donald Dale Clawson.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 15, 5:00-7:00 pm, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Brookfield, MO. Services will be held Saturday, August 16, at 11:00 am. at Trinity United Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Fitzgerald and Pastor Lee Porch officiating with burial following at Parklawn Cemetery with Full US Military Honors. Arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Memorial Contributions may be made to North Central Missouri YMCA, Brookfield Senior Center, or Brookfield Athletic Booster Club and can be left at or mailed to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn St., Brookfield, MO 64628. Online condolences can be made at www.rhod esfh.com

Cemetery Details

Parklawn Memorial Garden Cemetery

29394 Hwy 36
Brookfield, MO 64628

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
300 S. Main Street
Brookfield, MO 64628

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Worked on his hay crew's in the early 1960's and his wife making up spam and pickle sandwiches. Friends with several of his brothers.

*Kenny Hughes
Washington il*

Kenneth Hughes - September 05, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JM

“ Bob always had a smile on his face and done about everything enjoyed his kids and was great guy Prayers to his family

Jackie/Larry Melton - August 17, 2025 at 11:46 AM

RD

“ Prayers To All The Family From the Allens Family(Rita and Rosemary)

rosemary allen duncan - August 13, 2025 at 10:42 AM

JP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a kind and respected man to this community and he will be missed. Your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*The Pollard's
Joyce, Darrell & Jackie*

Jackie Pollard - August 11, 2025 at 04:22 PM

MB

“ Dan & I always enjoyed talking with Bob & Pat. We will miss those times., Enjoyed several Friday night meals at the Elk's. Bob will be missed by many..

Marilyn Bowers - August 11, 2025 at 03:25 PM

HL

“ Clydene and I will miss Bob. He was such a special person. Pat and the family are in or thoughts and prayers.

harold j Loyd - August 11, 2025 at 11:24 AM

RT

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Bob. He was a great person & a positive inspiration! Our thoughts & prayers are with the Clawson family. Blessings, Robin & Dana Tarpensing



Robin Tarpensing - August 11, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MC

“ So very sorry to hear of BOB'S PASSING

Mary A Carpenter - August 11, 2025 at 08:30 AM

CB

“ We did cardio rehab together. He was an inspiration to me, still trying to build his heart up at 92 years young. Most people his age would have given up, not Bob. Told him he was my hero, he told me I should look for some one better than him. Will miss seeing him.

CRAIG BAKKE - August 09, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SM

Wayne enjoyed visiting and drinking morning coffee with Bob. We both are praying for comfort at this sad time for all of his loved ones. Our loving thoughts are with Pat. ❤️
🌹 Wayne and Sandy Murrell

Sandy Murrell - August 11, 2025 at 07:05 PM

MB

My prayers to the family.

Margy (Foster) Barnes - August 12, 2025 at 05:53 AM

BL

Bob was a wonderful man and will be missed my many. Ev would so often come home from the coffee group and talk about how amazing he was. He never complained, always friendly, even while going through lots of health problems. My love and prayers for Pat and all of his family.

beverly lineberry - August 21, 2025 at 10:22 AM