Robert Frederick Prather was born in Detroit, Michigan, on September 14, 1946; he was the son of Robert and Alice "Jelene" (Taylor) Prather. He attended school in the Grinnell School District graduating with the class of 1964, and then took some classes at Marshalltown Community College. Bob served our country honorably in the United States Army from 1966 until 1972. On August 5, 1971, Bob was united in marriage to Karla Kynnn at the Marshalltown Courthouse. They had resided in LeGrand their entire married lives. Bob had been employed at KIOWA/Ace Precision and retired in 2008. He belonged to the local UAW# 893 and was the Union President at KIOWA. He recently enjoyed his part-time job working for the Clemens Chevrolet Garage in Marshalltown. He also enjoyed bowling league, playing golf at Lincoln Valley golf course, he was a member of LeGrand Friends Church, enjoyed trout fishing, and loved his family.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 43 years, Karla of LeGrand, Iowa; children: Kristi (Jeffrey) Benesh of LeGrand, Iowa, Kimberly (Brian) Nohava of St Mary's, Kansas, Kathryn Prather of Huxley, Iowa, and her long time significant other Troy Meeks, and Bobbi Prather, of Marshalltown, Iowa; 10 grandchildren: Danielle & Megan Kellogg and Michaela, Elizabeth, Joseph, Anthony, Bernadette, William, Robert and Philip Nohava; four step-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; siblings, Linda Prather of Newton, and David (Carol) Prather of Victor, Iowa; and two nephews, Greg and Shawn Prather.

In death Bob rejoins his parents, Robert and Alice.