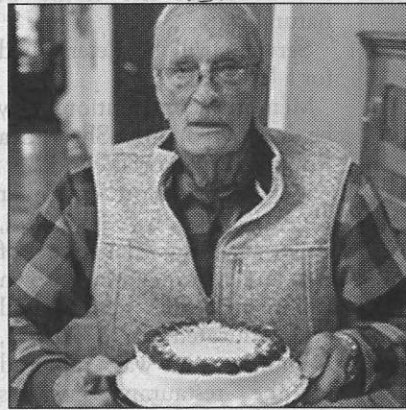


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Bascum 'Bob' J. Denton



Bascum "Bob" J. Denton, 81, of Grinnell, died peacefully with his wife by his side on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at his home, under the care of Hospice of the Midwest.

As per his wishes, he was cremated and no services will be held.

Bascum "Bob" Joseph Sells, Jr, was born on March 17, 1941, in Wichita Falls, Texas to Evelyn Sells. He was subsequently adopted by his

step-father, Robert J. Denton. His father was a Master Sergeant with the United States Air Force and the family traveled around, including Amarillo, Texas, Okinawa, and Havelock, North Carolina. Bob graduated from Havelock High School in 1959, later graduating with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Air Force in Biloxi, Mississippi, and was stationed at various bases, including Homestead, Florida, Denver, Colorado, Rome, New York, Wiesbaden, Germany and Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland until his retirement in 1979. The majority of his career was spent as a special agent in OSI, which he loved. After his retirement Bob took a position again as a Special Agent in the Security Department of General Telephone of the Midwest in Bloomington, Illinois. In 1984, he transferred to Muskegon, Michigan. In 1985, he was transferred to Grinnell to assume the position of Security Manager for General Telephone of the Midwest. Bob retired in 1993. Early in his Air Force career, he played on the base softball team. He coached his son's baseball and football teams in Wiesbaden, Germany.

On February 5, 1992, Bob married Mary White Yount in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Bob enjoyed golfing with friends, spending winters in Alabama and working in the yard. He loved his family dearly and cherished every moment with them and had a special relationship with great granddaughter, Lila and great grandson, Nolan.

Bob will be forever cherished by his wife, Mary Denton, of Grinnell; children, Stacy (Robert) Hall of NewBern, North Carolina, Bob Denton of Sadorus, Illinois, Jo Pearson of Marion, Iowa and Mary Beth (Gerald) Mueller of Columbia, Missouri. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Amberlei Ressler, Emily Coonrod, Phillipe Cunningham, Andei Keough, Maddy Mueller, and Audrey Mueller; and his great-grandchildren Lila and Nolan Coonrod, Hayden and Henry Vance-Pearson, Maggie Pearson, and Sloane Ressler.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepson, Douglas Yount; and his sister, Patricia Frye; his cat, Molly and dog, Booger.