



## Robert Charles McCartney

March 21, 1925 - October 6, 2011

### Robert C. McCartney

Bob McCartney, a child of God and servant of Christ, died peacefully in his home, Thursday, October 6, 2011, encircled in prayer by his wife, Fran, and their family. It was a blessing most fitting of the faith-filled life he lived.

Our dad was born on March 21, 1925 in Toledo, one of 8 children, to Richard and Lucille McCartney. Raised on a small farm off Alexis Road, he carried with him through life a strong work ethic and a keen sense of right and wrong.

A devoted husband and father, he lived his Catholic faith each day. Dad and Mom celebrated 65 years of Holy Matrimony this past September.

Known to all as a most honorable and generous man, our dad lived and died loving his children, his wife, and our God. He was forever grateful for his early formation at the hands of the good Sisters at Blessed Sacrament School.

In 1943 at the age of seventeen, Dad traded his high school education for service to our country, enlisting in the U. S. Navy. He sailed aboard the U.S.S. Baltimore, seeing action throughout the South Pacific in World War II.

Returning home, Dad married the love of his life, Frances Steuer, and together they embraced their dream of a large family.

An ambitious craftsman with an eye for opportunity, Dad learned the concrete business and started his own company. Later, he teamed with two other contractors to form Consolidated Concrete Construction, a highly respected outfit that served the area for over thirty years.

From his farm upbringing he had a love of horses that lasted his whole life,

highlighted by his success as a Thoroughbred racehorse owner and breeder. From “Rock Bottom Farm” on Albon Road, to the home he built near Oak Openings that Mom called, “The Homestretch”, everyone was welcomed. When you talked to Dad, he made you feel like you were the only one in the room.

He worked as hard as the concrete he poured to provide a Catholic education for nine kids-12 years for each one.

Raised during the Great Depression, Dad had a kind heart for those in need. Stories continue to surface of Dad’s acts of kindness over the years, incidents previously known only to those who he helped.

Bob McCartney’s spirit lives on through his dear wife, Fran; children: Karen Trotter (Joe), Bridget Irmen (Pat), Peggy Goetz (Bill), Denny (Karen), Mike (Molly), Rob (Sue), Mary Crown (Brad), Dan (Patti), Todd (Marianne); 43 grandchildren: Chris, Brian, Stephanie, Whitney, Polly, Shayne, Sam, Tad, Nick, Dan, Mike, Matt, Meghan, Mary, Callie, Shannon, Kevin, Tom, Bridget, Dan, Mary Pat, Vince, Pete, Maggie, Riley, Anna, Jessie, Kate, Grace, Nate, Kyle, Annie, Susan, Francie, John, George, Charlie, Henry, Emily, Will, Ben, Caroline, Claire and 24 great grandchildren.

Dad’s surviving siblings are: Nan Reno (Larry), Larry (Joanne) and Sue Pool (Ken). He was preceded in death by his brothers, Bill (Alice) and Dick (Phyllis), and sisters, Pat, and Kate Pollock (Vic).

Visitation will be Sunday, October 9, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. with a Rosary service at 7:00 p.m. Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday, October 10 in the mortuary, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Interment at Resurrection cemetery.

Dad’s favorite charities were: St. Joan of Arc Church, Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), Sisters of the Visitation, Parkside Blvd., and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ I will miss "our" exceptional Uncle Bob dearly. Both he and Aunt Franny always left me with much peace and inspiration. It has been both a Blessing and an HONOR to know him. . . .  
Mary Ann Pope

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October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bridget and Family,  
Our thoughts and condolences go out to you and your wonderful family during these days. May your faith keep you strong  
Kay and Ron  
Kay Grothaus

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“ Fran and Family,  
Bob lived a full life, reaching all his goals and raising a wonderful family. He was a prince of a man, a role model for so many. He left St. Clement's and St. Joan of Arc a better place. Eternal rest grant unto him,  
O Lord.  
Mike & Cindy Wray

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“ To Mrs. McCartney and the wonderful McCartney family:

*Dwight and I will be thinking of you as you honor your generous and loving Dad. May you be surrounded with the Lord's grace and mercy as you gather this weekend. Love you all.*

*Blessings.##imported-begin##Dwight and Madelyn Ferris madelyn @pawsinc.com##imported-end##*

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“ Dear McCartney Family, we were honored and blessed to know your Dad. We are sure his many great attributes will live on through his family and friends. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

*Jerry and Karen Jankowski##imported-begin##Jerry and Karen Jankowski##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Mrs. McCartney, Karen and family, It has been a long time since St. Clement Court days. I have such fond memories of your Dad and the wonderful times I spent at your home. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers this week-end.

*Sincerely,*

*Sue##imported-begin##Sue Daney Kraft##imported-end##*

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“ To all the McCartneys,  
Grandpa Bob always has and always will hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you all for opening your family to ours.

love always,

Troy and Shawn###imported-begin###Troy and Shawn Najarian troy.n  
ajarian@windstream.net###imported-end##

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“ Dear Fran and children, I met rob 39 years ago when we owned a horse, Katydid which we sold to John Anderson for the children. Rob came to the stable at Ruth oatis home to examine her. He was so kind and gentle with a fiesty horse and I immediately "fell in love " yoth your husband and father. It turned out that he knew my parents and the stable they owned , Ascot stable on violet road. We had a grand old time talking about those good days. Tom joins me in holding your beautiful family in our hearts and prayers. Blessings and love, Ann and Tom Welly###imported-begin###tom and ann welly  
freewelly@aol.com###imported-end##

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“ And I think God must be a cowboy at heart,  
He made wide-open spaces from the start,  
He made grass and trees and mountains and a horse to be a friend,  
And trails to lead old cowboys home again.

-Dan Seals

Your life has been an inspiration to us all, and you have provided many a refuge in your loving home. We will miss you, Uncle Bob.###imported-begin###Kay and Tracy Burger###imported-end##

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“ Thinking of all of you with much love. I have many fond memories of "Grandpa" Bob and pulled out some photos to thank God for him and smile on those memories today.

Sending my love,  
Katie Jo###imported-begin###Katie Jo (Najarian) Giardello giardello.2@gmail.com###imported-end###

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“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on the death of Bob. He was the consummate gentleman and very obviously devoted to his God and his family. He will be long remembered in thoughts and prayers. I will personally miss his cheerful face at mass!###imported-begin###Tony & Trish Barone tony@tonybaronedesign.com###imported-end###

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“ We hold Many Wonderful memories & great joy of times spent at Uncle Bob & Aunt Frans. The ever present welcoming spirit and strong demonstration of Faith & Family created visits to be cherished. We Love and will forever hold dear the warm presence of Uncle Bob.

~In Faith~ The Pope Family###imported-begin###Linda Zink###imported-end###

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“ Dear Fran and your entire family,

*Meeting you and Bob was such a great treasure and we are blessed for having the chance to know you. At first our only thing in common was the big house on Albon, yet we realized a shared loved of family, friends and our LORD Jesus Christ. I know Bob is now with our Father in Heaven and our prayers are with all of you. With are deepest condolences, Todd & Christina Ziems##imported-begin##The Ziems Family tntziems@aol.com##imported-end##*

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“ You are in our hearts and prayers. We will have a Mass said here in SC for Bob.

*With Love and Hugs##imported-begin##Bonnie and Ron Murray##imported-end##*

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“ Sorry for your loss I will miss Great uncle Bob he was a great man and I will always remember his kindness and I am sorry I can't be there##imported-begin##Aaron Geiser and Family##imported-end##

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“ *An angel went home and will be missed here on earth. My memories will always be that he was the kindest man I have ever met, genuine to the core and a true gentle giant. I remember he came to our house to ask for help loading a horse that didn't learn to step up on a trailer, we did get the horse in and I will always remember his gentleness. My deepest sympathy to you all. God Bless.##imported-begin##Tracey Pierce Gurn tgurn@bex.net##imported-end##*

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“ *Fran and Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you folks and only wish we could be there along with the many who have known and admired Bob for the way he has touched all of our lives. He will certainly be missed, but moreso remembered as time moves on. God Bless.*

*Jim & Theresa Dick##imported-begin##Jim & Theresa Dick jamesdick08@comcast.net##imported-end##*

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“ *As a long time employee of the Whitehouse Apothecary I couldn't help but smile everytime Bob walked in the store. His love for life filled the room and touched everyone he came in contact with. Such a very sweet man and loving husband. He will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Heather Druschel funnygirl0313@hotmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ We know you've taken comfort in the fact that you were once in the presence of a great man, and you will be again one day. From your good friends at Working Ranch magazine.##imported-begin##the Working Ranch mag team##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Mr. McCartney's family. I'll always remember him with a smile on his face and an encouraging word. He was a good man and will be missed. My parents', Jr. and Mart, send their condolences from Texas.##imported-begin##Keith and Debra Bowser##imported-end##

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“ Dearest McCartney family,  
Although we may not have kept in the closest contact over the years, I would like you all to know that I grieve your loss. My husband Matt and I will be thinking of you and praying for you all, that you may find peace during this difficult time. God Bless you all.  
All our love,  
Matt & Katie Williams and Matthew,  
Steven & baby##imported-begin##Katie (Zbierajewski) Williams##imported-end##

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“ I can't imagine life on this planet without Mr. McCartney! He was the most vital, spirited, and passionate person I have ever known. I have the fondest memories of visited Rock Bottom farm when I was young. He was like a second dad to me. Love and prayers to all the McCartneys. What a treasure he was!##imported-begin##Lu Stauffer staufferhaus@earthlink.net##imported-end##

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“ God will surely take care of your dad and husband. May we extend our deepest sympathy to Fran and family. God bless you all and feel he is in our heavenly home##imported-begin##Larry and Dottie Mossing##imported-end##

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“ Dear McCartney Family --  
Please know that our hearts are saddened and that our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.##imported-begin##The Murray Family - Ft Worth##imported-end##

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“ The loss of a loved one is never easy. Please know all of you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jim & Debi Burkett##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. "Uncle Bob" was a special man. He always made you feel welcome.##imported-begin##Joe & Cheryl Zielinski##imported-end##

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“ Our love to all of the McCartney family.....Bob was a special man, easily seen in the fruits of his children. May the Peace that passes all Understanding surround all of you!

Blessings,  
Donnell, Kelli, Tucker and Lanham Brown  
Throckmorton, TX##imported-begin##Donnell and Kelli Brown kelli  
@rabrownranch.com##imported-end##

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“ Fran and all the kids of Rock Bottom and now the Home Stretch  
He died as he lived with Peace from God.  
the greatest gift we can give those who have left us-----is to live  
FULLY in their place. teresa savarin--  
God has truly Blessed us by knowing "Bob" love to all  
ko##imported-begin##kathie oneill##imported-end##

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“ Dear Fran and all the family,

*We hold all of you in our hearts and prayers. "Life is changed, not ended." Just think of the the family reunion when there will be no more separations (and the one that happens at every Mass where heaven and earth meet)! May Bob find his eternal rest in the Heart of Jesus.##imported-begin##Sisters of the Visitation##imported-end##*

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“ So sorry Fran to hear of Roberts passing. Robert always spoke nice to me. Vaughn Miller 4711 Co. Rd 3, Swanton, Ohio 43558##imported-begin##Vaughn Miller##imported-end##

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“ It is a terrible, bereft feeling to learn of Bob's passing the weekend of Thanksgiving, but in some ways it is a perfect time to reflect on how grateful I am for having known him like a second dad. So many times in my teenage years I sought refuge in the McCartney home, and you couldn't ask for better parenting then from Bob and Fran. They got me through some tough times growing up and for that I am forever grateful. Although I haven't seen him in over 10 years, his photo is just as I remember him. I'm only sorry that he never took me up on the invitation to come visit Idaho. He would have loved this country that I now call home.

*I send my love and condolences to all the McCartney clan, especially to Fran and the nine siblings who were always like brothers and sisters to me. We are all so lucky to have known such a remarkable man.*

*Jane##imported-begin##Janie Fritz  
janefritz@frontier.com##imported-end##*

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