



## Robert "Bob" P. Winter

May 30, 1950 - March 19, 2024

Robert P. Winter passed away unexpectedly on March 19, 2024 surrounded by his family. Bob was born in Manitowoc, WI on May 30, 1950 to parents, Clarence and Carmen Winter. After graduating from Lincoln High School he went to college in Stevens Point. Bob lived in several places before settling in Manitowish Waters nearly 50 years ago.

In 1978 Bob started working at the McFarland Cranberry Marsh where he was promoted to manager. The marsh was later bought by Northland for a short time then by Vilas Cranberry, which Bob continued to work and became part owner. Bob dedicated nearly 45 years of his life to the cranberry growing industry and retired in 2021.

Bob married the love of his life, Maria, on February 1, 1985 in Mexico and in Wisconsin on February 24th and shared almost 40 years together. Bob and Maria raised two boys by the cranberry marsh.

Bob was a volunteer in the Community of Manitowish Waters for many years informing people about the cranberry industry. He always had the ability to make anyone smile and you knew Bob was a good person with his unwavering kindness.

Bob is survived by his wife, Maria and sons, Christian and Mathew. He is further survived by his brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews who live in the United States, Canada and Mexico, as well as the many friends he made along the way.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 PM on June 29, 2024 at the Aberdeen Lodge in Manitowish Waters. A special thank you to the most amazing family, friends and partners, who made this Celebration of Life for Bob possible.

Gone from our sight but never from our hearts, your memory will be our treasure.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Aberdeen Lodge  
5325 Aberdeen Lodge Circle  
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545

# Tribute Wall

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“ We first met Bob in Elizabeth Colorado when he showed up with my brother Crow and a band of drifting "cowboys" all intent on seeing the world and having some big time laughs. Some might say they were the wild bunch, but they were looking for work and opportunity which included living in our teepee out on the Ponderosa, a beautiful piece of land in Kiowa country. In an entrepreneurial mode he stated building bellows for setting fires---in fire places. His handle was Rocky Mountain Bob's Bellows. We sold them in our shop and he attempted to market them around the state. it never took off like the cranberries but it got him out, and along with Crow's "superstones" they hauled in enough cash to see the west, to act smart and talk big. Many great memories and will miss him knowing he brought much joy to everyone he was around. David and Ann Wright



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David Wright - June 29, 2024 at 01:17 PM

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“ Bob "Bobo" Winter was a dear friend and person. We grew up together in Manitowoc and hunted and fished together. We went to UW-Stevens Point. Bob did not graduate but was brilliant and a great entrepreneur which led him to the cranberry business. My wife, Loretta, and I visited with Bob at our 50th high school class reunion in 2018. Bob looked great! The world is worse now with Bob's passing. I loved Bob as a trusted friend and loved his laugh. RIP, Bob. Your buddy, Rick Kaminski

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Loretta Kaminski - June 12, 2024 at 09:42 AM

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“ I’m going to miss, a lot, seeing Bob drive his pickup up next to me at Vilas Cranberry, put the window down and share his always humorous, sometimes hilarious, view on life as we know it. An irreplaceable part of the fun of living was lost when Bob left us. I was very fortunate to have him as a friend. Love to Maria, Matthew and Christian. Ron Kuehn

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**Ron Kuehn** - April 05, 2024 at 07:10 PM

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“ If anyone could light up a room with a positive attitude and lots of laughter--it was Bob!! Special enough to accompany me on my first road trip across the country in 1973. And special enough to be the best man (as he was) at our wedding. And special enough to find Maria and build the family he so deserved. Memories are forever!! He will be missed!

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**Glenn Coenen** - March 24, 2024 at 11:14 AM