



## Mr. Bob Hinds

February 29, 1928 - January 18, 2023

Charles Robert (Bob) Hinds, the son of the late Joe R. Hinds and Edna (Gose) Hinds, was born February 29, 1928, at Hutton Valley, MO. He passed away January 18, 2023, just six weeks shy of his 95th birthday. Bob graduated from Willow Springs High School in 1945. He was the only living member of his class. Later, he attended the University of Missouri and received a degree in Agriculture. After WWII, he taught agriculture methods to veterans at Willow Springs High School. On October 17, 1948, he married Jackie Emmerich and they celebrated their 73rd anniversary in 2021.

Bob spent his entire life in the Hutton Valley area on the family farm raising purebred hogs, beef cattle, training dogs and auctioneering. This career took him across the country showing hogs and promoting the feeder pig industry. The grandchildren have many stories about their Grandpa taking them fishing and hunting on the Ozark Rivers. Bob always had to be busy and in his later years, he started writing books about his life experiences and traveled the 4-state region distributing those books. In addition, he started gardening and supplied family and neighbors with much produce. He even took a stint as a substitute teacher in the West Plains Schools. He was a faithful member of the Pomona Christian Church for many years. When he was unable to attend church, he created a church service each Sunday at the Willow West Apartments for himself and the residents.

Bob is survived by his four children and their spouses: Steve and Karen (Hinds) Foster; Lou and Cindy (Hinds) Wehmer; Kelly and Cindy (Walker) Hinds; and Mike and Sandy (Hinds) Franklin; six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, two brothers: Clinton and Bill Hinds, and his parents.

Bob had an infectious laugh and enjoyed his life. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

A private family burial will take place Friday, January 20, 2023, with a Celebration of Life on February 4, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the Pomona Christian Church in Pomona, MO. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to Neighborhood Christian School, PO Box 497, Willow Springs, MO 65793 or they may be left at the Willow Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 5:00 PM (CT)

Pomona Christian Church  
5040 County Road 1390  
Pomona, MO 65789

# Tribute Wall



“*Phil and I moved to Willow Springs in 2019. Our first friends were the Whemers, with Lou and Cindy (Hinds), David, and Margurite who made this small town feel like our home away from home.*

*Just this week, our neighbor, Eric S. lended us Bob's book "The Ten Commandments of Gardening" written for South Missouri gardening.*

*We are grateful for Bob's many talents and that he chose to share these gifts.*

*Again, thank you for welcoming us to your community. We've yet to meet a stranger.*

*Phil and Martha*

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**Martha Pennell** - August 31, 2024 at 03:43 PM

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“*At a thrift store today in Washington state, I found Mr. Hinds' book on computer short cuts from 20+ years ago. He inscribed it to Wanda in 2002. I thought it was an adorable and informative description of computer usage from back in the day. He sounds like he was an wonderful human who lived a full life.*



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**delia t** - June 05, 2024 at 12:16 AM

“ When I first had the opportunity to meet Mr. Hinds, it was after I had received a "bred gilt sale booklet" for an upcoming sale. I was an active 4-Her in South Louisiana and showed Hampshire pigs. Our Parish agent wrote me a letter of introduction to take to Mr. Hinds. It seemed like a very long drive in that Chevy Luv truck, just my grandfather and I. We pulled in several hours before the sale and I was in awe. He had people coming in from other countries to bid! The sale started with some herding dogs (Border Collies) and I was amazed at one selling for over \$10,000! Mr. Hinds had arrived in the auctioneers booth and I was able to get his attention before the pig sale and handed him the letter from my 4-H agent. I didn't know what had been written, but I was shocked as the first bred gilt sold for more than 4 times what I had brought to spend. I watched Mr. Bob finally open the letter and when he finished, he looked for me in the crowd and waved me up to the auctioneer's box with him. He shook my hand and asked me which gilt I had in mind to buy. I showed her picture to him and he really made me feel like an equal by saying "I don't think you could have made a better choice. Let's see if we can get you what you came for." After only 4-5 more gilts had been run through, in comes my choice. Mr. Bob leaned over and asked me "What's your max bid?" I told him \$689. That's all I have. He started the bidding at \$500 and at least 1/2 of the bidders raised their hands for the next bid. As my heart sunk, Mr. Bob immediately yelled "SOLD" to this young man from Louisiana for \$600!"

Mr. Bob didn't have to do what he did that day. He could have just as easily thrown me to the wolves and let me go back to Louisiana empty handed and realizing I was way out of my league, but he didn't. I've always remembered how he treated me. How kind he was, and through the years that one interaction has helped me look at many things and people differently. Now, 63 years old and seeing that I missed his passing over a year ago, It honestly choked me up seeing his photograph again. The instant recall of the infectious smile and that "open road" styled hat caused a floodgate of great memories to flow.

This memory may not bring a lot of emotion to others, but it did to

*me. I hope that the rest of the Hinds family lives in peace and harmony in the great shadow left by Mr. Bob.*

**Douglas Houston** - April 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

SA

“ *I'm so sad to have moved back here only to just now hear of Bob's passing. He was such a wonderful, sweet, kind person. I still have the paperback books he wrote and gave to me on how to find Mr. Right. He is greatly missed.*

**Sara** - August 04, 2023 at 10:08 PM

DW

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Bob's family and friends! He was a hometown hero. Always enjoyed visiting with him.*  
*Dianna Simpson Weaver*

**Dianna Weaver** - January 25, 2023 at 12:09 AM

AM

“ *To the Hinds Families,*

*Our Deepest Sympathy to all of you on the passing of Bob. He was a fine individual and a joy to be around due to his wonderful smile, sense of humor, and friendly personality. He was a wonderful friend to all of us. He will be missed! We have wonderful memories of him which we will cherish as well. During this time may God comfort, encourage, strengthen, and give each of you peace. We will be keeping all of you in our daily prayers/thoughts. May God bless all of you.*

*In Christian Love,  
Norris/Ivene Cozort  
Amber(Cozort) Redburn*

**Amber(Cozort)Redburn** - January 21, 2023 at 12:46 PM

MJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hinds family. Bob was a Hall of Fame farmer and represented all that was good from the Willow Springs region.*

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**Mark James** - January 21, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bob Hinds.*



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January 20, 2023 at 11:02 PM

DC

“ *Condolences to the family. Bob was a one of a kind good guy.*

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**Don Coatney** - January 20, 2023 at 09:24 PM

EP

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Hinds Family, Charlie and Otis (Edith) Pringle*



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**Edith Pringle** - January 20, 2023 at 03:43 PM

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“ My deepest condolences go out to the Hinds family at this time of life. Mr Bob Hinds was my father's, Paul Smith best friend for many years and I had the pleasure of getting to know him in my childhood and show Hampshire hogs at State Fairs when just a girl 🥰. What memories this little girl had years ago. I can just see him and my Dad taking the time to go hunting and sharing laughs with the angels 😇. Dear Mr Bob Hinds may your rest be eternal. Shirley Harris (Smith).

Shirley Harris (Smith) - January 20, 2023 at 02:23 PM

CC

Our hearts go out to you in your loss. Bob was truly one of a kind and will be missed!

Charles and Barbara Crouch - January 23, 2023 at 02:34 PM

TR

“ Kelly and family, our condolences. Randall and Teresa Romans

Teresa romans - January 20, 2023 at 02:04 PM

JG

“ I LOVED his laugh!!!! He was such a personality!!! Loved to talk to all of Sandy's friends. Had such a zest for life. We will miss his laugh and storytelling so much!!!!

Jackie Gehrke - January 19, 2023 at 10:47 PM

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“ Our condolences.

Lloyd and Debbie Ebert - January 19, 2023 at 10:15 PM

CB

*He was so engaged being a Dad, husband and part of community. His love for life, God and family were evident.*

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**connie blackford** - January 20, 2023 at 07:46 PM