



## Robert "Bob" William Pingel

June 23, 1958 - December 28, 2023

Robert "Bob" William Pingel was born on June 23, 1958, in Rockford, Illinois to Gordon Richard Pingel and Karleen Kay (Hall) Pingel. He went to Heaven to be with his beloved Saviour, Jesus, on Thursday, December 28, 2023, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 65 years. Bob was raised in Lightsville, Illinois and graduated with the Leaf River High School Class of 1976. He was involved with the Boy Scouts for many valuable years, later encouraging his own sons' involvement with scouting. After high school, he enlisted and served his country honorably in the United States Navy Seabees. Upon returning home, Bob worked at a local factory where he met wonderful new friends who invited him to church. Bob learned how much God loved him and he gave his life to Christ, forever changed. Bob attended Rock Valley Community College in Rockford, Illinois and then the University of Illinois in Chicago and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was married on June 15, 1985, in La Crosse, Wisconsin to Bonnie Ann (Larson) Pingel. Bob spent most of his working life as a Mechanical Engineer with what is now Collins Aerospace. He was a faithful member at Freedom Church in Owasso, Oklahoma since moving to Owasso in 2006. Bob enjoyed serving on the Freedom Church Worship Team where he worshipped God while playing his guitars. He also kept a keen eye out for any new visitors to Freedom Church warmly welcoming any new folks that he could. As a side job, Bob gave guitar lessons at Charis Music Studio in Owasso where he taught hundreds of students over 10+ years, loving his students as much as

the music they created together. In his spare time, he also enjoyed fishing, running, cycling, and working on cars for people in his church. He is survived by:

His Loving Wife;

Bonnie Pingel

3 Children;

Joe Pingel and wife Nicole

Rebecca Pingel

Benjamin Pingel and wife Lauryl

1 Granddaughter on the Way;

Abigail Rose Pingel

Siblings;

Butch Pingel

Cheryl Barber and husband Tom

Deb Holcomb and husband Gregg

Karleen Roop and husband Rusty

Mike Pingel

Father;

Gordon Pingel

He was preceded in death by his mother, Karleen.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 7,

2024, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024, at Freedom Church in Owasso.

Graveside service will follow at Graceland Memorial Park in Owasso.

Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel  
9110 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Funeral Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Freedom Church  
9602 North 177th East Avenue  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

JAN 8 (CT)

Every Nation Churches & Ministries Memo: Ruby Havens Fund-Bob Pingel  
P.O. Box 1787  
Brentwood, TN 37024  
<https://give.everynation.org/donate/ruby-havens-fund>

# Tribute Wall

ED

“ To the Pingel family,  
I was very saddened to learn of Bob's passing, my deepest sympathies go out to you. I met Bob through work in the late 90's/ early 2000's (Sundstrand, now Collins), where he taught me all about our rotating equipment (IDGs). As a Field Rep based in Montreal, we didn't work closely together but whenever we would see each other at our rep meetings Bob was always warm and caring and quick to ask how everything was going, amazingly, he remembered everything that I was in to. The warm smile and compassion is what I will always remember about him. Bob was a gentleman in every sense of the word and the world is lesser without him. Rest easy Bob, you will be missed.

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**Ernie D'Alessandro** - January 08, 2024 at 11:49 AM

RC

“ My deepest sympathies to Bob's family. I had the pleasure to work with Bob for a few years leading up to his retirement (and mine) in 2023; we supported Airbus commercial programs for Collins Aerospace. I had the opportunity to travel with Bob to Airbus in Toulouse on one occasion and got to know Bob a bit better on a personal level. He was such a wonderful and caring person who loved his family very much. On a professional level he was very good at his job and was dedicated in supporting and helping the customer. I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing; I and all who knew Bob were blessed to have known him.  
Rick Coenen

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**Rick Coenen** - January 07, 2024 at 11:57 AM

MB

“ Bob, or 'Peanut' as we called him back in the day, was always a source of encouragement to me and we shared many memories over the years. I credit his never-ending distractions for getting me through that deployment on Diego Garcia back in '79. He always knew when I was down and would bust in the door bouncing up and down with excitement about an adventure that normally involved fishing or jamming on our island warped guitars. He never lacked alternatives should I object, he was the kindest, most caring, and giving man I have ever known.

Once our Band of Brothers disbanded for good, he sought me out a few years later and found me and we reconnected. As it turns out, each had become a Christian within a month of each other and our friendship deepened. Our journeys in life took us further apart with scant communication, but he always managed to track me down somehow.

Some of my greatest memories were spent in his home in Rockford where he did his absolute best to put me on the fish. After the boat failed to produce, he tried a canoe which I promptly turned over. Then he sent me a fly fishing rod to practice with. Hahaha, the most determined man I have ever known, he was obsessed that I was having fun and he was a natural. But that trip up in January of '97 will never be forgotten and those memories are still so crystal clear. Folks, to this old Texan it was Antarctica, but Bob drove to Chicago to pick me up, then back to Rockford where my fondest memory was playing with his young kids in the snow out front. A dream I had always wanted as a child myself, then as a parent, and now as a grandparent. The snowball fights, that wonky snowman, priceless memories. Then, to fulfill a pledge he, Roger, and I made on that boat fishing in the lagoon in the hot sun, we would all go ice fishing once we got back to the States. Had it not been for Bob, I don't think that would have ever happened. He and Roger were the ones talking it all up when we fished shirtless in the hot sun, and Bob was determined 'I' had that experience to fulfill that promise we made to each other. But it was -30 that fateful day and they had me so bundled up I looked like the Michelin Man. We drove onto the lake and Bob hopped out and fired up the auger while Rog popped up a

*tent and they shoved me in there and zipped me in. They finally gave up and blamed it on the cold, but I couldn't stop laughing about the size of the rig with the itty, bitty red spring on the tip and blamed it on that. Oh, the fun I had.*

*But the cream de la cream was that Jackson Browne concert in LA when he returned from Guam to be discharged and we hung out a lot before he flew home for good. I had tickets! I think that one evening cemented our friendship forever. We followed it up with a reunion concert in Tulsa a few years back and we mucked it up about that long night stuck on the Pacific Coast Highway with his very unhappy Malibu Barbie date I was bloodoathed to return to her carriage at midnight or foil any future hopes. I teased him it all worked out for the good because Malibu Barbie was nothing compared to Bonnie. He handily agreed and laughed at how serious he was back then. I promised him I did NOT loosen the lug nuts before we left, it was meant to be. Besides, I had to fix the mess after he left, so it all evened out.*

*Peanut, did I ever tell you that I love you, man? I am a better man having known you and I could never thank you enough for all the fun. I have searched my memory from stem to stern and I cannot find one memory of you being angry, upset, or down about things. I'm sure you had your days as we all do, but there is a hole in my heart that only you occupied and it is so very sad.*

*I am comforted by the fact I will indeed see him again, but I expect he will be closer to the Lord than I am and will, NO DOUBT, be able to put me on the fish then as my fly fishing skillset will have reached its full potential to his delight.*

*Mike Babcock*

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**Mike Babcock** - January 06, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.*



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January 05, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ *My dear friend, Bonnie, married a wonderful man. I've enjoyed traveling to see them both over the years. Whenever I came to Oklahoma Bob was always eager to take me various places he loved. I don't think he could understand all I wanted when I came was to just sit with the two of them and visit. Those discussions we had were priceless. This isn't goodbye, Bob. Rest in peace with our Lord.*  
*Clarice*

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**Clarice** - January 05, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ *Much love always, Clarice & Mike Kammel purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.*



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**Much love always, Clarice & Mike Kammel** - January 05, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MD

“ We first met Bob and his family at Crossroads International Church in Amstelveen, The Netherlands where our families were both on overseas assignments. Bob was the first to welcome us to the church and to his home for fellowship. He, Bonnie and the children were instrumental in helping us adjust to the community and meet new people. Bob was a very special person with a warm personality and a servant’s heart. Our lives are better for having known him.

- Marvin, Elaine and Devon Dennis

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Marvin, Elaine and Devon Dennis - January 05, 2024 at 05:00 PM

EF

“ Engineering team at Collins Miramar, FL. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



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Engineering team at Collins Miramar, FL. - January 05, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



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January 05, 2024 at 01:43 PM

TF

“ The LaFew Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



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**The LaFew Family** - January 05, 2024 at 10:10 AM

RH

“ Ray and Theresa Horn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.

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**Ray and Theresa Horn** - January 04, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RH

“ Ray and Theresa Horn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



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**Ray and Theresa Horn** - January 04, 2024 at 05:41 PM

YR

“ Your friends at Osage Hollow RV Resort planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.

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**Your friends at Osage Hollow RV Resort** - January 04, 2024 at 05:37 PM

YR

“ Your friends at Osage Hollow RV Resort purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



Your friends at Osage Hollow RV Resort - January 04, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



January 04, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



January 04, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



January 04, 2024 at 09:30 AM

MK

“ Bob, I remember the first time I met you, just how warm of a person you were. You always had a smile on your face, and were willing to go above and beyond in helping others. I'm still in disbelief that you've departed, and you will be missed dearly. I wish you the best in the next phase of your transcendent journey.

-M.Kandil

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**Mohamed Kandil** - January 03, 2024 at 10:30 PM

DS

“ Bob was the OSS technical site manager at American Airlines when I was the Customer Support Manager for American. Bob would assist me with various problems, some not related to his expertise, whenever I needed. He was an excellent employee and a real asset to our company and to American. He will be missed...

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**Dana Schulz** - January 03, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



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January 03, 2024 at 05:08 PM

SP

“ Scott Nelson and April Parnell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.

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**Scott Nelson and April Parnell** - January 03, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SP

“ Scott Nelson and April Parnell purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



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Scott Nelson and April Parnell - January 03, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ I worked with Bob at Collins supporting our airline customers. I remember him from his days in on-site-support at American Airlines in Tulsa and later as a service engineer for Airbus IDGs. I did not work closely with Bob for very long but in the few deeper conversations I had with him, I learned so much about our products and for that I am ever grateful. I could tell he was a wonderful teacher and a supremely helpful person. My thoughts and condolences to Bob's loved ones. -Stephen Yanczura, Collins Aerospace Field Service

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Stephen Yanczura - January 03, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LW

“ Mr Pingel was a great guitar teacher for my son through Charis Studio. He was kind and patient. Thank-you

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Lynn Wiltshire - January 03, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.



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January 03, 2024 at 10:36 AM

LV

“ My condolences to All the Pingel Family. Bob was a great person and true professional who treated everyone he worked along side and supported with courtesy. I enjoyed the several years that I got to know and work with Bob at AA and the fun times we had playing guitar together. His smile is unforgettable.  
May God Bless All the family and Friends.

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**Lister J Victory** - January 01, 2024 at 09:19 PM

SO

“ Bob is a great engineer, a good friend and coworker. I will miss him dearly.

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**Steve Osborne** - January 01, 2024 at 04:45 PM

SO

“ Steve O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" William Pingel.

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**Steve O.** - January 01, 2024 at 04:43 PM