



Robert Douglas Ahrens

February 26, 1948 - January 29, 2026

Robert Douglas 'Bob' Ahrens (age 77) passed away on January 29th, 2026, in the presence of his wife, Leslie, and children at Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center in Spokane, Washington.

He will be much missed for his great kindness and deep love for others. Bob had a lifetime of service to his Country and its Veterans. Starting as a Vietnam-era trauma nurse and ending as Nursing Supervisor after 34 years of service at the VA Hospital here in Spokane.

He loved motorcycle riding, country music, popcorn, and bagels. He had a beguiling nature, a blend of humor, kindness and grace. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He was born February 26, 1948, in Spokane to John and Lillian (Steinmeyer) Ahrens.

Survived by Leslie, his wife of 21 years; son, Robert Ahrens (Shannon); daughter, Lyz Conklin (Bob); brother, John Ahrens (Sylvia); sisters-in-law, Rene Ahrens, Laura Twitchell, Jennifer Beards and Lisa Cavanaugh; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; step-daughter, Laura Phifer; step-sons, David and Paul Urick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Paul Ahrens; sister-in-law, Barbara Sailor; and step-daughter, Pamela Urick.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Friday, June 12th, at 1:30 p.m. at Cheney Funeral Chapel, located at 1632 W. 1st St. in Cheney, Washington. Prior to the service, a private interment was held at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, Washington

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Cemetery Details

Washington State Veteran's Cemetery

Medical Lake, WA

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 1:30 PM (PT)

Cheney Funeral Chapel

1632 W 1st St.

Cheney, WA 99004

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