



Robert "Bob" Clinch

October 1, 1931 - March 13, 2022

Robert "Bob" Clinch, husband of Joyce (Chesanek) Clinch died March 13, 2022, surrounded by his loving family members. He was born October 1, 1931, son of James J. and Lucy (Williams) Clinch on John Street in New Britain. He moved to the house on Stanley Street that his grandfather John Hindler bought from Landers, Frary & Clark in 1923 for \$2000, where he lived until his death. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at the start of the Korean War. He was stationed in Guam with the 20th Air Force 19th Bomb Wing. While there, he was a member of the championship boxing team, fighting as a lightweight welterweight boxer at 139 pounds. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force, the Connecticut Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve and was awarded the Connecticut Wartime Veterans Service Medal. He was a New Britain police officer from 1957-1959, then worked as a correctional officer at the Connecticut School for the Boys from 1959-1962. From 1962 to his retirement in 1989, he was employed at the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, where he worked as an inspector and hearing officer before retiring as the Assistant Director.

He was a life member of the NRA, Korean War Veterans Association, American Legion, Austrian Donau Club, Interstate Police, Sampson AFB Veterans Association and The Connecticut Gun Guild. He was also a member of St. Joseph Parish and for several years served as the Chief Hearing Officer for the City of New Britain, conducting hearings for parking ticket violations under both the Democratic and Republican administrations.

Besides his wife, he leaves his daughter Patricia Clinch Kozikowski (husband Bruce) and daughter Colleen Clinch. He leaves the loves of his life, first grandson Kevin Kozikowski (wife Colleen), who he picked up every day after school from preschool through high school, his one and only granddaughter Kelsey Ann Kozikowski, who he loved to shop with and meet for coffees at Starbucks, as well as his grandson Casey Clinch who shared his love of sweets and jokes. They will all miss their special times with their Grandpa. He also leaves his special nieces Mary and Cecilia Sanders as well as family friends Dave and Debbie Mangone. He was predeceased by his daughter Kerry Beth Mangone and his sister Lucille Sanders.

Bob was very involved with politics and served the city of New Britain in several capacities. Following in his father's footsteps, Bob was a member of the Conservation Commission. He was a member of the Democratic Town Committee and was the moderator for many elections at Vance School. In addition to serving the city on the Parking Ticket Commission, he received the Key to the City in 2018, was the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade New Britain Honoree, and received several proclamations from Mayors Bill McNamara and Timothy Stewart at Veteran's Day events organized by his daughter Patti at Jefferson School. He was also the recipient of the Hartford Courant Father of the Year Award in 1995, nominated by his daughter Patti. In 2006, he was presented with the Connecticut Secretary of State Public Service Award. He was a Justice of the Peace, marrying many people in central Connecticut and surrounding areas. He loved to drive his 1966 Corvette convertible in the various town parades. He was very proud of his heritage and the city of New Britain, as well as so proud of his grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, tag sales and flea markets, antiques and old cars. Bob enjoyed the simple things in life, and he will be dearly missed.

Funeral services are Thursday morning 9 to 9:30 AM at Carlson funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, followed by a Mass of Christian 10 AM at St. Joseph's Church, 195 South Main Street, New Britain. Burial with military honors will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Wednesday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations In memory of Robert Clinch may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. For a complete obituary and to share a memory or note of sympathy, please visit www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1141 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06053

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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45 Franklin Square
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<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church of the Divine Providence Parish
195 South Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051








Tribute Wall

CS

“  Happy St. Patrick's Day 
In heaven uncle Bob 
Please give our warm hugs to our family ! I hope you're all sitting together
today, sharing a nice
St. Patrick's Day meal like our family always did! 
                                        




Cecelia Sanders - March 17 at 02:33 PM

CS

“  Merry Christmas in heaven 
 Uncle Bobby 
Please let everyone know that we miss them, and we always think about them!
We all send Christmas love, and hugs to all of you!
  






Cecelia Sanders - December 24, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CS

“ *Happy St. Patrick's Day In Heaven*  *It's been 3 years, and we all miss you very much* ! *Your funeral service was on St. Patrick's Day, and that was a sad day for your family!*
I hope you can give everyone a shamrock  *in heaven, and maybe a piece of shamrock*  *cake today!*
And if there's a St. Patrick's Day  *Parade in heaven, I hope you, and my mom, are in front, riding together in one of your favorite cars* !
 *With lots of warm love from*
Your niece 

Cecelia M Sanders - March 17, 2025 at 01:36 PM

CE

“ *Hello Uncle Bobby* 
It's Celie again,
I am here to say,
 *HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN* 
And to tell you that I still miss you!
Please watch over all of us with everyone else that is up there with you! Give my warm love and hugs to all our family, and a little extra for my mom !
With all my warm love and hugs,
From Cecelia 

Cecelia - October 01, 2024 at 07:37 PM

CS

“ 🎂 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎂
🎂 IN HEAVEN 🎂
❤️ UNCLE BOBBY ❤️

Happy birthday in heaven, I hope the angels are all singing to you today! I still miss you, and wish you were here with us! Please watch over all of us, especially baby Jack, and Azi! Keep our family together, and please keep us safe! Please hug all our family in heaven, mom and grandma too! We all love you, and will always miss you!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN
❤️🎂 UNCLE BOBBY 🎂❤️

Cecelia Sanders - October 01, 2023 at 01:36 PM

CS

“ Hello my favorite uncle ❤️

*It's been a year today that we all watched you slowly slip away, and go to heaven! You are, and will always be so missed by all of us! I send warm love, and hugs to you and everyone that is watching down on us! Please watch over all of us, and keep our family safe!
Sending my love to heaven!
I love you!
From Cecelia*

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Cecelia Sanders - March 13, 2023 at 01:54 PM

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“ 🎂 HAPPY HEAVENLY 91ST BIRTHDAY
🎂 UNCLE BOBBY 🎂

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*I hope all the angels in heaven are baking you the biggest angel food cake today! Kerry is probably cooking one of your favorite dishes for you right now, and my mom, and the rest of our family will be sitting there with you to enjoy, and sing happy birthday to you!
We all miss you uncle 😭
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
🎂 UNCLE 🎂*

Cecelia Sanders - October 01, 2022 at 04:48 PM

CS

“ *It's me again Uncle Bobby!*

*I told you, that you would hear from me again! I ALREADY MISS YOU! 😭
Just knowing that I won't hear your voice again, just knowing that I won't hear you
laugh again, just knowing that I won't see you, makes me very sad 😞 Tim loved
you very much too, he's hurting inside, I saw that all over him, inside and out! We
both will miss you sooo much! You were our uncle Bobby, my mothers little
brother! Not by much, but still her little brother! Please tell everyone that's up in
heaven, to watch over all of us! Please keep our family together, we need each
other! Thank you for being the best uncle you could ever be, and Thank you for
loving us!*



*ON MARCH 17th 2022. YOU HAD A VERY SAD, BUT BEAUTIFUL SEND OFF!
YOU HAD YOUR VERY OWN
ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE TO HEAVEN! THE RESPECT YOU WERE GIVEN,
TOUCHED ALL OF US!*

I WILL MISS YOU UNCLE 😭😭

LOVE ❤️ YOUR FAVORITE

NIECE CECELIA ❤️

Cecelia Sanders - March 17, 2022 at 10:30 PM

LU

*My deepest words seldom can express the thoughts that come from the heart but may
you find comfort in knowing others sympathize and care all I can say is I love you
Ceclia and may the comfort of the Lord give you peace and your family with his love ❤️*



Lucy - March 22, 2022 at 10:10 PM

RK

“ *My deepest sympathy to Joyce and the family on the passing of Bob. He was a
character in the best sense of the term! He made an event out of passing the
basket. Sorry I cannot be with you but he is in my prayers.*

Rev. Joseph F Keough - March 16, 2022 at 03:56 PM

DM

“ *Dad my heart is so broken that you are no longer with all of us you have touched
so many lives mine for sure the car shows that we went to the gun shows the flea
market at the old Hartford drive in you were more than my father in law you were
a second dad to me when my dad passed my best friend and my hero and my
teacher I will never forget you a big piece of me went up to heaven with you rest
easy dad till we meet again and when we do I know both of my fathers will be
holding open heavens gate love you dad always and forever ❤️❤️*

dave mangone - March 15, 2022 at 01:04 PM

SC

Beautifully said . God Bless you Bob rest in peace.

Sharon Chesanek - March 15, 2022 at 02:02 PM

KP

Bobby you created such awesome memories of vacations at the cape. You always were full of jokes and laughs! You raised such an awesome family! Memories I'll never forget. Hoping your family finds peace. Till you meet again. Rest in Gods loving arms

Kevin Postl - March 15, 2022 at 05:27 PM

RM

Bob, I have known you for many, many years and you were not only a close friend but you were also family. We shared many similar interests, tractor pulls, car shows, gun shows, flea markets, driving your classics in the parades, and also working on your restoration projects. You always brought your unique sense of humor with you to every occasion. You will be greatly missed by all that knew you.

Rick Myska - March 15, 2022 at 10:30 PM