

Robert Rich was born in Fort Dodge, Kansas, and graduated from Fort Dodge High School before coming to Princeton. He majored in Economics, joined Elm Club, and played J.V Football before leaving at the end of his Junior Year. Drafted into the army, he spent two years at Fort Leonard, Missouri, before completing his college career and graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in accounting. Bob then went to work as an accountant, earned a CPA, and joined the firm of Ernst and Ernst in Des Moines, Iowa. He married Marcia Cramer and they moved to Centerville, Iowa, where Bob was Chief Financial Officer and, later, Executive Vice President, for Iowa Southern Utilities. In 1978, Bob and Marcia moved to Fort Dodge where Bob was a self-employed Farm Manager and Financial Consultant. Among farms he managed were those of Princeton University. Bob served on the boards of St. Joseph's Hospital, Iowa Trust and Savings Bank, Youth Shelter Care, Smithway Motor Express, and many others. He died on August 4, 2017 of complications following surgery. Bob is survived by his wife, Marcia, their daughter, two sons, and eleven grandchildren.

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