



Robert Bob Bishop

September 20, 1932 - August 27, 2018

Robert (Bob) Richard Bishop, 86, passed quietly Monday, August 27, 2018 surrounded by his family.

He was born to the late Eugene and Ruth Bishop on September 20, 1932 in their home in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Bob graduated from Port Huron High School in 1952 and received a BA from Eastern Michigan University in 1972. He married the late Shirley Elizabeth Dawe in 1956 and they made home in Dearborn, Michigan before moving to Livonia, MI in 1958. In 1998 they retired full time and relocated to Benzonia, Michigan. In 2010, Bob married wife Nancy, and they made their home in Beulah, Michigan.

Bob spent 42 years working for Ford Motor Company, starting his career in 1955 as part of the Draftsman Training program and retiring as an Executive Manager in Body Engineering – Instrument Panel, Electrical Design in 1992. During that time, Bob was a devoted and active citizen in the community of Livonia – volunteering first with the Jaycees, and then moving into Livonia government on the Zoning Board of Appeals, then successfully elected to the Livonia City Council in 1975, and successfully conducted reelection campaigns and served on the council until 1992. He then was successfully elected as Livonia City Treasurer in 1992, where he served that role until 1996.

Bob is survived by his second wife, Nancy. He is also survived by sister Judy Rondeau and brother Bill (William) Bishop and wife Lawrene (Florida). He is also survived by four children from the marriage with wife Shirley: Elizabeth (Indiana), Michael and wife Cathie (Honor), Melanie (Berkley) and Stephanie (Royal Oak). They blessed him with 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren - all of which survive him except for, grandson Craig, who predeceased him earlier this year.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in tribute to his life to the March of Dimes or UNICEF, to further the efforts to eradicate Polio, which Bob contracted 1941 and spent a year in an iron lung. He battled the effects of polio his entire life.

Bob's Funeral will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 11am at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Beulah, Michigan. Jowett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Benzonia.

Events

SEP **Funeral** 11:00AM

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St. Philips Episcopal Church
785 Beulah Hwy., Benzonia Township, MI, US, 49616

Comments



“ To Nancy and the extended Bishop family. We took the opportunity to travel up to Crystal Lake and attend the memorial service and witness the outpouring of love for a man who gave to all and was a friend of many throughout the Crystal Lake community.

Among his many deeds and doings was his commitment to Crystal Lake and associated issues with the Crystal Lake Property Rights Association (CLPRA). We had a number of conversations on lake matters over the years and Bob was the go-to guy who was expert in assessing public and private property rights.

We will miss his friendly countenance. Our sympathies.

Carol & Stacy Daniels

Stacy & Carol Daniels - September 09, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ We will remember: Bob and Shirley taking Bill and I and our 2 babies into their home when Bill got out of the Air Force and helped us find a house; wonderful Thanksgiving dinners; visits to Crystal Lake; showing so much kindness to our exchange students; breakfast and dinners when visiting always with great conversation. So many wonderful memories. We know he is at peace but we will miss him.

Bill and Lawrene

Bill and Lawrene Bishop - September 07, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ I remember cutting his lawn in the early 200's. Such a nice man.

Holly Orlik - September 07, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ Everyone will miss Bob's friendly smile and welcoming manner. I remember all the reunions he hosted along with Shirley, the love of his life. I remember joining him as his guest for Rotary breakfast meetings. Visiting him whenever I was in the area. He has a living tribute in all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Joann Davis - September 07, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ A great Livonia Jaycee and dedicated Livonia councilman and a good friend. The Gortons

Tom Gorton - September 05, 2018 at 01:52 PM



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