



Robert Walter "Bob" Goepfert

May 12, 1925 - November 16, 2018

Robert W. "Bob" Goepfert, age 93, of Marion, IL and formerly of Carbondale, IL passed away peacefully at 3:05 a.m. on Friday, November 16, 2018, in Parkway Manor of Marion. He was born on Tuesday, May 12, 1925, in Belleville, IL, the son of Henry A. and Elizabeth (Hentzel) Goepfert.

After graduation he answered the call of this nation by enlisting into the United States Navy in 1943, during the period of WW II in the Asian Pacific Theater, and after his period of faithful service was honorably discharged in 1946, with the rank of Storekeeper D 2nd Class.

Returning home he used the GI Bill to further his education attending at William Jewell College of Liberty, MO where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He continued on and received his Master of Theology Degree from Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, KY.

Bob was united in marriage to Jacqueline Jean "Jackie" Thompson on Saturday, August 9, 1947, in 17th Street Baptist Church of Belleville and together they shared nearly 66 years of marriage until her death on Monday, March 4, 2013 .

During his lifetime he has served on church pastorates in Kansas, Missouri and Illinois. He also has worked as a counselor at Southern Illinois University of Carbondale and retired as a correctional counselor with the Illinois Department of Corrections.

He was an active member of the University Baptist Church of Carbondale where he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir member and in church ministries.

In his spare time he enjoyed being an avid reader, singing with barber shop quartets, serving as a hospital auxiliary volunteer, jogging and was a weight training enthusiast.

Serving his Lord through serving others has always been forefront in his life.

He loved his family and many friends and cherished the many times they spent together.

The many memories created will now be cherished by those he leaves behind.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Robin and David Businaro of Harrisburg, IL; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Cheryl Goepfert of Maryville, TN; five grandchildren, D. Matthew Businaro and his wife Tiffany, Mark Businaro and wife Katherine, Ann Goepfert Thonnes and her husband Matthew, Susan Goepfert Raymond and her husband Will and Katherine Goepfert Foust and her husband David; five great

grandchildren, Avah Lynn and Justin Charles Businaro, Olivia Grace and Owen Carter Raymond and Nora Elizabeth Foust; brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Paula Goepfert of Woodstock, IL; special friend, Nell Hale of Marion, other extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two sisters and three brothers.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 North Court Street, Marion, IL.

The time of visitation was from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 at the funeral home.

Following the time of visitation the funeral service was at 1:00 p.m. with Brother Bob Nolan presiding.

The prelude and postlude musical selections were presented by pianist, Sharon Emery. Special vocal musical selections presented during the service were "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by great grandson, Justin Businaro, accompanied on the piano by Sharon Emery and "Amazing Grace" as a congregational hymn lead by Sharon Emery.

Entombment followed in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park of Murphysboro, IL.

Those serving as pallbearers were Stephen Goepfert, David Businaro, Matthew Businaro, Mark Businaro, Joe Emery, and Scott Thompson.

Military honors were accorded at the mausoleum by members of the Paul Stout American Legion Post No. 127 of Murphysboro, IL and members of the United States Navy Funeral Honors Detail.

Following the graveside committal service at the cemetery family and friends gathered at O'Charley's for a meal and continued time of fellowship and support.

For those who preferred, memorial contributions were made to "SIU Carbondale Foundation" and mailed in care of Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 N. Court Street, Marion, IL 62959. Memorial envelopes were available at the funeral home.

For more information please call the funeral home at 618-993-2131.

Cemetery

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Cemetery

10850 Murphysboro Road
Murphysboro, IL, 62966

Events

NOV **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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NOV **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Bob and Jackie were wonderful people who enhanced the lives of everyone who knew them--they were lovely people, and I pray that the Holy Spirit will comfort you, as only He can and will.

Darla Mitchell Shelby
2010 SIUC Retiree
Crainville, IL
johndarla1982@msn.com

Darla Shelby - November 19, 2018 at 01:59 AM



“ I met Bob at Parkway Estates where he was living for the past few years. He was the kindest man I have ever known and a true christian. He lived to serve others. I will never forget his positive attitude. The world has lost an excellent man.

Betty Millard

betty millard - November 18, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ Bob and Ms.Jackie were a large part of our family at UBC. Always a kind word of encouragement. They taught by doing and lived as they believed. I could count on them to help with Bible stories or music....anything asked when Bible School rolled around. When my son John got married a few years ago, there were two people he wanted to be there to share his special day with, that top request being Bob. We were blessed to have them in our lives. Many, many, many special memories. Thoughts and prayers are with Robin, Stephen and the rest of the family.

Karen Zelten

Karen Zelten - November 18, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ Bob and Jackie were our pastors years ago when our children were growing up. Very special couple! We reconnected with Bob when he moved to Parkway Manor! He was the kindest sweetest Christian man I know. He came to visit me often when I was in Bounce Back last year! He often visited with my Bob at the community breakfasts! He will be missed! Our thoughts & prayers are with you Robin and Steven and your families!

Bob & Linda zoeller - November 20, 2018 at 07:45 PM



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Karen Zelten - November 18, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ My life's path intersected with Bob's from 1976 to around 1979. Unfortunately, we only very sporadically ran into each other after that. I will always remember him as one of the nicest and most inspirational people I have ever met! May all his family feel God's comfort during this difficult time.

Linda Coffield - November 18, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ Bob was one of my favorite people!! Always had a joke for me! I am truly missing my friend....good man.. he was ready to help anyone anytime. Heaven surely gained an angel!

Carrie Wallace - November 18, 2018 at 07:12 AM



“ Sending my condolences to the Goepfert family and friends who mourn this loss. Bob was our deacon, friend, teacher, and compassionate person as a whole. He graciously did Dad's funeral...Leon McNeely Jan 18, 2010.....and has always been a loving, kind, awesome, wonderful soul in our lives. Keep His legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds. Loved him dearly. Looking forward to seeing Him again in heaven. He is where his beloved wife is and I'm sure will be watching over all of us as an angel continues to do. His spirit and soul was so inspiring and so sweet. I loved him as a Sister In Christ would do in a heartbeat. Love and prayers for all.
Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL



Karen McNeely McMinn - November 18, 2018 at 06:25 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Walter "Bob" Goepfert.



November 18, 2018 at 04:30 AM



“ Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Robert Walter "Bob" Goepfert



Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home - November 16, 2018 at 06:23 PM