



Willie A. "Bob" Rapp

September 7, 1925 - January 23, 2015

Willie "Bob" Alfred Rapp was born September 7, 1925 to Willie H. and Alma (Schulke) Raap. He was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church for 89 years. Bob was baptized and confirmed at Zion and attended Zion Lutheran School through the eighth grade. He started working at a young age as times were hard before WWII. Bob was drafted in the Army in the fall of 1943 and began his term in January of 1944. He was attire rebuilder with the 4066th Quartermaster Truck Company in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations stationed at Fort Richardson, AK. Bob was honorably discharged in May of 1946 at the rank of Staff Sergeant.

On October 20, 1946, Bob married Frances LaVon Bennett the love of his life in Brandon, MN at Chippewa Lutheran Church. To this union three children were born, Jerry, Dennis and Jody. He loved roller skating and taking LaVon to big band dances at Lakeside Ballroom in Glenwood. Bob loved to waltz and was a very good dancer. In 1954, Bob and LaVon along with sister, Vi and brother-in-law, Andy purchased Interlachen Inn. They met many interesting people through the years and many friendships were made. They sold the Interlachen in 1984. Bob also had a bait and tackle business with cousin, Roger Schulke during the late 40's and 50's. He also had a business of buying and selling eggs and chicken's for nearly 40 years, finally retiring in 1990. Since that time he has made numerous hunting and fishing trips with family back to Alaska. He was amazed by all the changes since being stationed

there in 1946.

Bob was a kind and gentle man. He loved spending time with his wife of 68 plus years. During this time days were filled with family picnics, hunting, fishing, entertaining and just spending time at deer camp and the lake cabin.

Bob lost his battle to cancer on January 23, 2015 at Bethany Home in Alexandria at the age of 89. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, LaVon of Alexandria; sons, Jerry (Jane) Rapp and Dennis (Karen) Rapp both of Alexandria; daughter, Jody (Don) Johnson of Henning; grandchildren, Lane, Robbie (Michaela), Maggie (Ben) Jeremy, Kim (Dave), Jamie (Ryan), Jesse (John), Ben (Stacey), Julie, Jeffrey, and Ulli; great-grandchildren, Tatum, Ian, Riley and Peter; along with several cousins, nieces and nephews. Also he is survived by his German family, Sabina, Jürgen, Christian, and Ulli; and special hunting and fishing family friend, Don Borgman. Bob is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Vi (Andy) Hanak, Margaret "Trixie" (Dick) Quitmeyer; brother, Gerald (Wilma) Raap; and many cousins.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church with Reverends David Hinz and Geoff Gronewold officiating. Interment was held at Kinkead Cemetery. Military Honors were provided by Alexandria Veterans Memorial Unit.

Memorials are preferred to the Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Cemetery Details

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, MN 56308

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
300 Lake Street
Alexandria, MN 56308

Visitation

JAN **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
300 Lake Street
Alexandria, MN 56308

Funeral Service

JAN **27**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie A. "Bob" Rapp



Anderson Funeral Home - January 25, 2015 at 07:08 PM

CD

“ Sorry to hear about Bob. Harriet sent me an e-mail. You are in our prayers. One thing I remember is how he taught me how to fry liver. My mom always ran hot water over it to get the blood out and Bob said you just put it in the pan and cook it that way. It always stuck in my mind all these years. Thank you for the memories.
Carol Carlson Djupstrom

Carol Carlson Djupstrom - January 27, 2015 at 08:03 PM

EJ

“ Jody sorry to see news about your dad. I know you and your mom will miss him a lot. He was a special man. Remember you will see him again. Elmyra Jerome

E Jerome - January 27, 2015 at 07:00 PM

BS

“ Bob always had a smile and a hug for me when I seen him at the Kountry Korner Kafe. A very likable and lovable man, The video was very special and you could see he loved family, friends and fishing. God bless his family as your loss has a great man.
Barb S.

Barb Schutte - January 27, 2015 at 09:21 AM

VL

“ Vickie L. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Willie A. "Bob" Rapp.



Vickie L. - January 26, 2015 at 06:32 AM

TF

“ The Ed Boeck Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie A. "Bob" Rapp.



The Ed Boeck Family - January 25, 2015 at 05:43 PM

AW

“ Though I have not known Bob very long, he has left a lasting legacy to all of us that had the good fortune to know him. His ready smile and sense of humor captured all who knew him. His love of the outdoors and family stood out. He was a role model for his sons and others in how to be a caring and loving dad and husband. We are better for having known him. Prayers to all of the family. Ann Wolff
PS I'll bet the "sunny" population in the lake will increase now!!

Ann Wolff - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Willie A. "Bob" Rapp.*



January 25, 2015 at 11:00 AM