



Robert "Bob" Lawrence Clary

November 13, 1933 - May 25, 2024

Robert "Bob" Lawrence Clary, age 90, of Bradenton, Florida, and formerly of Bradley, Illinois, passed away on May 25, 2024 near Tampa, FL.

Bob was born in Elgin, Illinois on November 13, 1933, the fourth of four children born to Arthur Lawrence and Frances Virginia (Harper) Clary.

Bob met his wife, Patricia Joan Gulczynski while in grade school in Bradley, Illinois and they married soon after Patricia graduated from high school, on October 11, 1953.

Bob proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955, serving in the Korean War, where he completed 25 missions as a tail gunner on a B-26.

He was a longtime member of the American Legion, VFW and a 3rd Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus.

Following his military service, he returned to Bradley, Illinois. In 1962 Bob and Pat and his young and growing family moved to Colorado where they lived at times in Colorado Springs, Nederland and Vail. In 1972 the family returned to Bradley, Illinois. In 1981 he and Pat and their youngest child, Jane, moved to Florida where Bob resided for most of the many remaining years with which

he was blessed.

He was employed most of his working life at AT&T, later Lucent Technologies, in various positions, including manager of the phone company when residing in Vail, Colorado. After earning his retirement at age 55, he started his own telecommunications business and worked this for 7 years.

One of Bob's passions was woodworking and home improvement. He remodeled many of the homes they lived in and many of his friends and relatives.

His wife, Pat, passed away too soon in 2000 at the age of 64. Soon after her death, he moved to Brandon, Florida, and later to Bradenton, Florida.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Mary Shannon, Dorothy Setmire and Betty Stowe, and his eldest child, Michael John Clary.

He is survived by his daughters, Bobbie (Vince) Ganley of Spring Branch, Texas, Diane (David) Rice of Temperance, Michigan and Jane (Michael) Corba of Brandon, Florida, son, Dion (Susan) Clary of Glen Ellyn, Illinois and daughter-in-law, Donna Clary of McMinnville, Tennessee in addition to 16 grandchildren, and many great and great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A funeral mass will take place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Bradley, at 10:00 am on June 5, 2024 with burial following at All Saint's Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 211 N. Center, Bradley, IL 60915 or Lifepath Hospice, 12470 Telecom Dr. Suite 301, Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ We knew Bob from Encore in Bradenton aFL. Always very pleasant and willing to help. He was truly an example of how people should be. I know he will be missed. He did a lot for his sister who lived next to us at Encore. RIP . Prayers for the family. Joe and Judy Krish

Judy Krish - May 31, 2024 at 08:59 AM

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So sorry for your loss of a great father, friend brother, and all the other monikers that applied to Bob. He was always smiling (made you wonder what he was up to!) and willing to do anything to help. Part of the "Chicken -Dales" performance group at Encore Manatee RV Park. He will be missed as is his sister Dotty. God's grace and peace to all of the family

Leigh and Ian Pelham - May 31, 2024 at 01:01 PM