



Robert "Bob" Mehrer

April 5, 1922 - June 17, 2020

Robert Clyde "Bob" Mehrer, age 98, a life long resident of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at his daughter's home in Bourbonnais. He was born April 5, 1922 in Kankakee, the son of Elmer E. & Zada Hull Mehrer.

He married Lilly M. Ingram on July 12, 1956. She preceded him in death on September 30, 2012.

Bob was a radio engineer for WKAN (Kankakee). He was a tool die maker and a boilermaker. In 2010, he retired at the age of 88 from Riverside Medical Center, where he worked as a maintenance engineer.

He was a member of the Kankakee Area Radio Society and his Ham Operator number was WK9CWF.

He enjoyed motorcycles and camping.

Bob was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the 3365th Signal Service Battalion Pacific Campaign.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Joseph O. Mehrer of Ocala, FL and Louie R. & Debra L. Mehrer of Chapel Hill, TN; two daughters, Nora Walker of Bourbonnais and Sabrina Haigh of Kankakee; 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Bob is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Ronald Mehrer and Edward L. Mehrer; and one brother and sister-in-law, Dode H. & Correne M. Mehrer.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the 2:00 p.m. funeral service on

Friday, June 19, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Rev. Scott Henley will officiate the service.

Please wear a mask and follow all social distancing guidelines as per the CDC.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Private family inurnment will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EF

“ Bob was a good friend who took me in his BIG car to KARS meetings.

Thanks Bob.....Ed Flowers K9DDP

ED FLOWERS - July 01, 2020 at 05:15 PM

BC

“ Bob was working at WKAN when I first became interested in radio at age 13. He wasn't supposed to let visitors into the station but when he worked on Sunday he always let me in and taught me how to run the control board. I got a part time job at age 16 at the radio station in Streator Illinois because I learned my lessons well from Bob. I got a full time job with that company upon graduation from high school,. worked there 8 years and bought my first radio station. I ended up owning a total of 8 stations in five states. I sold them all retired and now live in Fairhope Alabama. Robert A. (Bob) Clark 251-928-3396

Bob Clark - July 01, 2020 at 12:19 PM

CW

“ I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I worked with him in the Power Plant at Riverside for many years. He was a joy to have as a co-worker and friend. We would work together on HVAC issues. I also enjoyed watching him cruise into work on his Harley. I always had a bike and we would talk bikes a lot. Bob was a great and kind man. RIP Bob,

Curt Wright - June 24, 2020 at 03:35 PM

RB

“ Rich And Carol Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Mehrer



Rich and Carol Brown - June 20, 2020 at 01:59 PM

RB

Bob was a great man and a gentle giant. We loved Bob and Lil and would visit them when we would go back to back home. RIP Mr. Bob

Rich and Carol Brown - June 20, 2020 at 02:01 PM

NW

“ Nora Walker lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Mehrer



Nora walker - June 20, 2020 at 10:42 AM

JA

“ Sorry to hear about Bob. He worked with my dad, Tom Aubertin at Riverside. I remember him coming up and working on the air conditioning in the waiting room where I was sitting when my mom was in the hospital, he came up and worked there so I had somebody to talk to. I still remember him bringing his Harley out to the house when I was a kid. He was a special man and will be missed. Jim

Jim Aubertin - June 20, 2020 at 09:06 AM

MS

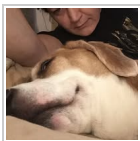
“ I only knew Bob for such a short time but he brought a lot of joy to me. He reminded me so much of my own grandfather. His son Joe would call him when he started to lose who he was and whenever he would say “Missy’s here Dad,” Bob would light up. He will be missed terribly. Like my grandfather he touched every life that he can in contact with whether human or animal.

Missy Soloff - June 19, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DB

“ I worked with Bob at Riverside. He was a fantastic person and someone I truly miss from those days. When we worked weekends we would take our breaks together. It was always a pleasure to talk with him. He had a great laugh.
Rest in Peace Robert.
Dale Blanchette

Dale Blanchette - June 19, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ Kimberli Cardosi lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Mehrer



Kimberli Cardosi - June 19, 2020 at 09:13 AM

KY

“ Bob was my neighbor for almost 30 years. When I first bought my home Lil and Bob came over to welcome me with open arms. Over the years, many waves, visiting in their home, out in the yards looking at the flowers and bushes, sitting watching the traffic speed by, knowing the light was on at 2 am because Bob was eating his bowl of cereal, watching him ride his motorcycle, seeing him sit in his chair by the window when I got home from work, hearing his noisy diesel truck run early in the morning, they were a blessing to me.

Eight years ago in August I was closing Sears down up north, working down here, heavily involved in 4-H and the fair, my yard had been very neglected and my brother died. The day of his visitation was over 100 degrees. I got home after running errands all morning to see my yard taken care of. I sat in my driveway and cried. Bob who was 90 at the time had gone and mowed it for me. That was pure love of a neighbor and a true friend. The next month Lil died and I missed visiting with her. Bob and I continued having talks out under the canopy and waves to each other and if I didn't see the lights on I would go check on him. "Just slowing down " he would relpy. When he was moved from the house I still caught myself pulling in my driveway and looking towards the window to see if he was in his chair or eating his cereal. I send my smypathy to his children, and to say Thank you for having fun parnets to have as my neighbor.

Kim

Kim Yohnka - June 18, 2020 at 04:35 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Mehrer



MR MRS - June 18, 2020 at 08:57 AM