



## Robert "Bob" North

November 18, 1925 - March 10, 2015

Robert "Bob" North, age 89, of Kankakee passed away, Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at his home. He was born November 18, 1925 in Chicago, the son of Harold & Lillian West North. He married Mary S. Brzeczek June 16, 1951 in Chicago. Bob enjoyed playing handball and participated in the Senior Olympics. He was very much involved at the YMCA and was president of the Y's Men Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Bob was a Chicago White Sox fan. Surviving are his wife, Mary S. North of Kankakee; four children, Thomas North of Florida, Richard & Kathy North of Frankfort, Patricia & Daniel Ziebart of Normal, Timothy North of Oswego; seven grandchildren, Lance Ziebart, Christine Ziebart, Kara North, Marc North, LeAnn North, Sarah & Mike Chrzaszcz, and Jacob North; two great-grandchildren, Harper and Willow; two sisters, Marilyn Stevens of Minnesota, Charlene North of New Jersey; and one brother, Larry & Andrea North of Washington. Cremation Rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. A memorial visitation will also be held 10:30 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. memorial Mass on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. The Rev. Dan Belanger will celebrate the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the YMCA.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church  
953 S. 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-7177

## Memorial Mass

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church  
953 S. 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-7177

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ North Family, so sorry to here of the passing of Bob. I still always remember the watermelon sales for the Ys Men Club, and how Bob and my Dad enjoyed this. Bob will be in our prayers, and thoughts often.

*Jeff & Lynne Matheny*

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**Jeff Matheny** - March 24, 2015 at 08:54 AM

SM

“ Bob was a great man who impacted so many lives thru his volunteering at the YMCA. I fell blessed to be able to say I was a friend. I have many great memories and one of my favorite was when he and I won the C doubles in Modesto California. I still consider that one of my best tournament results ever because we won it together. He was a great coach who taught me every kid should play and I have always coached that way making sure every kid gets to play. The Kankakee YMCA has lost a great friend, the community has lost a great leader and I will always cherish the time Bob spent with me.

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**Steve Matheny** - March 15, 2015 at 10:15 PM

KN

“ I was happy to call Bob a friend. A true gentleman, I discovered Bob thru Handball.

*it was always a treat to have Bob come to Rainbow Beach, where his love of the game, and his love of the guys who played came thru load and clear. All the Rainbow guys respected Bob, and in his day was a good competitor on the court, and a Prince after the game. My condolences to the family.*

*Kevin Nealis*

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**Kevin Nealis** - March 13, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DB

“ Sending heart felt sympathy to Aunt Mary and family, for the sad loss of Bob, we have not met but still feel for all our family in the US. We are all thinking of you, love and hugs x Andy and Denise Brzeczek and family xx



Denise Brzeczek - March 12, 2015 at 03:09 PM

MW

“ My deepest sympathy to you Mary and your entire family. Michelle Fager Worby

michelle worby - March 12, 2015 at 01:09 PM

NS

“ "Bob you will be Greatly missed in your family and the community....Your warm spirit and generous heart will be forever remembered..." Nita Smith ...a friend from Y's Men Club

Nita Smith - March 12, 2015 at 01:00 PM



“ I worked closely with Bob North on several YMCA & Y Service Club projects. I do not recall working with anyone who has taken is volunteer responsibilities more seriously than Bob. He was an extremely dedicated volunteer, with a kind heart and a classy, gracious demeanor. I have always had a deep respect for him and will never forget the influence he has had on me as a person and on the YMCA/Y Service Club (He was the charter president and the club would not exist without his efforts).

Hany Girgis - March 12, 2015 at 09:42 AM

JP

“ *Mary, George and I are so very sorry for your loss, and pray Bob is at peace...*

*Jane & George Potter*

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**Jane & George Potter** - March 12, 2015 at 09:38 AM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" North*



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**Dewey Kilbride** - March 12, 2015 at 12:34 AM

DK

*My deepest sympathies to the North family. Bob was always a pleasure to be around. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

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**Dewey Kilbride** - March 12, 2015 at 12:36 AM

RF

*North Family - Rich and Kathy*

*Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You have our sympathy. I (Nat) was a former co-worker of Rich). God be with you. Ralph/Nat Ferrari*

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**Ralph/Nat Ferrari** - March 12, 2015 at 04:08 PM

JL

*Thoughts, prayers & deepest sympathy to the North family from the Lahners family. I always liked your dad, Rich. Jeff, Anita, Tom & Zach*

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**Jeff Lahners** - March 12, 2015 at 08:00 PM



“ *I will miss my favorite uncle Bob. He always had a hug to share with me. Rest in peace.*

*Connie Brzeczek Dobbin*

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**Connie Dobbin** - March 11, 2015 at 09:50 PM



“ *To The North Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. When I was about nine Bob was the coach for the pee wee football team I was on(Azzerelli colts?). He did a great job and I think he had more fun than we did. I'll never forget his enthusiasm for the game and the kids and the sportsmanship he taught us.*

*Jim Riley*

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**Jim Riley** - March 11, 2015 at 06:25 PM