



Robert "Bob" Reich

September 28, 1930 - December 13, 2020

Robert "Bob" Reich, 90 of Bourbonnais, IL died on Sunday December 13, 2020. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary.

Bob was born on September 28, 1930 in Decatur, IL. While growing up in Decatur, he enjoyed playing sports, hopping the railcars to get to the other side of town, and a deep love of his grandparents with whom he was particularly close. In 1949 Bob arrived in the Kankakee area to attend Olivet Nazarene College. While at Olivet, Bob shared his beautiful tenor voice as a member of Orpheus Choir and traveled in a men's quartet, ministering to Nazarene Churches around the Midwest. It was at Olivet he met the love of his life, Mary, and upon seeing her for the very first time, told one of his friends, "That's the girl I'm going to marry."

Bob and Mary were married on August 15, 1953, celebrating 67 years of marriage at the time of his death. Bob went to work at Sears Roebuck Co. and retired as Home Fashions Department Manager with a tenure of 38 years.

Bob and Mary's family grew with the arrival of daughter Pam (Ted), grandchildren Drew (Cristina) and Briana (Samuel); son, Rob (Caroline); and daughter Beth (Andrea), grandchildren Peyton, Bennett, and Emerson.

Bob was a member of College Church for many years and enjoyed

participating in the Chancel Choir each Sunday. His love of music and singing sustained him until the end.

For 25 years, Bob served on the Bourbonnais School District 53 School Board, many of those years as Board President. His service to Illinois school stakeholders increased as he participated in Three Rivers region leadership. He served as President of the Illinois School Board Association in 1992-1994, and traveled extensively to ensure a quality education for each child in the state of Illinois.

Bob's life will be celebrated at a later date when circumstances allow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to College Church of the Nazarene: Building Fund. College Church of the Nazarene 200 University Avenue, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Bob will always be remembered for a smile on his face, kind words from his lips, and a song in his heart. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Tribute Wall



“ Words are inadequate for how we feel about Bob. Bob sang in Orpheus Choir with my mother, but became a very important part of our family in this decade. I cherish the many times we laughed together, and more importantly.. prayed together. He became a surrogate grandfather to our little grandson. We loved Bob, and we love Mary! Mary, count on our prayers and support!
Love, Jeff & Carole Bell

Carole Bell - December 16, 2020 at 06:41 PM

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*Bob had such a sweet, gentle spirit! He was such a servant leader and he will be missed! May God comfort his family! His legacy lives on!
Your 'Noble' friends, Danny & Carolyne Brooks*

Carolyne Brooks - December 16, 2020 at 11:43 PM