



Robert Boone Sr.

July 4, 1922 - November 20, 2014

Robert L. Boone Sr., aged 92 of Branch passed away on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at his home overlooking the Pere Marquette River. Robert was born on July 4, 1922 in Traverse City, the son of Leo and Susan (Forten) Boone, grew up in Muskegon and graduated from Muskegon High School. He served his country during World War II with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a B-24 Bomber pilot in the North African – Italy Theatre. Upon his discharge, he returned to Muskegon and married Rose Mary Rogers on September 14, 1946 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Scottville. They have celebrated 68 years by each other's side.

Robert worked as a Pattern Maker for various companies around Muskegon, most recently Paragon Pattern & Manufacturing. He retired in 1987 and moved to their home on the PM River in Branch where he loved to spend time hunting, fishing, gardening, and spoiling his grandsons. Robert reunited with his bomber crew, and he and Rose have enjoyed traveling all over the United States attending their yearly reunions.

Robert will be greatly missed by his wife Rose Mary, his daughter Bridget Ann of Ludington, his son and his wife Robert L. and Kerrie Boone Jr. of Muskegon, his grandsons Keegan and Keldon Boone, his sisters-in-law Betty Boone of Muskegon, and Loretta Nichols of Scottville, his brother-in-law Lee Hausler of Jackson, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son William George, his brothers Woodrow and Kenneth, his sisters Georgetta Mongeau, Dorothy Liebeck, and Donna Wood.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel R. DePew as celebrant. Burial will take place at Pere Marquette Cemetery in Ludington. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Tuesday morning from 9:30 am until time of mass at the church. Those who wish to make contributions in Robert's memory are asked to consider Harbor Hospice, or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Pere Marquette Catholic Cemetery

5866 West Sixth Street
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

Service

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Tribute Wall

JH

“*Bob was my favorite uncle, and though I didn't see enough of him in my adult years, I was afforded the opportunity to spend enough time with him as a child for his (and Rosie's) interactions with me to make lasting impressions. I mimic his dislike of coffee to this day, but I rebelled when it came to his insistence on not mixing food together on his dinner plate. I learned how to flush out gophers from his garden, a less than favorite task. He taught me how to be meticulous with his roses and his lawn (pity the dog that peed on it), perhaps influencing my mid-life choice to become a professional gardener, even though I don't do lawns, and My roses never look as good as his did, nor can I grow decent Glads like he did. Bob and Rosie taught me how to play Cribbage, and I retrieved from the trash many a deck of cards thrown there by disgruntled losers, usually adults and usually close friends or relatives of Bob and Rosie.*

Before he and Rosie had children of their own, they took in my siblings and my cousins for short and long visits, sometimes in pairs or groups and sometimes as individuals. It was wonderful getting individual attention that was harder to come by in my parents' home. These vacations were working vacations - no sitting around with electronic games or cellphones - but they also included trips in Bob's new convertibles to New Era (ice cream) and the musical fountain in Grand Haven.

I'll always appreciate as an adult that these invitations came even in the harder years, when Bob was laid off from his job and when my cousins, Bridgette and Bobby, came on the scene. I remember some confrontations, but things always came out okay. I have a vague memory of having to change Bridgette's diaper at least once in Bob's presence and Rosie's absence - yet another delegation and learning experience on my vacation.

Bob was a wonderful person. I will forever cherish his sense of humor - except when he washed out my mouth with soap for calling him a "pee pee pot". Mostly I appreciate his role as a summertime "father" during a few years of my younger (much younger) days in the 50's and 60's. Thank you, Bob, for your time and your caring.

Your favorite nephew, John Hausler.

John Hausler - November 24, 2014 at 04:36 PM

SO

“ Bob was a wonderful person! My husband and I spent many an enjoyable evening in the company of Bob and Rose Mary. I think of him every time I drive down Lake Harbor Rd. and see those flocks of turkeys! I will never forget Bob entertaining us with his turkey calls!



Susan Ochs - November 24, 2014 at 01:41 PM

PW

“ Remembering Bob and Rosie always coming down to our cabin a few doors down from them just as soon as we pulled in. He always had a great hunting or B24 story to tell. Was a joy to know him for 28 years, he was like a family member to us! Our thoughts and prayers are with Rosie and the rest of the family. He will truly be missed!
Stan and Peg Woodard

peggy woodard - November 23, 2014 at 05:40 PM

MB

“ Aunt Rosie, So sorry to hear of Uncle Bob's passing. I have many fond memories of both of you. May God give you peace and comfort during this time of loss.

Mary Boone

Mary Boone - November 23, 2014 at 05:40 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Robert Boone Sr..



November 22, 2014 at 02:54 PM

CO

“ Corky lit a candle in memory of Robert Boone Sr.



Corky - November 22, 2014 at 10:30 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Robert Boone Sr..*



November 21, 2014 at 06:49 PM

SG

“ *Bob was my Dad's dear friend since they served together on a B-24 bomber during World War II. Over 70 years of friendship is so greatly cherished. Our deepest sympathy to Rosie and Family.*

The John Roe Family

Suzy Gilkerson - November 21, 2014 at 09:09 AM