



Robert Allen MacEachern

March 13, 1927 - September 15, 2025

Robert Allen “Bob” MacEachern, age 98 of Irons Michigan, and Traverse City, died peacefully on Monday, September 15, 2025. Bob was preceded in his death by his adoptive parents Hugh and Marguerite (Harter) MacEachern, his wife Lillian E. MacEachern, and his grandson Brandon MacEachern.

Bob will be greatly missed by his eight children Deborah Hoseit of Iron Mountain, Robert H. MacEachern of Mesick, Michael J. (Penny) MacEachern of Harrietta, Bruce D. MacEachern of Mesick, Mark P. (Deborah) MacEachern of Wellston, David A. (Amber) MacEachern, Barbara M. (Kevin) Braley both of Mesick, and Mary M. MacEachern (Barry) of Traverse City. He will also be remembered by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Bob was raised in Hermansville, Michigan, and spent summers in Wellston with his family. He enlisted in the Navy in January 1945, serving aboard the USS Lexington in the South Pacific during WWII. For his service, Bob was awarded several medals, including the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism.

After the war, he served as a lifeguard, attended Michigan State University, and worked various jobs. On June 6, 1953, he married Lillian Kabur and they celebrated 61 years together before Lillian’s death in 2014. His career was

spent with Consumers Energy; seven years as lineman, then 40 years as hydroelectric operator for Hodenpyl and Tippy dams. Bob often reflected, "I've had a good life" and "I am very fortunate."

He played basketball three times against the Globetrotters with legends Meadowlark Lemon, Marques Haynes, and Curly Neal from 1944 to 1953. Bob hunted with his father using beagles, and then deer hunting with his sons. He also enjoyed gardening and continued tending to his vegetables until this summer.

After raising his family, he and his wife traveled every spring to Sarasota Florida. He brought chuckles to the other timeshare staff and owners with his jokes and quick wit. For example, during the morning coffee provided by the timeshare office for guests, he would bring in one donut from his own condo. He would turn to the next guest who entered the office and would say, "oh, I'm so sorry, I took the last one." At the age of 95, he was reprimanded for glueing a quarter to the sidewalk to watch people stop to try to pick it up. He engaged people. Bob was both humble and vivacious. All enjoyed his humor and charm. Bob encouraged others to "not take life too seriously."

Dad, you were a one-of-a-kind human being, and you will be dearly missed. May you rest in peace.

Graveside services will be held for Bob with Honor Guard rites at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 27th at Eden Cemetery in Irons, where Bob will be laid to rest next to his beloved Lillian.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Orchard Creek Assisted Living, Munson Medical Center staff in the ER, B4 and D5 for their care and kindness.

Cemetery Details

Eden Cemetery

Irons, MI 49644

Previous Events

Graveside Ceremony

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Miss you every single day.* ”



Mary Maceachern - March 18 at 09:27 PM

MM

“ *Mary MacEachern lit a candle in memory of Robert Allen MacEachern* ”



Mary MacEachern - October 12, 2025 at 06:29 AM

PM

“ *I really enjoyed spending time with Bob and listening to his stories and his quick wit. Even that right this minute I can remember at least five things. He said that make me laugh out loud right now. He was really funny and I'll really miss him.* ”

*Love
Paula Miller*

Paula Miller - September 25, 2025 at 06:23 PM

MM

Thank you Paula

Mary MacEachern - September 26, 2025 at 05:54 AM

RG

“ Sorry to here of his passing. My Dad was his shipmate on the Lexington. His name was Maynard Garrett. SN2 Baker and 5" guns during battle stations.

R. Garrett

Randall Garrett - September 23, 2025 at 04:26 PM

MM

Thank you for sharing this, Randall.

Mary MacEachern - September 26, 2025 at 05:55 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Allen MacEachern.



September 23, 2025 at 07:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Allen MacEachern.

September 23, 2025 at 07:26 AM

NG

“ Northern Shores Dental Group purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Allen MacEachern.



Northern Shores Dental Group - September 22, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Allen MacEachern.



September 19, 2025 at 10:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Allen MacEachern.

September 19, 2025 at 10:39 PM



“ Bill and Cindy Kelley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Allen MacEachern.



Bill and Cindy Kelley - September 19, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Sue (Priddle) Root and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Robert Allen MacEachern.



Sue (Priddle) Root and family - September 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

SF

“ Sue (Priddle) Root and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Allen MacEachern.

Sue (Priddle) Root and family - September 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

SE

“ Mary and family, I am so sorry for your great loss. Your Dad made me feel like family the first time I met him at "The Sands". Playing putt putt golf with him and having great conversations are memories I will keep forever.. I will miss his smile and laughter . May his candy dish in heaven always be full. RIP Bob.

Shelley Enger - September 17, 2025 at 04:29 PM

MM

Thank you Shelley, what a nice comment about the candy dish.

Mary MacEachern - September 26, 2025 at 05:56 AM

TF

“ Tom Cook and families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Allen MacEachern.



Tom Cook and families - September 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MM

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Mary MacEachern - September 17, 2025 at 10:07 AM