



Robert "Bob" Charles Deam

December 17, 1924 - July 17, 2022

Robert (Bob) Charles Deam, 97, entered into the presence of the Lord July 17, 2022. He was born December 17, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Henry and Lois (Alford) Deam.

Bob joined the US Army in 1943 and served in WWII until 1946. He moved to St. Joseph, Michigan in 1949 and married Joan Tillman of Sodus, Michigan on October 4, 1953. He and Joan attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC.

He was a mechanical engineering draftsman and spent his career working for V-M Corp, Whirlpool and Benton Harbor Malleable. Following his last 20 years with Auto Specialties, Bob retired in 1988.

For many years, he and Joan performed comic readings and skits at parties, church banquets and other special occasions. He owned many classic cars over the years and was a member of the Southwest Michigan Car Collectors Club.

Bob was very active in Youth for Christ rallies in his earlier years as well as helping to build their Quiz Boxes following his retirement. He then served at Grace Christian School, Child Evangelism Fellowship and Forgotten Man Ministries which was a prison ministry. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in South Haven, Michigan where he served on the board of Deacons. He also led congregational singing for many years. He and Joan were last members of Watervliet Free Methodist Church until they moved to an ALF, Inspired Living, in Lakewood Ranch, FL to be closer to their daughter, Deb. Faith is the Victory was his favorite hymn and his favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5-6.

When Joan passed away in March of 2019, Bob moved in with Deb to the community of Camelot Lakes, Sarasota. He used to ride his Hoveround scooter to the Clubhouse to play pool with a group of guys and he became quite the pool shark. They called him "Good shot Bob".

In addition to his parents, Bob is predeceased by his wife in 2019, Joan and his only

brother Don of Watervliet, MI.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter Deb Deam, who took such loving care of him over the years. Also surviving is a sister-in-law, Rose (Bob) Tillman; nieces and nephews, Donna (Mike) & Ashlee Langston, Don Jr. (Jeannie) Deam, Denise (Chuck) Morgan, Kathy (David) Bauer, Kim (Ron) Hoover, Dennis Tillman, Randy Tillman and Wayne (Lynn) Tillman.

Viewing will be Friday, August 5, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Florin Funeral Chapel in Benton Harbor. Funeral will be Saturday at 6:30 pm at Watervliet Free Methodist Church. He will be laid to rest beside his wife in North Shore Memory Gardens under the direction of Florin Funeral Services in Benton Harbor 269-983-1514.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.MFHcares.com.