



Mr. Robert E. "Bob" Stemmer

July 6, 1929 - August 20, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Robert E. “Bob” Stemmer, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the company of his beloved family, at the age of 95.

Born in Utica on July 6, 1929, Robert was the son of the late Joseph and Antoinette (Bouse) Stemmer. He attended Mary St. School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1947; while there he excelled in the sports of track, football, and baseball. Bob honorably served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a Code and Cipher Clerk during the Korean Conflict. He was discharged on June 26, 1950, and then enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve where he spent 5 years, 2 of them being stationed in Japan.

On May 17, 1952, Bob married the former Pauline DeCarlo. Bob was always sensitive and committed to Pauline's health concerns. He possessed solid family values and all the needs for a traditional family life. This year, the couple celebrated 72 years of devotion to one another.

Bob was employed as a Draftsman for the General Electric Co. at their Broad St. location. He diligently engaged in 23 years of service to the company prior to his retirement. He received a master's degree in vocational teaching while being employed, a remarkable feat; earning this degree allowed him to teach various vocational programs.

Bob was a strong and stern man; he was nicknamed “coach” for overseeing the development of the players who participated in the Pony and Colt Leagues. He attended, as a spectator along with Pauline and friends, all the basketball games that his grandson, Justin Cichon, played in. Justin was a shooting guard at New Hartford High School and then at Utica College during his years of higher education. They were so proud and devoted, and that is what dedicated grandparents do! He was a family man of great strength, and he was tenacious. His family, in turn, during his trials were very protective of him to the very end.

Bob and Pauline held leadership roles with the Sts. Cosmas and Damian Society of Kossuth Ave. He was a devoted fan of the Buffalo Bills and Syracuse basketball, often watching their games with great enthusiasm. He also cherished special family functions, including going to Grandma DeCarlo’s back in the day for pizza on Friday nights, birthday parties, and the Christmas Eve festivities with Italian cuisine.

He was a man of deep faith who attended Mass with great devotion. He was a member of St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church.

Many of us have advice to give and we often speak it ~ Bob’s was, “we can’t live forever.”

Bob is survived by his devoted wife, Pauline; son, John R. Stemmer (and the memory of his daughter-in-law, Deborah (Szewczyk) Stemmer, who passed away in 2010); and daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Fred Greer. He also leaves to cherish his memory his grandchildren, John James Stemmer; and Justin and Vanessa Cichon; and great-grandchildren, Sophia Cichon, and David Cichon. He was predeceased by his brothers, Donald J. Stemmer and his wife Pauline, and Richard J. Stemmer. He also leaves behind his brother Richard’s wife, Selwa Stemmer; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces,

great-nephews, and cousins. Bob was blessed with many friendships in his life, a majority of whom have preceded him. He especially remained close in his heart with Dr. Anthony D'Orio, the last in his class and the last of his long-time friends. Bob was additionally predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Anna (Curri) DeCarlo; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Mary and Anthony Tinelli, Antoinette and Sylvester Castano, and Grace and Roland Messere.

The family wishes to thank Live Long at Home, especially Linda for being very sensitive and respectful at a needed time. John and Janice were both wonderful children who honored their dad with no regrets. Thank you also to Bob's son-in-law, Fred, who went above and beyond to help his father-in-law and the entire family.

The family will honor and commemorate his life privately. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Robert's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. Military Honors will be conferred by the U.S. Army and there will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. By family request please omit floral offerings. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dear Pauline and family:
So sorry to hear of Bob's passing . You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless
Marie and Sammy LaPolla

Marie LaPolla - September 01, 2024 at 05:45 PM

DP

“ I'm very sorry for your loss Janice love n prayers Denise Plante

Denise Plante - September 01, 2024 at 09:35 AM

RD

“ Janice and Freddy, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I send my deepest condolences to you two and your family. May Bob rest in peace and may you all be comforted by the many memories your family shared throughout the years. Our hearts and love is with you.
With deep affection, Rocco and Susie

Rocco DiPierro - August 27, 2024 at 08:46 AM

RD

I love this man and his wife, Pauline. We shared many good times together. My condolences to all of my cousins who will be missing him.

Roseanne (Miulli) Dwyer - August 28, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. "Bob" Stemmer.



August 25, 2024 at 02:56 PM

RD

“ *Pauline,
I am sorry to read of Bob's passing. As young men I can remember many fond times when Bob would play touch football with the kids in the neighborhood of Lansing and Blandina streets. We would play on the empty lot near the Rialto Theater. He was always fun to be with. I can remember our days in Mary St. School. He was a great gentleman, as his obituary states. The obituary says it all.
God Bless you and your Family.
Richard A. DeFazio
Lenox,MA*

Richard A. DeFazio - August 24, 2024 at 03:33 AM

JC

*My deepest sympathy to the entire Stemmer family. The world has lost a true gentleman and wonderful human being. Always a smile and a kind soft spoken man he will be missed. My prayers are with you all.
Jeanne Castronovo*

Jeanne Castronovo - August 24, 2024 at 10:49 AM

FD

“ *Pauline, Janice and John and family. So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. Flo DeSimone*

Flo DeSimone - August 24, 2024 at 01:51 AM

CS

Janice, Fred and Family

My sincerest sympathy to you Janice and your family. No matter the age, it is always difficult to lose those we love. Memories are the legacy of love----may all your wonderful memories help you thru this difficult time.

*You are all in my prayers .
May God Bless him.*

Carol Scampone

CAROL SCAMPONE - August 24, 2024 at 11:32 PM

DG

I am so very sorry! I will miss shoveling with my neighbor, our competition for the cleanest driveway! Prayers and thoughts are with you!

Donna George - August 25, 2024 at 09:33 AM