



Robert Frank Burkett

June 29, 1933 - March 28, 2018

Robert (Bob) Frank Burkett of Charlotte, Michigan passed away on March 28, 2018, age 84. He was the son of the late Mildred Proctor Burkett Forent and Joseph Franklin Burkett. Bob was born on June 29, 1933 in Lansing, Michigan. He married Mary Matheney on September 27, 1952. They were married for 56 years, before she predeceased him in 2008.

Bob graduated from Bellevue High School and immediately began working 3 jobs, Wilcox-Gaye in Charlotte, excavation, and Kellogg's. He worked at Kellogg's for 37 years before his retirement in 1988. In 1954 Bob joined the Navy but before he was called to service he was drafted into the Army and served in the Korean War. For one month he was in the Navy and Army at the same time.

After the Army Bob returned to work at Kellogg's and purchased the family farm in Kalamo Township. He was the third generation to own the farm. Currently it is owned and operated by his son Dan and grandsons Tyler and Brandon. The business is known as Burkett Farms.

Bob had many, many hobbies over the years, including: a speedboat, hunting, snowmobiles, motorcycles, antique tractors, an MG car, and a Model A car and truck. He joined several clubs to enjoy the activities more. He also restored many antique tractors, cars, and trucks. Bob enjoyed telling stories.

He would ask if we wanted to hear a 'true story,' of course how true was always up to the listener to determine. His last project was restoring a doodle-bug and grinding whole-wheat flour and giving it away to friends and family.

In addition to owning the family farm for many years, he owned a cabin on the Chippewa River while his children were young. Canoeing, tubing, and swimming in the river, while mini-bikes and bon-fires were enjoyed on land. In 1993, Bob and Mary moved to Charlotte. In recent years he has enjoyed dancing and going to the casinos with partner Jackie Morris. He attended the Nashville Baptist Church.

Bob is survived by his three children, Dena (Tedd) Hendon, Denise Burkett, and Dan (Jackie) Burkett; four grandchildren, Dr. Courtney (Gavin) Acton, Tyler Burkett (fiancé Brittany Crittenden), Dr. Ainsley Hendon (Navy Chief Petty Officer Spencer Flynn), and Army Specialist Brandon Burkett. He was predeceased by wife, Mary; son, Joey; and sister, Bonnie Everhart.

Visitation for friends and family will be held at Pray Funeral Home on Thursday, April 12 from 6 to 8:00 p.m. A private memorial service will be held at a later date for the immediate family. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Eaton Community Palliative Care, web-site: www.echospice.org.

The best word to describe Bob's life is ACTIVE. Bob was always busy doing, and thinking of the next adventure. This is the way we will remember him. You can share memories of Bob on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside (Kalamo) Cemetery

1459 S. Ionia Rd
Vermontville, MI 49096

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ We were so sad to hear of Bob’s passing. He was our next door neighbor for 14 years. He & Mary were the first to welcome us to the neighborhood. We will miss our summertime chats & the many stories he had to share. He & Jackie were so kind to our girls over the last few years. Thanks for the laughs over the years, Bob! Hope the rhubarb is plentiful in heaven!!

Cheryl & Damon Coslow - May 01, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Frank Burkett .



April 12, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 11, 2018 at 03:21 PM



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Courtney Hendon Acton - April 03, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ Mark & Shari Woodman lit a candle in memory of Robert Frank Burkett



Mark & Shari Woodman - April 03, 2018 at 04:21 PM



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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Frank Burkett .*



April 03, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Everyone at Citizens Elevator purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert Frank Burkett .*



Everyone at Citizens Elevator - April 03, 2018 at 01:42 PM



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Courtney Hendon Acton - April 02, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *Deidre lit a candle in memory of Robert Frank Burkett*



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Courtney Hendon Acton - April 02, 2018 at 07:48 PM



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Judy - April 02, 2018 at 05:55 PM

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“ I am going to miss you Bob but the memories will never fade away. I always looked forward to our weekly visit and I always enjoyed your fun loving personality, and of course picking on you. We had a lot of laughs together and you always took the ribbing so well, and of course, you would always come back a week later ready to even the score, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed. I am so happy you chose to be saved and accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Loosing Bob was not an easy event for me to accept but I rest easy now knowing Bob is starting a new chapter in Heaven. I will miss you but I know I will see you again soon when you welcome me at the gates of Heaven, ready to pick up again where our friendship left off not more than a week ago. God bless you Bob.

Mark

MARK WOODMAN - April 02, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Robert Frank Burkett .



April 02, 2018 at 05:46 PM

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Tyler Burkett - April 02, 2018 at 12:32 PM