



Robert Henry Lake

May 26, 1929 - February 24, 2012

Robert Henry Lake, 82, died February 24, 2012, in Lansing following a lengthy illness. Bob was born in Hillman, Michigan on May 26, 1929 to Thomas and Mae (Keegan) Lake. He served his country in the US Army during the Korean War, serving in Stuttgart Germany. Bob married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Heath, in Hillman in 1953. Prior to moving to Charlotte Bob was the manager of the Montmorency County Road Commission. They moved to Charlotte in 1963 when Robert took a position as the City Clerk. In 1968, Bob was appointed as the City Manager for Charlotte and served in that office for 20 years. He was also a member of many local, regional and state boards and commissions. He was known by many for his ability to speak his mind in his own diplomatic way. Bob enjoyed family gatherings, fishing, slow boat rides around Duck Lake, a good game of golf, baseball games in Tiger Stadium, and Spartan games. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2406 of Charlotte, and a former member of the Charlotte Rotary Club and the International City Managers Association. Robert is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth, and their two sons, Steven (Brenda) Lake of Charlotte and Todd Lake of Springport; four grandchildren, Andrew, Tyler, and Trista Lake, and Charity (Jason) Gravina; one great grandson, Jacob Gravina; brother, Thomas (Janet) Lake of Lake Orion; sister-in-law, Dolores Lake; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by two brothers, Emerald and Erwin Lake. The Lake family will receive visitors at Pray Funeral Home on Monday, February 27, from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Services will be 1 pm

Tuesday, February 28, at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Fr. Frances Mossholder officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in Robert's memory to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Henry Lake*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Mrs. Lake, Steve and Todd, Although late, I am so sorry for your loss. I know your dad was a respected professional as I worked for an engineering firm for 21 years, which happened to be the City engineer for the City of Charlotte. During my career, I had opportunity to speak with him and although he didn't know me personally, he was always gracious and kind. Our firm's employees highly respected him and spoke of him in high regards. Todd and Steve, I know how difficult the loss of a parent can be as I've lost my dad also. Regardless of the pain, the loving memories of your time together will be your comfort as time passes. God bless.*

Cindy (Gonser) Filley - July 10, 2013 at 11:28 AM

KK

“ Dear Steve&Todd,we were so very sorry to read of your fathers passing,Kris and I wanted you to know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time,it's been years since we've seen either of you,,it seems you can live in the same small area and never run into each other,we wanted to get to the visitation last night but were unable to,,take care,,,Kris &Jan

Kris & Jan Kelley - February 28, 2012 at 02:50 PM

LA

“ Aunt Ruth, Steve, Todd, Uncle Tom and other family members. Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again. Wish we could be with you today, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Linda and family

Linda Albright - February 28, 2012 at 10:24 AM

TT

“ Aunt Ruth, Steve and Todd,and Uncle Tom we will all miss Uncle Bob very much. Know that we are thinking of you since we will probably not be traveling now with the storm that is predicted. Please know that we wish we could be there, I know my Mom would too if she could. Love you all. Curt Tracy, Cody, and Jess

Tracy Tebo - February 27, 2012 at 05:35 PM

CM

“ Ruth and Family, My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Bob was the greatest neighbor. He would wave everytime he drove by and had a smile on his face as well. I sure do miss that. Come visit with me anytime. Let me know if there is anything I can help with.

Carol Martens - February 27, 2012 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ Steve- thoughts are with you and your family.

Debbie Bartlett - February 27, 2012 at 09:36 AM

RH

“ Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to Ruth, Steve, Todd and the extended Lake family. Bob was a great neighbor, great friend, great boss and an excellent mentor. He left a positive impression on me and my family that we'll cherish forever. Over my working career I came to know many city managers. Bob, by far, was the best. We wish we could be with you to share in his memory. Sincerely, Reg and Dusty Hamilton Gold Canyon, Arizona

Reg and Dusty Hamilton - February 27, 2012 at 09:00 AM

SD

“ Aunt Ruth, Steve & Todd We are all so sorry for your loss. Hoping myself and Tracy can make it down on Tuesday, but the weather will dictate that as we are suppose to get an ice storm. If we can not make it know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Suzanne DeFisher - February 26, 2012 at 08:18 PM

HP

“ Ruth, Steve and Todd. We share your loss. Bob was an important part of our lives for many years. In my case he was the one who got me started in public service which has now lasted 40 years, more than half in Charlotte. There are times I am not so sure I should thank him, but for the most part it has been a good career. I learned from him many things but most of all to cherish the good and bear up when times are not so good I think he referred to it as getting your thick skin. I will miss him, and I will always remember the extraordinary time we had together.

Howard and Susan Penrod - February 25, 2012 at 08:05 AM

CA

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. Third person I know this week that has either passed away or lost someone. My prayers are with you and your family. He must have been a great person because he had a great son.

Carol - February 24, 2012 at 12:03 PM

VR

“ Steve - So sorry for your loss. I lost my mother a year ago this month and know the of sorrow you going through. May God be with you giving a since of peace. Vickie

Vickie Robertson - February 24, 2012 at 11:59 AM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss. Tanya

Tanya Howell - February 24, 2012 at 11:43 AM