



Robert "Bob" Doty

December 26, 1920 - May 7, 2018

Robert (Bob) Doty passed away Monday night, May 7, 2018 at the Cambrian Assisted Living in Tecumseh, Michigan. Bob was born on December 26, 1920 at the Doty homestead on North Custer Road in what was then the village of Grape. A lifelong resident of Monroe County, he was the oldest of three sons to Guy and Elsie (Reber) Doty; his brothers were George (Jack) and Donald.

Bob graduated from Monroe High School in 1937. He went on to study Agriculture at Michigan State University, completing their two year associates agricultural program. Bob served in the Army Air Corp during World War II, as the radar and navigation specialist on a B-29 bomber crew. Stationed in the Pacific islands, he survived 30 bombing missions over the Japanese mainland, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross

Bob married the former Jean Anne Blum on November 8, 1946. Jean Anne was the widow of Ralph Turner, who had been killed in October, 1944, during naval actions against the Japanese in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Bob worked for nine years for the Detroit Stoker Company in Monroe, saving to purchase their dairy farm in Raisinville Township, where they then lived for 41 years.

While raising three children, they were both active in their community, as members of Farm Bureau and 4-H leaders. Bob was an early proponent of soil conservation, no-till farming, and using the latest methods to manage his dairy herd. Bob also served for many years on the Maybee School District Board, serving as secretary of the board.

After retiring, Bob and Jean Anne moved to Monroe Township, also spending several months each winter in Bradenton, Florida. For many years they enjoyed volunteering at the Lutheran Home in Monroe, and at their church. They also traveled extensively both in the United States and abroad.

Bob and Jean Anne were active in and were long time members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife and brothers. He is survived by his daughter Holly (Richard) Becker of Tecumseh, son Guy Jeffrey (Martha) of Farmington Hills, and son Drew (Margaret) of Livonia. He has 8 grandchildren and 4 great grand children.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 18 from 2-7 p.m. in the Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., in Monroe. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday,

May 19, 2018 with viewing starting at 10 a.m. The Rev. Evans C. Bentley, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park, where the VFW Post 1138 will conduct military honors.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul's United Methodist Church or to the Hospice of Lenawee.

Cemetery

Roselawn Memorial Park

13200 S. Dixie Hwy.
LaSalle, MI, 48145

Events

MAY 18 Visitation 02:00PM - 07:00PM

Bacarella Funeral Home, Inc.

Address: 1201 South Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI, US,
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MAY 19 Visitation 10:00AM

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MAY 19 Funeral Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Doty.



May 18, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Doty.



May 17, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Doty.



May 16, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ Your friends at Ford MP&L, and XPO Logistics purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Robert "Bob" Doty.



Your friends at Ford MP&L, and XPO Logistics - May 15, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Doty.



May 15, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ To the family of Bob Doty:

Please accept my deepest sympathies at this time. My father, Leo E. Tippe, was the bombardier on Bob's B-29 crew during World War 2. Leo thought very highly of Bob and had much respect for him. Bob was the one who kept track of the crew's lives, and passings as time went on. Leo and Bob were the last two remaining crewmates until Leo passed in March, 2014.

Several years ago, we planned to visit relatives in Ann Arbor, MI. Knowing Bob lived close by in Monroe, MI, I contacted him to arrange a visit. I identified myself as Leo's son, and Bob recognized the name right off. He was glad I called and said he would love a visit. Since then, we met in person 3 times and talked on the phone a few other times. Bob was always very welcoming and appreciative of the calls and visits.

Our last visit was in May, 2017, when Bob was at Cambrian Assisted Living. At one point, he gave me a slightly mischievous look and said "I still have a car here." He said he and some friends took to the backroads on occasion. When I called the day after his 97th birthday, he was slightly put out that he no longer had the car, but was in great spirits otherwise. He was also delighted he had been able to hold his most recent great-grandchild and said another one was coming soon.

I am grateful for the times Bob and I met or talked, and proud to count him as a friend. Again, please accept my deepest sympathies at this time.

Lee J. Tippe - May 14, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ To Bob's Family You have my deepest sympathy in your loss. It's all of our loss really. I stopped in to see you all at about 5.:40 p.m. Fri but the mortuary was closed . Your Dad was a dear friend of ours and I will treasure his memory. May you all have peace with your loss. Love, Mary Lou Burke

Mary Lou Burke - May 12, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Doty.



May 11, 2018 at 02:45 PM