



## Robert Lawrence Murphy

December 10, 1926 - March 1, 2019

Robert L. Murphy

TRAVERSE CITY – Robert Lawrence Murphy, 92, of Old Mission Peninsula passed away on March 1, 2019 with his family by his side. Bob was born December 10, 1926 in Benton Harbor, Michigan, to Eugene and Marie (Ankli) Murphy. Bob graduated from St. Johns Catholic School in 1945, and was a member of the St. Johns varsity basketball state champions in 1944. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1951. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army for two years, then went on to a long career in the Department of Corrections and received the Law Day, Liberty Bell award from Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Antrim County Bar Association in 1985. Robert married Mary Lou (Burg) in 1949, who preceded him in death. Surviving Robert is his brother Charles Murphy, his four children; Debra (Rob) Holt, Robert M. Murphy, Kerry (Kathy) Murphy, and Karen (Steven) Nichols, nine grandchildren; Otis Hart, Anna Bouton, Chelsea DeCarlos, Shawn Murphy, Eric Murphy, Sara Murphy, Erin Segur, Daniel Murphy, and Meghan Nichols, and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and brothers, Richard Murphy and James Murphy.

His personal interests included boating, fishing, swimming laps at the civic center pool, golf, reading, cross word puzzles, and especially cribbage. He will be remembered by his sense of humor.

At Bob's request a private family service will be held and burial will be at Ogdensburg Cemetery on Old Mission Peninsula.

# Comments

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“ I always enjoyed Bob, he had a great sense of humor. A very fine Man that lived life and did right.  
Theo Weber

**Theo Weber** - March 13, 2019 at 07:22 PM

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“ Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mr. Murphy. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God’s promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth... ridding us of death forever.

**Greene Family** - March 13, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Bob. I will always remember him passing by my place on his scooter on the way down to the harbor. And I will think of him when I pass by the lilac bushes he gave to me and I planted in my yard.  
We also miss the goose and the many outfits she wore. It was a landmark. Sorry also about the passing of Mrs. Murphy.

**Tom Ackles** - March 12, 2019 at 01:40 PM