



Robert "Bob" G. Rider

November 30, 1926 - January 1, 2019

Robert G. Rider, 92, of Bloomington, passed away on January 1, 2019 at Hearthstone Health Campus. He was born on November 30, 1926 in Kenosha, Wisconsin; the son of William P. and Lura (Gorr) Rider.

Bob graduated from Washington Park High School in Racine, Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin. He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Schaefer on June 19, 1948, and they shared 70 wonderful years of marriage together. Bob worked for L.I. Combs, a building and property company in Gary, Indiana, as a comptroller.

Church involvement was an important part of Bob's life. Although he volunteered in many titles throughout the various churches he attended, his passion was singing in the choir as well as a soloist. Bob was a lifelong golfer, having extreme pride in his game and a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. He was an avid bridge and duplicate bridge player and was a member of Bloomington Duplicate Bridge Association. Bob cherished his time with his family, and was a kind, gentle man who always made strong friendships wherever he lived.

Bob is survived by his wife of 70 years, Patricia C. Rider; children, Melaine (Roger) Swift, Robin (David) Cole, and Ruth Ferree; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and brother, Dale Rider, of Maitland, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, William Rider and Richard Rider.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at First United Methodist Church, 219 E. 4th Street, Bloomington. A gathering of friends will follow the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bob's memory to First United Methodist Church or St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Bob's family at www.allencares.com

Comments



“ Huge loss to the world. Our sincere condolences to the entire family.
Gary and Mary Lynn Pavlis

Gary Pavlis - January 06 at 06:18 AM



“ Such a kind and deeply gracious gentleman, Bob always made me feel like family, and I suspect that all his friends felt the same way! One of my treasured memories is an overnight weekend visit to Bob and Pat's home in Maitland some 25 years ago where my wife (at the time) and I were treated like honored guests. I am very happy and grateful to remember Bob as a wonderful father figure through my sister-in-law Robin, and I wish all fathers would be like Bob and could use his life as a role model. My love to Pat, Melanie, Robin and Ruth and all Bob's extended family. I know you will miss him sorely. Dan Cole

Daniel T Cole - January 05 at 01:01 PM



“ Bob was a great man and with the help of Frank Davis they ran L.I.Combs and sons. I am the oldest member of the Combs family and have wonderful memories of all who worked there..
Rest in Peace, Bob

Robert Combs - January 05 at 10:49 AM