



Robert "Bob" Stebbins

December 27, 1926 - February 17, 2016

Robert (Bob) Stebbins of Bloomington passed away Feb. 17, at the age of 89, surrounded by his family. He was born in Mishawaka, IN Dec. 27, 1926 to the late Rena Stebbins (Buckland) and Lyle Stebbins. He received a B.S. degree from Indiana University in 1951 where he lettered in football. He had two tours of service in the Armed Forces, the first as a soldier in Germany just after high school and then went to England as an officer in the Air Force.

Bob was married to Carolyn (Warner) June 13, 1953. He was the father of Elizabeth Stebbins, Annette Moore (Pete), Joe Stebbins (Lynn), and Lara Devine (Dan). He was a wonderful husband and father and a loving grandfather to his grandchildren, Morgan and Alexandra Cox, Christopher and Carrie Stouffer, Shelby, Grace, and Torie Stebbins. He is survived by his brother Richard Stebbins (Sally) and sister Carol Rawkowski (Albert-deceased).

Robert coached baseball at DePauw University before starting his career at Indiana University (1953 to 1988). He was the director of the S.E.E.K. program in the Career Placement Support Services when he retired, and had also worked for the IU Athletic Department, IU Alumni Association, and the IU Foundation. He was involved in the development of the administrative structure and concept of the Varsity Club and served as its first director from 1953-1968.

He was inducted into the IU Athletic Hall of Fame (2000) and received the ZG Clevenger award (1990), the E. Ross Bartley Award (1989), and the School of Nursing Special Recognition Award (1978).

Bob was also active in the city of Bloomington and Monroe County. He was involved in at least 30 organizations, including the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, the Bloomington Downtown Kiwanis Club and the Monroe County Community School Corp. Athletic Advisory Council. He served as the Republican precinct committeeman from 1970-73, as well as the Republican precinct representative to the State Convention during the same years. He also served as tournament director of the United States Wrestling World Team Trials.

Viewing will be held at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington Friday the 19th 5:00 - 8:00 PM followed by a graveside service at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton, IN on Saturday the 20th at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall



“ We send our deepest sympathy to your family. May God give you strength and may your memories give you peace. You will be in our prayers.

Love
Susan, Arden and Mary Anne Tiley

Susan Tiley - February 21, 2016 at 05:37 PM

AF

“ So sorry to hear of Robert's passing. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to all. Anne (Tiley) & Don Fairchild

Anne Fairchild - February 20, 2016 at 09:38 PM

MA

“ I had the privilege of knowing Bob when I worked at IU. Wonderful man; well remembered and greatly missed. Sympathy and prayers to the family...

Maynard - February 20, 2016 at 01:03 PM

PH

“ As his care giver, I only met Bob two times ! I was impressed how he opened up to me in telling me his life story. Just in a few hours, I was able to find out how much he touched many lives in his extraordinary life journey. My sincere condolences to his loving family!

-Pascale Hardy

Pascale Hardy - February 20, 2016 at 09:02 AM

SP

“ *Sandra P. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Stebbins.*



Sandra P. - February 18, 2016 at 08:34 PM

CA

“ *Carol lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Stebbins*



Carol - February 18, 2016 at 06:02 PM

BW

“ *We are very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Many, many great memories from a very long time ago. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bryan & Teresa Wampler and family

Bryan Wampler - February 18, 2016 at 02:14 PM

KB

“ *Bob established friendships wherever he went. He was a great servant of IU, including our beloved alumni association.*

Ken Beckley

Ken Beckley - February 18, 2016 at 01:18 PM

JV

“ We are so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. We have many great memories of our family's spending time together. May the Lord bless you all during this time.

James Lyle Veevaete

James L Veevaete - February 18, 2016 at 09:14 AM

EH

“ So sorry for your loss. I always loved your Mom and Dad....awesome people.
Peace to all.

Eddie (McNeely) Henderson - February 18, 2016 at 07:08 AM