



Deacon Robert E. Herta

September 11, 1936 - October 23, 2021

Robert E. Herta passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Oct. 23, 2021 at the age of 85 in Troy, Michigan. Robert was born on Sept. 11, 1936 in Detroit to August Anthony and Clara Herta. He married his beloved wife Joyce of 62 years in 1959 on Halloween.

He is the loving father of Mary (Jeff) Jamerino, Robert (Kristine) Herta, Rosemarie (John) Melcher, and Joyce (fiancée Scott McNitt) Tripi. Proud grandfather of Dr. Jennifer (David) Jamerino-Thrush, Anthony Herta, Ariana (fiancée Alec Bollinger) Herta, Emily Melcher, Elizabeth Melcher, Julia Tripi, Kevin Tripi, and Sophia Tripi. Very proud great grandfather of Amelia Joy Thrush. Dear brother of Thomas (Judi) Herta, and Larry (Beverly) Herta and the late James Herta.

A graduate of the Society of Mary (Marianists) seminary in New York, Robert was a devout Christian with a lifelong commitment to the Blessed Mother Mary. He was one of the first U.S. permanent deacons ordained in 1976 in New Jersey and served the Archdiocese of Detroit faith community for more than 40 years.

Robert spent his career in a variety of finance, treasury and human resources leadership roles at AT&T, Volkswagen and Right Associates as a senior management consultant. He proudly served in the United States Air Force

before being honorably discharged in 1963. Robert graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in Business Administration.

One of his great passions was large model trains. He had both a garden railroad and indoor displays. Christmas was a spectacular display of his collections.

Instate will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. with a noon Funeral Mass at St. Lucy Catholic Church 23401 Jefferson (s. of 9 Mile Rd.), St. Clair Shores. Burial will take place Monday November 1 at 11 am at Holy Sepulchre cemetery (10 mile corner of Beech), Southfield. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Robert's memory to De La Salle Collegiate High School, Warren, Michigan.

Previous Events

Instate at Church

OCT **30**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Lucy Catholic Church
23401 Jefferson
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Funeral Mass

OCT **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Lucy Catholic Church
23401 Jefferson
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Graveside Service

NOV **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
25800 W. 10 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI

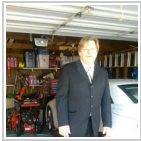
Tribute Wall



“ *I just met Deacon Bob recently as we shared a hospital room at Troy Beaumont. We made an instant connection and Bob has left a lasting impression on me. I will miss and will offer prayers daily for him.*

Michael Burton

Michael Burton - November 24, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies
Charlie Zabinsk PT*

Charles Zabinski - October 31, 2021 at 08:13 PM

JC

“ Dear Joyce,

First of all, please allow us to express our heartfelt sympathies, to you and your family, in the passing of your beloved husband, the Rev. Deacon Bob. Our family will always be grateful for Deacon's indulgence in conducting the Sacrament of Baptism of our children, even unconventionally, in one occasion where, came to our home and privately conducted our child's Christening, when we could not make it to church due to an accident I had, a day prior. But most of all we will always remember Deacon Bob for his unselfish dedication in the shepherding of St Lucy Parishioners- always with that signature charismatic smile. We feel honored and blessed to be part of Deacon Bob's active service at St. Lucy Church.

You and Deacon have been role models, not just to us parents but to our children as well. The fond memories will linger in our hearts, and so will our gratitude. We have great faith that the Lord will welcome Deacon Bob with the same warmth he has accorded each St. Lucy parishioner, as he enters the Kingdom of Heaven.

May God bless you and your family always.

Very Sincerely,

The Colina Family – Jose, Lourdes, Joseph, Joshua, Jordan and Lauren

Jose Colina - October 29, 2021 at 10:11 PM

RS

“ Dear Joyce and the whole Herta family,
I am so sorry I am not able to be there to celebrate Bob's wonderful life. I am in California at this time. I met Bob at the incredible 8am Friday morning Mass at St. Lucy's. As I witnessed Bob's compassion for people who were struggling and his kindness to all of us, I was inspired to be a better Christian and a better priest. I often thought how great it would have been if we could have ever ministered together! He had so much wisdom and I knew if I could just listen, I would learn so much from him. He also had a great pastoral sense as I remember his blessings for me on an anniversary of ordination or some other event. Though he didn't take himself seriously, he took the power of prayer very seriously and you knew that the Divine was in the midst of that blessing.

Joyce, Bob always reminded us that you were his co-partner in ministry and you showed the depths of your faith and love in these last years in taking care of your best friend. How much he must have appreciated you being there by his side during the tough moments.

Please know I will be thinking of all of you tomorrow and offering a Mass for Bob and the family. May Bob continue to bless us from his place in Paradise with his smile that will light up the stars and his love that will remain in our hearts. My love to you all....Br. Ray

Ray Stadmeyer - October 29, 2021 at 09:25 PM

SD

“ Deacon Bob will always have a special place in my heart. He was wonderful to talk with about our Faith. He and Joyce really cared about people. I will never forget how good he was to each of my sons He just made a difference. We will miss you and your wonderful smile. Godspeed Deacon Bob

Shari Driscoll - October 29, 2021 at 07:09 PM

JH

“ Condolences to Joyce and all of Deacon Bob's family. I did not know Bob for long, but he impressed me as being a very strong and wise man and a good teacher -- he was my instructor in lectoring at St Lucy. His earthly life was well and fully lived, and he continues to be a great asset to the Church from his new place.

*John Hickey
St Clair Shores*

John Hickey - October 29, 2021 at 02:58 PM

CC

“ To our loving cousins- We are thinking of you during these difficult times . Know that we are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. God love you dearly. Joyce and Christopher Casinelli & family.

Christopher Casinelli - October 29, 2021 at 12:50 PM

MN

“ I just happened to see Mr. Herta's obituary, and would like to say how sorry I am! Mr. Herta was my very first boss at Michigan Bell, in the mailroom, back in 1960, and never forgot him. He was always very kind and helpful! Prayers to all, and God bless! I am sure he was a great Deacon! Sincerely, Marge Nowicki

Marge Nowicki - October 29, 2021 at 10:27 AM

EB

“ I knew Robert through Joyce. Well respected man and a gift to all.

Edward Baldwin - October 29, 2021 at 08:54 AM

RV

“ *Mary please accept our sincere sympathy to you and your family. You will be in our thoughts are prayers.*

Bob and Bonnie Vandenberg

RF Vandenberg - October 29, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Robert E. Herta.*



October 28, 2021 at 04:55 PM



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October 28, 2021 at 05:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Robert E. Herta.*



October 27, 2021 at 03:35 PM

CL

“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Herta family. My prayers are with you all. The love and guidance Mr. Herta gave to St. Lucy's Parish and the community will not be forgotten. I have many loving memories of Mr. and Mrs. Herta both as neighbors on Canterbury Drive and within the faith community and will cherish their support words and actions for many years to come.

Sincerely, Colleen Marie Lambert (Stieber)

Colleen Marie Lambert - October 27, 2021 at 10:35 AM

GS

“ Dear Joyce, and family,

I am sorry to read of this passage of Robert. I remember you both fondly and with good memories of working and socializing together. I hope G-d will send you comfort and solace at this time. Always fondly

Gilbert Sniderman.

Gilbert Sniderman - October 27, 2021 at 10:19 AM

ST

“ My condolences to the Herta family and prayers for the repose of Bob's soul. Many years ago Bob helped me, as a younger, inexperienced man to make a career transition that I had no idea how to make. His advice for overhauling my resume, for interviewing, and especially for adjusting my mindset was outstanding. I would have continued adrift without it. I've not spoken with Bob in quite some time, but for many years I have fondly and gratefully remembered his assistance. Moreover, I have responded, where I could, to his request to do the same for others who were in similar job hunts -- as recently as this past spring! God grant him rest.

Steve Takach - October 26, 2021 at 10:20 PM

DJ

“ I will always remember Dcn. Jetta's compassion for serving the people of God. Our prayers are with the Herta family.

Dcn Marion Jurewicz - October 26, 2021 at 09:06 PM

EB

“ Sorry to hear of your dad Mary. You are in my prayers.

Ed Bruinsma - October 26, 2021 at 07:38 PM

MW

“ Bob was a good, genuine Deacon- always smiling! I remember well when he performed the marriage of my second husband and myself. His warmth was contagious. God bless Joyce and Bob's family.

Mary Ann Warnez - October 26, 2021 at 05:27 PM

DB

“ Please accept my most profound condolences. Bob was my Diaconate mentor and became my best friend. He was "A Man for All Seasons". He served Our Lord Jesus Christ with humility, devotion and honor. He was a teacher, encourager and role model. thank God for him. May eternal rest be granted to him O lord and may he rest in everlasting peace.

Deacon John Henry Ball

Deacon John Henry Ball - October 26, 2021 at 02:41 PM

CB

“ Herta family, our deepest sorrow for the loss of your father. Cousin Joyce my thoughts and prayers are with you today. You and Bob have always been the hierarchy of this family. Your strength has always been admired by myself and our family. You have overcome so much in your life and still remained strong. You and Bob have brought a beautiful family into this world and what a legacy he has left behind. Even though I can not be with you this day in person, believe me I am with you and your family in my heart and prayers.

Love your Cousin Tina ,Scott and family

Christina M Beckton - October 26, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Deacon Robert E. Herta.



October 26, 2021 at 10:32 AM

JP

“ *Herta family, I am so sorry for your loss. Bob and I worked together for a number of years at Right Management. His approach to working with our clients always had their best interests in mind. Bob's counsel helped me be a better leader! Most importantly, Bob was one of the kindest, most gentle person I have ever met and he treated everyone in exactly the same manner.*

John Patricolo - October 26, 2021 at 09:37 AM

JG

“ *I was saddened to learn of Bob's passing, he was truly one of God's chosen ones, always giving comfort and spiritual healing, uplifting when needed. Bob was truly a life saver for me when I lost my job due to a massive reduction in force at Chrysler Corporate Headquarters several years ago. He will be surely missed. "Rest in Peace My Good Friend"*

Jack Giannosa



JACK GIANNOSA - October 26, 2021 at 09:33 AM

CP

“ *My heart is broken and my sympathy goes out to Deacon Bob's family. He has been a part of St. Lucy's since we started attending back in the 80's. He was such a part of our lives especially when it came to our children's sacraments starting with their baptisms. I missed not seeing him in church when he retired but it was nice to see him and Joyce when they were able to attend services in the later years. Deacon Bob was such a special person and will be deeply missed. May God welcome you with the biggest of open arms. RIP you will always be a part of our life through our family at St. Lucy's.*

Fred & Cathy Pizzuti and Girls



Cathy Pizzuti - October 25, 2021 at 08:14 PM

MM

“ *Bob had strong opinions about the Church and its direction. It took me twenty years to realize he was absolutely spot on. My only regret was not getting to tell him personally, but I think he now knows. Rest in peace, good friend!*

Mark Maisonneuve - October 25, 2021 at 06:37 PM

PB

“ *Deacon Bob was a delightful parson with a smile that never stopped.*

Phil Belcher - October 25, 2021 at 03:30 PM

FL

“ *Fr. Mike Loyson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert E. Herta*



Fr. Mike Loyson - October 25, 2021 at 02:14 PM