



## Robert Lathrop

June 23, 1931 - September 28, 2023

Robert Earl James Lathrop, Age 92 (also known as Bob, Spud, Roy, and SOB Sweet Ol' Bob) passed away peacefully on September 28, 2023 with his wife by his side and his family all around him.

Bob was born on June 23, 1931 to Claude and Rose (Zeits) Lathrop. He was the eighth born of eleven children and is survived by one sister, Sister Robertann. Bob spent his childhood growing up in Brightmoor and Southfield, MI. At age 19, he enlisted in the United States Army. It was during this time that he met his pal Beaugrand, who became a lifelong friend. Bob served as an Army cook for 3 years and would often say that he had the most dangerous job in the Army because he stood in front of hundreds of hungry men. This skill he used throughout his life much to the enjoyment of his family and friends. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Bob asked Shirley Scharkarsie to be his bride and they were married in 1954. Even after 69 years of marriage, he would still refer to her as his bride. Together they would welcome five children into the world, then later, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Following his time in the Army, Bob worked ten years for the Ford Motor Company as an assembly worker. He then decided to return to school to earn his GED. Upon completion, he applied to and was hired by the Royal Oak Fire Department where he served that community for 26 years. It was here that he

gained another lifelong friend, Wil. Together, their antics would become legendary.

Throughout his life and in retirement, Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, Tigers baseball, playing Euchre, gardening, and especially spending time with family and friends. Always ready with a new quip or funny story; he was loved for his quick wit and wonderful sense of humor.

Robert is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 69 years, Shirley Lathrop, his five children: Mark Lathrop, Mike Lathrop, Monica (Steve) Moreno, Marty (Christal) Lathrop, and Greg (Viky) Lathrop. He also leaves behind ten grandchildren: Anna , Michael (Kate), August, Jared, Jacob (MaKayla Hayes), Tyler (Shanelle), Ericka, Kaylee, Matthew, Luke; and one great-grandson Quentin.

The Memorial Service for Robert (Bob) Lathrop will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at Lakeside Assembly in Shelby Township with a visitation preceding. Visitation time will begin at 10am. The Memorial Service will begin at noon. (No flowers, please. Instead, if you would like to make a donation, please give to Tunnels to Towers in honor of Robert Lathrop.)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Assembly of God Church  
46155 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## Memorial Service

OCT 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob & Shirley Lathrop shared their home with genuine hospitality; Much fun, food and friendship was enjoyed by all fortunate to know them! My sons loved the attention from "Mr Lathrop". He expressed a sincere interest in their careers. Bob was a good provider; he loved his family; he was a loyal friend. We appreciate Bob's Military Service and the years spent as a Fireman. Love & prayers, Peggy Nash Lowery, Brian & Michael Nash.*

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**Peggy Nash Lowery** - October 03, 2023 at 12:16 AM