



Mr. Robert E. Grefe

March 26, 1922 - March 3, 2010

Grefe, Mr. Robert E. (Bob) of Saginaw, Michigan passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center with his beloved wife, Ann, and family by his side. Age 87 years. Bob was born on March 26, 1922, in Midland, MI to the late John and Anna (Osborne) Grefe. He married Anna Rose Jeruskewicz on July 29, 1939. Together they shared 70 years of everlasting love and companionship. She survives him. Bob was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during WWII. He was employed by Dow Chemical Co. for thirty years, retiring in 1980. Bob's love of nature was surpassed only by his love of family. His favorite days were spent searching, counting and banding birds, where his large, gentle hands could calm the most frightened of feathered friends. He was a charter volunteer at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, where the Grefe Pool and Observation Deck stands dedicated in his honor. He was a member of the Michigan Audubon Society, Green Point Nature Center, and the YMCA Retirees Club.

Surviving besides his wife, Ann, are three children: Timothy (Tamara) Grefe, Saginaw, and their children, Andrew and Alexandra; Gretchen Grefe (Gary Szymzak), Saginaw; Rosalyn (Larry) Rohn, Merrill, and their children, Lisa (Jamey) Good, Steven (Jen) Rohn, Heidi (Chuck) Frakes, Kevin (Stacey) Rohn; Karl Rohn, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave. The Rev. Mark P. Buckert will officiate with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc. on Friday from 4:00 to 9:00 PM, then on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Memorials may be given to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Memories and sympathies may be shared with the family online at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 N. Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert E. Grefe*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



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September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *It is always good to reminisce. In the 1960's while in high school I became active with Audubon and got to know Bob on field trips and Xmas bird counts. This continued through my college years. Eventually Bob gave me his collection of Arizona Highways. Times and experiences with Bob continue in my memory.*
Ranger Steve

Ranger Steve Mueller - March 10, 2010 at 11:54 PM



“ *Tim;*
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Though we did not know your father, we know that if you are a chip off the old block then he was a man with a lot of wisdom. I am sure that he will be greatly missed.

Jeff & Beth Capen - March 06, 2010 at 07:45 PM

ME

“ I am thankful to have met Bob Grefe through our mutual interest in birds many years ago. His calm and genial manner is something that really drew me to him.

It was always a pleasure when Bob showed up at the Port Crescent Hawk Watch site near Port Austin. And, because of who he was, Bob was kind and caring enough to come to Port Austin with Ann to attend a memorial for my mother. That is an enduring memory.

Finally, I remember a chat we had at a SVAS meeting many years ago where he pointed out a young man in attendance; he told me a bit about how great this kid was. His fondness and admiration for the boy, David Peters, was very much in evidence. And so it was that I made Dave's acquaintance. Because of Bob, I have another most admirable birding friend.

With much respect and admiration for Bob, I offer my sincere sympathies to all who mourn his passing. He touched more people than you will know.

Monica Essenmacher

Monica Essenmacher - March 05, 2010 at 08:24 AM



“ Candle lit by



Rodney Wakeman - March 04, 2010 at 12:52 PM