



Robert L. Groening

September 9, 1925 - November 15, 2015

GROENING, MR. ROBERT L.,
Saginaw, Michigan

Beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday evening, November 15, 2015, at Hoyt Nursing and Rehab Centre. Age 90 years. Bob was born on September 9, 1925, in Toledo, OH, to the late Louis and Anna (Giese) Groening, moving to Saginaw as a young child. Bob graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1943. He attended flight training school at Moorhead College in Minnesota. Bob had served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a Second Lieutenant and flight navigator on B-17s and B-29s during WWII. Bob met Beverly June Talcott while stationed in Sioux City, IA. They were married on July 13, 1945, in Monroe, Louisiana. She predeceased him on May 29, 1986. Bob was owner of Nuechterlein's Jewelry since 1963 when he purchased it from his uncle, M.J. Nuechterlein. Bob was an excellent jeweler and watchmaker. He was a great conversationalist due to his many interests and hobbies. He loved cars, racing, photography, guns, airplanes, and most of all, reading. He had an unusual capacity for learning and remembering many details and facts. He was a member of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, having served on various boards, and past president of the Riverside Kiwanis.

Surviving are his five children and their spouses, Sally (David) Hovis, Linda

(Sam) Buggia, Richard R. Groening, Nancy (Craig) Martin, and Todd (Laura) Groening; 10 grandchildren, Holly DeMasi, Chandra Mullineaux, Larisa Buggia, Alexis Franz, Allison Roscoe, Daniel Groening, Tonisha Seader, Devin Mares, Matthew and Seth Groening; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was also predeceased by his brothers, James and Thomas Groening, and sister Marjorie Beecher.

Funeral service will take place 11:30 a.m., Friday, November 20, 2015, at Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, 600 Court St., Saginaw. The Rev. James F. Krueger will officiate with burial in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery where military honor guard will be conducted under the auspices of American Legion Post 439. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, on Thursday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be given to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School or Hospice Advantage. Memories and sympathies of Bob may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Visitation

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 Court St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Committal Service & Military Honors Ceremony

NOV **20**. 12:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. Groening*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Robert L. Groening*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *The thing I remember most about Bob was his especially calm and courageous attitude as he faced his final illnesses. Truly he showed "grace under pressure." I suspect that was his approach during his entire life.*

--John V. Polomsky II

John V. Polomsky II - December 05, 2015 at 06:12 PM



“ *My thoughts to all of you at the loss of your Dad. I think of you often and miss the "good old days" . Bob was a great and fun person to know. He will be missed.*

Mary Ellen Whitney

m. whitney - November 20, 2015 at 01:44 PM



Stephanie Rachel

“ Bob helped my husband and I with our wedding/engagement rings. I was so glad to have known him and his family. A wonderful man. May God be with the Groening family and all those he left behind in your time of loss.

Stephanie Rachel - November 19, 2015 at 06:24 PM



MT

“ Bob was a good man, may He Rest In Peace.

Mark Tunney - November 18, 2015 at 01:54 PM



ME

“ Sending love and sympathy to all of you Groening "kids" and your families. I always admired the detailed work your Dad did on watches with so much patience. He and your Mom raised some great kids, too! They are together once again with their Savior Jesus.

Marilyn (Kluck) Edenfield

Marilyn Edenfield - November 18, 2015 at 12:28 PM



GC

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Bob. He was a great guy. He will be missed.

Gibson Service Center
Gary, Mike, Joe and John

Gibson's Service Center - November 18, 2015 at 10:20 AM

WA

“ We remember Bob as a faithful member to Holy Cross Lutheran Church! He loved to share his knowledge of gems and stones and amused us with his stories. He loved to support his grandchildren when they attended Holy Cross School! We enjoyed going to Nichterlein's Jewelers and received the best service! May God be with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, as they mourn Bob's passing to the Church Triumphant!

*Walt and Norma Halfmann
Odessa, Florida*

Walter - November 17, 2015 at 07:33 PM

TB

“ My condolences to the Groening family. Tyson Brown.

Tyson Brown - November 17, 2015 at 06:24 PM

RB

“ We have lost a wonderful man and great friend. I (Rick) have known Bob for about 55 years. I will miss not being able to talk to him about cars, my old hot rod, engines and everything that makes them go fast. He told many stories which were interesting and just enjoyed talking to him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Sorry for your loss.

Rick and Julie Bittner

Rick Bittner - November 17, 2015 at 04:58 PM

BS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Groening family. We had many great times with Bob & Bev, John & Ivy Boening, & my husband Jack and I, going out to dinner and joking about opening a chain of jewelry stores called Boening Groening and Schultz. He was a great addition to the jewelry businesses in Saginaw.*

Beverly Scultz - November 17, 2015 at 01:45 PM

VB

“ *Valerie Groening, Vicky Moore, David, Barbara & Myra Bixby purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Robert L. Groening.*



Valerie Groening, Vicky Moore, David, Barbara & Myra Bixby
- November 16, 2015 at 08:34 PM

KL

“ *Truly a perfect gentleman who always greeted with a smile. I could spend hours talking to Bob about anything he was just a joy to be around and will be greatly missed*



Ken Latimer - November 16, 2015 at 08:30 PM

VM

“ *Mr. Groening inspired me to become a Graduate Gemologist. He graciously allowed me to use his lab equipment while I was doing my classes, and I am so thankful for that. I appreciated his mentoring and his love of gems and crystals. He was a man who enjoyed a wide variety of subjects in life and he took the trouble to be knowledgeable in each of them. A true Renaissance Man.*
Victoria Moore

Victoria S. Moore - November 16, 2015 at 07:51 PM

MA

“ *Bob Groening was a great man and I was privileged to know him growing up at Holy Cross. My prayers of comfort with all of the family members at this time.*

Meredith Halfmann Ackerman



Meredith Halfmann Ackerman - November 16, 2015 at 07:05 PM

SV

“ *I'm sending my thoughts and prayers for all the family and friends of Robert Groening. I remember him from many years ago as a wonderful man whose family meant everything to him. He was kind, considerate and the best boss anyone could have asked for. His knowledge of diamonds and other precious stones was totally astonishing. Rest in peace at the side of the Lord my friend.*

Sue (Salesky) Vega - November 16, 2015 at 07:00 PM

CA

“ *With deepest sympathy holding this family with caring and warmth remembering him with gentleness and love*

carolyn adams - November 16, 2015 at 06:50 PM

CS

“ Sally and family, so very sorry for your loss. thinking of you and praying for you in this difficult time. May all the good memories help bring you peace. Carol and Dale Smith

carol smith - November 16, 2015 at 06:40 PM

RL

“ Mr. Groening is a great man of God. I remember the many times I was privileged to visit with him at home as his pastor when he was forced into a less active life. A gentleman at all times, widely read, and a wonderful historian. My deepest condolences to Mr. Groening's family as they grieve. What joy will be their's to have reunion on the great day of the Lord.



Rev. Tim Loewe - November 16, 2015 at 06:20 PM

AL

Sally and family, my deepest condolences, as I know how much family means to all of you. I will always remember Mr. Groening offering the warmest welcome the times I visited the store. Always so genuine. As this goes back to my first days in the business, I can only say sincerity as his, made all the difference. I hope you find comfort in each other, and all the wonderful memories.

Andie Luce - November 16, 2015 at 07:52 PM

MP

“ Our deepest sympathies at the loss of a very good man. I so enjoyed my time working for the family and really had a great respect for Bob. He was a gentle man. Condolences to your family. Marcia and Dennis Prevost

marcia prevost - November 16, 2015 at 06:14 PM

BS

“ *Our sincere sympathy to our neighbor Linda and her family on the loss of her father. He sounded like he was an amazing man.*

Jerry and Barbara Stuart

Barbara Stuart - November 16, 2015 at 06:01 PM

KM

“ *My sympathy to the family of Bob Groening. I know of no better or reputable jeweler than Mr. Groening. May he rest in peace.*
Kay Moeller

kay moeller - November 16, 2015 at 01:54 PM