



Mr. Robert F. Ruhlig

November 16, 1933 - August 9, 2011

Ruhlig, Mr. Robert F., of Saginaw, Michigan, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather went to be with his Lord on August 9, 2011. Age 77 years. Robert was born to Frederick and Gertrude M. (Schultz) Ruhlig on November 16, 1933. Robert was married to Shirley Kelly on August 20, 1955 and shared nearly 56 years together. Their union was blessed with two daughters and one son; Marna (Jim) Ross; Brenda (Michael) Wolpert; Matthew (Gina) Ruhlig; grandchildren, Kurt and Meghan Wolpert; Aaron (Molly) Smith; Allison (Nick) Gillespie; Amy Smith; Mia, Lucy and Gabrielle Ruhlig; great-grandchildren, Brady and Brenna Smith. He also leaves to his loss, his brother Glenn (Barbara) Ruhlig, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Gertrude and Fred Ruhlig; sister, Doris and her husband, Ralph Ziegler; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Margaret and Howard Kelly. He served in the U. S. Army from 1955 – 1957. Robert retired from Michigan National Bank after 30 years and then owned and operated Sundquist Travel for 20 years. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bob had a creative mind and loved theatre, travel, and most of all spending time with his family. He was especially proud of the successes of his children and grandchildren.

Funeral and committal services will take place 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss. The Rev. Michael Korte will officiate. Burial will follow at a later date in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery.

Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave. on Friday from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Memorial contributions may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Great Lakes Bay Miracle League, or the City Rescue Mission. Memories and sympathies of Bob may be shared with the family on his Obituary page at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery

3356 Hermansau Road
Saginaw, MI 48603

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 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

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
808 Weiss St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI 48602

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert F. Ruhlig*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mr. Robert F. Ruhlig*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Dear Shirley,*

So very sorry to hear of the passing of Bob in Bethlehem's monthly newsletter. Please accept our sincere sympathies. Both Rol and i remember well the many times we enjoyed you and Bob's friendship many years ago. We know Bob is at peace with his Lord in heaven, but mourn with you and your family Shirley. We will be sending a memorial to Boar's Head Fund at church. We have been in Texas now over 20 years but still feel a part of our Saginaw friends. Give yourself a big hug from us.

*Rol and Ruth Eckstorm
Plano, TX*

Ruth Eckstorm - October 06, 2011 at 05:56 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dearest Robert my family and I wanted to send our deepest symapthy to you and your family. I wanted to share a comforting text found in God's Word at John 5:28,29 where it says in part that all those in the Memorial Tombs will hear his voiice and come out. I hope that you and your family find this text comforting as it did me and my family.*

Matthew Murray - September 01, 2011 at 07:17 AM

AW

“ *Matt and Family,*
We were sorry to learn of the loss of your father, husband and grandfather. If his son was a measure of the man he was, then he was a wonderful man! Our deepest sympathy to you and your families. Bob and Ann Welzein, St. Charles

Ann and Bob Welzein - August 17, 2011 at 07:42 PM

JB

“ *Dear Ruhlig Family,*
It was with a sense of loss that I read about Bob's death. I will always be grateful that Bob got me my first job at (then) Valley National Bank...a job that got me through the end of high school, college and then some! Of course, the Ruhligs were also wonderful babysitting clients - especially as they often stayed out quite late, which enriched my teenage bank account :-) And we'll never forget all the fun we had in our little court neighborhood with the Clarks, Tucks & Roths -- summer picnics, games, mom's 60th birthday party, swimming in the above-ground pool, etc. We always were so impressed with Bob's creativity - those flower arrangements ! - and his wide range of interests including local theater. It was a big loss when Bob and Shirl left Ruhlig Ct, but they will always be part of the Botz family memories! Bob will be very much missed. Take care, and please know we are all thinking of you at this sad time.

Jan Botz and Tom Lippert

Jan Botz - August 14, 2011 at 04:17 PM

RH

“ To Shirley and family. I was so sorry to read about Bob's passing in the paper. You may remember me Shirley, Ray Hartman, Co-op Coordinator at AHHS.

Bob was one of my first students in 1950-51, my first year. I enjoyed Bob as a student, a co-op and later as a graduate I met a few times over the years. He was always so nice to visit with and I remember him well. I also remember you Shirley and I am so glad you two had such a good marriage, family and years together.

I don't think I can get to the visitation or funeral but wanted to sign the book for you.

Please accept my sincere sympathy and a reminder of happy memories. Most Sincerely, Raymond E. Hartman, Dist Ed.
Coordinator, Retired. lol

Raymond E. Hartman - August 11, 2011 at 07:57 PM

DK

“ Shirl & Family: We loved our "Saginaw" cousin like he was one of our own. Bob and his humor will be greatly missed especially when we would all reminisce about Tante Linda & Uncle Rudolph. LOL! His kind and gentle soul will always be remembered. I am sure he is one of God's special angels. With love and sympathy, Diane & Jim Karst and the Schluckbebie families.

Diane Karst - August 11, 2011 at 11:05 AM

MB

“ Our family was very fortunate to have known Bob. We loved his gentle, kind and humorous personality. We have many memories of him enjoying time with his children and all the grandchildren at the lake. May you take all the wonderful memories of "Papa" and turn them into treasures. With deepest sympathy,
Gary and Marianne Breidinger Higgins Lake

Marianne Breidinger - August 10, 2011 at 11:41 PM