



Robert W. Poole

June 23, 1924 - December 27, 2016

INDIANAPOLIS – Robert W. Poole, age 92, of Indianapolis, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2016. He was born on June 23, 1924 in Indianapolis to Roy and Florence Poole. He graduated from Arsenal Tech High School. He married his childhood sweetheart, Betty (Slentz) on March 18 1944.

Bob was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps as a radio operator and gunner on B25's in the Pacific Theater. He was on the first plane to photograph and provide reconnaissance of Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped. He was also part of the first groups of Americans to occupy the beaches of Osaka, Japan, followed by being honorably discharged.

Bob was a lifelong bookbinder and retired from Perfect Binding. He later joined his grandson working as an assistant for Flanner and Buchanan Mortuary for many years. He was also a driver for Ed Martin Honda with his son-in-law.

Bob and Betty enjoyed playing cards, dancing, fishing and sharing potluck dinners with their friends at their snowbird home in the Palm Shores Mobile Home Village in Lake Alfred, Florida. They also enjoyed their church family at Zion UCC in Indianapolis. Bob was a 50 plus year member of the Prospect Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, the Shriners and a 70 plus year member of the American Legion. Bob was also a volunteer for the Wanamaker/Franklin Township Fire Department for many years. Bob was an avid fisherman, bowler, golfer, trap shooter, and in his early years he enjoyed roller skating and dancing. He loved spending time with family, playing cards and many other activities

Bob is survived by his children, Dennis (Elaine) Poole and Becky (Joe) Burgess Osher; grandchildren, Justin (Megan) Burgess, Amanda Burgess, Melissa Burgess, Amy (Eric) Shipp and Aaron Osher; great-grandchildren, Cheyenne (Ben) Fox, Sydney Burgess, Shelby Burgess, Lilly Shipp, Brody West and Eli West; sister, Evelyn Garrett; and many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Betty (Slentz) Poole; and parents, Roy and Florence Poole.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Kindred Hospice, especially Amanda, Tammy, Lisa, Dawn and John for all their compassionate care throughout Bob's illness.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 30, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140, with a Masonic service at 1:30 p.m. A funeral service will immediately follow visitation at 2:00 p.m. also at the mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion UCC, The American Heart Association or The Indy Honor Flight Program. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Events

DEC 30 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 02:00PM

Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

DEC 30 **Masonic Service** 01:30PM

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DEC 30 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Bob and Betty Poole were second parents to me for the last 40 years. I am so grateful that Becky and Den shared them with me. I will miss you Bob but am happy you will now be with Betty and son-in-law Mike Burgess. My heart is full of their love and I cherish our memories. Prayers to the family going through this grieving time.

Sue Streets - December 29, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ Becky, so sorry to read of your father's passing. I have fond early childhood memories of our families getting together.

Terri (Suzi) Schneider - December 29, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ Melissa, keeping you and your family in our prayers.



Denny & Judy Thompson - December 28, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ Nicole Wesling lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole



Nicole Wesling - December 28, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ Becky, my best memory of you dad was back when we were in high school and Shirley, Elaine and I were stranded at your parents house after a blizzard. We had been at the basketball sectionals when the weather got bad. We all stayed at least three days trapped by the snow when we were finally able to all go home. Your dad

said he was glad to finally get his house back and get rid of all the extra females. Becky and Denny I miss seeing you guys it's been to long since we all were together. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jean Westerman Coy



jean Coy - December 28, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ Kevin & Lisa Wilson lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole



Kevin & Lisa Wilson - December 28, 2016 at 06:45 AM



“ Kevin, Lisa & Breanna Wilson lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole



Kevin, Lisa & Breanna Wilson - December 28, 2016 at 06:42 AM



“ Becky and Bob's family, you have my sincere condolences and will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed working with Bob at Flanner and Buchanan and playing golf with him on several outings. He was a wonderful person and gave his very best. It was a pleasure to see him and have a short visit with him a few weeks ago. I am sorry but my family will be out of state on Friday and will not be able to attend.

Ron Deremiah - December 27, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ Ronnie & Peggy Shelley lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole



Ronnie & Peggy Shelley - December 27, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ Tom Woodard lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole



Tom Woodard - December 27, 2016 at 08:07 PM



“ Jennie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole



Jennie Sanders - December 27, 2016 at 07:33 PM



“ Norman & Sue Shelley lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole





“ Nita Voorhees lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Poole



Nita Voorhees - December 27, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ I would like to send my condolences to the family first. My best memory I can share is Bob needed his ditch cleaned out in front of his house and he offered to pay me for doing it so I did clean the ditch to where he and Betty could see the road I dint recollect I got paid but I am sure I did but I did it for a family member so pay was no issue for me he was a great man who would do anything for anybody even if he did not know you. RIP peace Bob Poole you will be missed by all

Tom Woodard - December 27, 2016 at 04:36 PM