



Robert "Bob" Chalres Deam

December 17, 1924 - July 17, 2022

Robert (Bob) Charles Deam, 97, entered into the presence of the Lord on July 17, 2022. He was born December 17, 1924 in Chicago, IL to the late Henry and Lois (Alford) Deam. Faith is the Victory was his favorite hymn and his favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5-6.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 6:30 PM on Saturday, Aug 6, at the Watervliet Free Methodist Church. The visitation will be held from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Friday, Aug 5, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Military Rites will be held at 4:30 PM on Friday at the Fairplain Chapel. He will be laid to rest beside his wife in North Shore Memory Gardens. Please share messages or memories at www.florin.net or cards may be sent to Deb at 5471 Regent Pl, Sarasota, FL 34233.

Bob joined the US Army in 1943 and served in WWII until 1946. He moved to St. Joseph, MI in 1949 and married Joan Tillman on October 4, 1953. He and Joan attended and graduated from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. He was a mechanical engineering draftsman and spent his career working for V-M Corp, Whirlpool and Benton Harbor Malleable. Following his last 20 years with Auto Specialties, Bob retired in 1988.

For many years, he and Joan performed comic readings and skits at parties, church banquets and other special occasions. He owned many classic cars over the years and was a member of the Southwest Michigan Car Collectors Club.

Bob was very active in Youth for Christ rallies in his earlier years as well as

helping to build their Quiz Boxes following his retirement. He then served at Grace Christian School, Child Evangelism Fellowship and Forgotten Man Ministries. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in South Haven, MI where he served as a Deacon. He also led congregational singing for many years. He and Joan were more recently members of Watervliet Free Methodist Church until they moved to an ALF, Inspired Living, in Lakewood Ranch, FL to be closer to their daughter, Deb.

When Joan passed away in March of 2019, Bob moved in with Deb to the community of Camelot Lakes, Sarasota. He used to ride his Hoveround scooter to the Clubhouse to play pool with the guys and he became quite the pool shark. They called him "Good Shot Bob".

In addition to his parents, Bob is predeceased by his wife Joan, in 2019 and his only brother, Don, of Watervliet, MI.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter Deb Deam, who took such loving care of him over the years. Also surviving is a sister-in-law, Rose (Bob) Tillman; nieces and nephews, Donna (Mike) & Ashlee Langston, Denise (Chuck) Morgan, Kathy (David) Bauer, Kim (Ron) Hoover, Don Jr. (Jeannie) Deam, Dennis Tillman, Randy Tillman and Wayne (Lynn) Tillman.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Military Rites

AUG 5. 4:30 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Visitation

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Celebration of life

AUG 6. 6:30 PM (ET)

Watervliet Free Methodist Church
7734 Paw Paw Ave.
Watervliet, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ *Many fond memories of times spent with Bob and Joan. Particularly Youth for Christ activities in the late 50s and early 60s. Also many gatherings which included both our families through the years. Bob was a true servant of God and a man that constantly lived his Faith in word and deed. He will be truly missed.*
Dave Marks

David Marks - August 09, 2022 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Deb, I don't need to tell you Bob was an awesome guy, but he was. I have such fond memories of him through the years. The skits he and your Mom did at church kept everyone laughing. His signature move being that of taking your hand like he was going to kiss it, and then he would kiss his own. My prayers are with you. I am glad you got the chance to have him as your Dad, and that he had the privilege of having you as a daughter!*

DENISE TAYLOR - July 28, 2022 at 07:26 AM