



## Robert H. Potter

June 19, 1918 - October 13, 2012

Robert H. Potter, 94, of Benton Harbor died Saturday, October 13, 2012, at Clare Bridge in Portage.

Services celebrating his life will be held at Noon on Friday, October 19, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 pm on Thursday at the Dey-Florn Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2300 Portage St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Bob was born on June 19, 1918 in Benton Township to Hoyt and Mabel Potter. He attended Iowa State College in Ames, IA. Bob was a veteran of the US Navy during WW II where he was a radio technician. He married his wife, Kathryn Tarnowsky, in 1944 and she preceded him in death in 2004. Together they celebrated 60 years of marriage. Bob was the head of Tool Engineering for Auto Specialties when he retired in 1983 after 37 years of employment. He was a former Chairman and a lifetime member of the American Manufacturing Engineers. Bob was an inventive person and developed several patents. He liked fishing and traveling and enjoyed fixing things. He was a warm, honest, and friendly person who was always willing to help others. Bob was a loving family man.

He is survived by his children, Al (Sandy) Potter of Fort Wayne, IN, Rich (Louise) Potter of New London, CT and Karen (Jack) Duymovic of Portage, MI; his grandchildren, Andrew, Robert, Stephen, Sean, and Aron and his six great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 983-1514  
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## Service

OCT 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ We were saddened to hear about Mr. Potter's passing. Such a great man will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of loss.

Mike and Amy Gulino - October 23, 2012 at 03:29 PM

JY

“ John R. Yerich lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Potter



John R. Yerich - October 21, 2012 at 10:13 AM

DG

“ Our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We loved Bob – he was a wonderful person – always a pleasure to be around - So loving - a very gracious man who will be greatly missed.

*Bob's passing is also America's loss of another courageous WW II Veteran.*

*"But the freedom that they fought for, and the country grand they wrought for,*

*Is their monument to-day, and for aye".*

*~Thomas Dunn English*

*Love,*

*Mike & Deb (Sandy's sister) Gulino*

Deb Gulino - October 16, 2012 at 01:02 PM