

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ROBERT DAVID PRIMAVERA

JUNE 3, 1928 - JULY 15, 2017



Robert David "Bob" Primavera, 89, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away on July 15, 2017. He was born to the late Joseph and Nancy Primavera in Chicago, Heights, IL, on June 3, 1928, and grew up in Elkhart, IN. Bob graduated from Elkhart Memorial High School where he lettered in basketball and baseball. Following high school, he went on to play in the Chicago White Sox farm system in Wisconsin Rapids, WI for two seasons.

Bob then attended Indiana University and proudly rode in the inaugural Little 500, claiming to be the first-ever patient at the track infirmary, after a fall on the cinder track. He graduated with a BS degree in accounting. After graduating from I.U., Bob served in the U.S. Army as a corporal based in Fort Meade, MD.

After completing his military service, Bob started his business career with RCA in their records division. He later worked with Sperry-UNIVAC and UNISYS as a computer salesman. Bob's final career position was with the State of Indiana, in Governor Evan Bayh's administration, as Director of Information Services. While there, Bob helped set up the first network of computers throughout the state; and for his work and service, he was honored with a Sagamore of the Wabash award in 1993.

Bob is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy L. (Toll) Primavera; sons Tony (Kim), Tom (Suzy), and daughter Gina (Michael) Navabi, as well as 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters; Jeri Hoettger of Elkhart and Margaret (Cookie) Nix of Tempe, AZ.

A gathering of friends and family will be held at Leppert Mortuary, 740 East 86th St,

Indianapolis on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2017 at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. East, Indianapolis, IN. Bob will be honored for his military service at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery.

The Primavera family would like to sincerely thank Jessica and Lisa of Kindred Hospice for their care, support, and friendship. In addition, the family is grateful to the entire staff at Marquette Manor for their excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260 (www.littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org).

TRIBUTES

Norma Saxon wrote on Jul 18, 2017:

"Bob will be sorely missed. My fondest memories are of our Family reunions and the baseball games. He was always the umpire and the kids loved it cause they were always allowed to run all the bases no matter how far the ball was hit. Much love and Blessings to you all. Love Norma"

Bill Drake wrote on Jul 18, 2017:

"Tom and Tony, I was sorry to hear of the death of your Father. Know that you are in my prayers."

Chris keating wrote on Jul 17, 2017:

"When Cookie and I were first graders at St. Vincent School we a;ways rushed home to play classroom with Cookie (the teacher) and me the student. Brother Bob always gave Cookie Bubble gum for her to pass out to her "students" if they were doing well . We couldn't wait for him to get there with his treats for us! He never let us down. Whenever I would think of Bob over the years I thought of his generosity to the little kids who waited for bubble gum and were never dissappointed. Chris Keating"

