



## Robert Gordon Hurst

July 6, 1923 - February 15, 2018

Hurst, Robert Gordon, 7/6/1923-2/15/2018, Saline, Michigan (formerly of Ann Arbor, Michigan and New Port Richey, Florida).

Robert (Bob) was born July 6, 1923, in Vernon, Michigan and passed away at age 94 on Thursday, February 15, 2018 in Saline, Michigan.

Bob was the son of George and Faye Hurst. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Larry, and each of his five siblings: Florine, Addie Catherine, Kenneth, Russell (his twin), and Verlene. Bob was married to Lois Corkins on May 6, 1945 in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Surviving are his wife of 72 years, Lois, and four children, Pamela (Dennis) Gibb of Saline, Michigan; Priscilla (Roger-deceased) Harris of Laurens, South Carolina; Gary (Becky) Hurst of Plymouth, Michigan and Terry (Linda) Hurst of Dexter, Michigan. Bob was a grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 15.

Bob was raised in Vernon, Michigan, where he played football, basketball and baseball at Vernon High School. He was also class president. He moved to Ann Arbor after graduating and worked at the University of Michigan Hospital in maintenance. About one year later, Bob took an assembly job at the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

In 1942, Bob went into the United States Army Air Force. He was trained as a Radio Operator Gunner. His first mission was on D-day. His crew was scheduled for 34 missions, but on the 33rd mission, Bob was wounded in both legs when their plane took on enemy fire, and that ended his flying duties. He was awarded a Purple Heart and Air Medal DFC, and was honorably discharged in 1945.

After his discharge from the service, Bob returned home and married Lois, whom he had met while they were both working at the Bomber Plant. The couple began their family in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Bob took a "temporary" job on the grounds crew with the University of

Michigan Athletic Department. He was later promoted to Grounds Superintendent and was responsible for Michigan Stadium, Yost Field House (now Yost Ice Arena), Fisher Stadium, and all of Ferry Field (now home to Alumni Field, Oosterbaan Field House, Glick Field House and Indoor Track Building). Because of his job, the family lived on Ferry Field for many years, in a house that has now been replaced by Schembechler Hall. He worked in this capacity for 25 years before he began working as the Equipment Manager for basketball and football. Bob enjoyed traveling with the teams year after year, until retirement in 1986.

Upon Bob's retirement in 1986, Bob and Lois moved to New Port Richey, Florida, where they met and enjoyed many new friends. They lived there for about 35 years, until they moved to Saline, Michigan in 2016.

If there was a BINGO game, sporting event, or game show, Bob would find it! Bob loved to sing for others, and if you ever lost him in a store, you just had to listen for him humming! His songs and good nature will be missed by all. One phrase that described Bob well was, "there are no strangers, only friends I haven't met yet."

The family would like to thank the staff at Linden Square Assisted Living for the care and love they gave to Bob. A special thanks also, to Kindred Hospice and David for providing great care for Bob.

A memorial service for Bob will be scheduled for later this spring, at Nie Funeral Home, in Ann Arbor.

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