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Robert 'Bob' Erling Oas

MUNISING — Robert "Bob" Erling Oas, age 85, 205 W. Jewell St., Munising, died following a three-month illness early Sunday evening, July 22, 2007, at his home.

He was born on October 13, 1921, in Munising to Edmund and Elila (Wilson) Oas. Bob graduated from William G. Mather High School in 1939. He attended the University of Detroit and Northern Michigan University. Bob played football for Northern before leaving school to join the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater as a fighter pilot from January 1944 until October 1946. Bob earned the Air Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Theater Medal with two bronze battle stars for campaigns at Eastern Mandates and Air Offensive of Japan, and the American Theater Medal. He was a member of the American Legion and former member of Sacred Heart Church and the Knights of Columbus where he served as Past Grand Knight. He enjoyed cooking, family work bees, reading, hunting and fishing (not usually successfully, but he did enjoy his time outdoors) and watching his daughters tend to his garden. Bob loved supporting the Detroit Red Wings and Tigers. He was a gifted woodworker and carpenter and his talents ranged from building small items to furniture to homes. Although he was known for his skills and talents, his greatest gift was being a father and grandfather to his family.



Robert 'Bob' Erling Oas

Bob is survived by four sons, Michael (Sandy) Oas of Manistique, Jay (Jeanne) Oas of Wetmore, Richard (Cyndee Cornelius) Oas of Munising, and Will (Deb) Oas of DePere, Wis.; five daughters, Cindy Oas-Kirk of Rutland, Vt., Susan (David) Twardokus of Munising, Sandra (Dan) Pociopa of Forest Lake, Trina (John) Carr of Munising, and Mary (Don) Miller of Munising; daughter-in-law, Joyce Oas of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; 23 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, James (Dorothy) Oas of Everett, Wash., and Dick (Beverly) Oas of Munising; sister, Nancy (Bob) Nelson of Christmas; one aunt, Beo Mitchell of Munising; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Mary Kathryn Oas; a grandson, Corey Oas; and a brother, Bill Oas.

Bob's family is planning a get-together for family and friends at a later date. His obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at www.bowermanfuneralhome.net

Bob's children would like to extend a special thank you to Northwoods Hospice for their help in caring for their father.

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