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Robert W. "Bob" Lockwitz, 99, formerly of St. Joseph, went to meet his Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 in Deland, Florida.

Private burial will take place at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. A Celebration of Life Eternal gathering will be held on his 100th birthday, July 11, 2026. Memorial donations in Bob's name may be made to Crossing Community Church of God, Sanford, FL. Those wishing to sign Bob's Memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com

Bob was born July 11, 1926 in Kenosha, Wisconsin to Robert Sr. & Janna Lockwitz. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, class of 1946. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, stationed in the Philippines. On June 1, 1947, he married the former Ruth Wetkowski in St. Joseph. Bob was a tool & die engineer all his life until his retirement in 1991. Bob devoted his life to loving his Lord spending time with his family. He was a long-time member of Crossing Community Church of God in Sanford, Florida. He and Ruth enjoyed boating and spending time with their friends at West Basin Marina in St. Joseph. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bob is survived by his sons, Gary (Faith) Lockwitz of Mesa, AZ, Kevin Lockwitz of Deltona, FL; his son-in-law- Anthony Bartalone of E. Lansing, MI; six grandchildren- Amber (Christopher) Horton, Janna (Shaun) Bitterle, Melissa Pajot, Chuck (Carol) Lockwitz, Jim (Heidi) Lockwitz & Zenaitta Lockwitz (Daniel Jones), Lockwitz; thirteen-great-grandchildren- Nathan & Marisa Horton, Andrew, Jacob & Matthew Bitterle, Rosemary & Anthony Pajot, Riley Gloe, Aliyah, Luke & Aubrey Lockwitz, Sophia & Penelope Lockwitz; numerous nieces & nephews; and his loving dog Milo. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth on December 10, 2021 and his daughter Valerie Bartalone on June 26, 2025.



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Cemetery Details

 **North Shore Memory Gardens**
Coloma MI 49038



Tribute Wall

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Zenaitta Lockwitz lit a candle in honor of Robert.

my grandfather was such a wonderful man, he and my grandmother were lights in my life, and they showed me what love was and that it could last an incredibly long time if you put time and energy into each other. I always told them that hoped i'd find someone that i could have that long lasting of a marriage with, and i was delighted to find that someone and be able to invite my grandfather to it months before he passed. I wish i had gotten to say one last "i love you" and i wish i had called him more once i had moved to Arizona to be with my husband. truly such an honest, kind, and lively man with the worst dad jokes ever. i always said "i guess the dad jokes get worse the more grandchildren you have" and he thought that was hilarious. i love you papa, and I'll see you in heaven soon enough



March 13 at 12:09 PM



Viv Logan posted:

Bob was a wonderful man, I cut his hair for many years, always gave him a discount because he was a veteran and didn't have a lot of hair. (LOL) It was always a pleasure speaking with Bob during his visits and I think he enjoyed it too. Sorry for your loss Kevin and family. Rest in peace Bob, one of the greatest generation gentlemen.

December 20 at 10:52 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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