



Robert M. Harrison Jr.

October 31, 1927 - July 22, 2014

Age 86, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born October 31, 1927 in Queensborough, NY, the son of Robert M. and Doris O. (Milner) Harrison. In 1949 at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline, MI, he married Violet Finkbeiner and she survives. Robert Harrison was a resident of Saline since 1942; graduate of Saline High School and Cleary College; WWII era veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps 1945-1948; Saline American Legion Post #322; former Saline Tax Assessor & Building Official; Saline Representative on County Board of Supervisors 1961-1968 (Chairman in 1968); and Washtenaw County Clerk - Register 1968-1990. He held leadership roles in numerous civic, charitable and fraternal organizations. Survivors in addition to his wife Violet include their children Robert (Linda) Harrison III, Lizabeth (Barry) Dettling, and Pamela (Eric) Jaeger. Other survivors include a brother, John (Mary) Harrison, sister Esther Long, and a brother Stanley (Claudia) Harrison, grandchildren Amber Harrison, Austen (Rachael) Dettling, Grahm Dettling, Jessica Myers, Hans Jaeger, Melissa Jaeger, and two great-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his sister Mary Harrison. Funeral Services will take place on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline, MI, with Rev. Wallace Tatara officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul Memorial Fund or to the Saline Area Historic Society for the purpose of the Rentschler Farm. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, MI, where friends may begin calling on

Friday, July 25, 2014 between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. and at the church on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 12:00 Noon until the time of service at 1:00 P.M. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. A Lodge of Sorrow Service will take place at the funeral home on Friday at 7:00 P.M. under the auspices of the Saline Lodge #133 F & AM. To leave a memory, to sign Bob's guestbook, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbhfsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert M. Harrison Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Our condolences to Vi and family. We will miss Bob very much at the Saline Area Historical Society. He was very instrumental in the growth and success of the society, was on the board and served as the Treasurer for many years. His skills as a carpenter are evident in both the Depot Museum and the Rentschler Farm Museum. RIP Bob*

Dean and Linda Greb

Dean Greb - July 26, 2014 at 10:50 AM

GD

“ Bob, I was saddened to read of your passing, but realize you have moved to a higher realm. As I look back a few days, I remember passing your home and seeing you sitting on the swing on the front porch. I waved and honked, but an inner voice said "turn around and say hello, spend some time with your friend'. I checked my watch, family waiting, so I kept driving. I know you will forgive me for missing the opportunity to visit and say goodbye.

Robert M. Harrison Jr. you have learned many lessons of life and enlightenment, love of God, family, community and self. You have set the example of honesty, truth and leadership. You have served all well my Brother, at the Lodge, Legion, church and community. Your light will be shown long after those looking will not know where it came from.

Rest in peace and enjoy your journey. You have run a good race.

Shalom

Gene DeRossett

Gene DeRossett - July 25, 2014 at 08:19 PM

SE

“ Bob was an outstanding servant of the people he served and as an employer. As the first District Court Judge in Ann Arbor, Bob and I had many projects and problems we worked on together. He was always prepared and dedicated in his work, which he carried out with a clam deliberation and a delightful sense of humor.

A great and dedicated family man, Bob will be remembered for a long, long time by all of his family and friends.

Odie and I are are proud to include ourselves as his friends.

*Judge Sandy and Odie Elden
Ann Arbor*

S.J. Elden - July 25, 2014 at 03:56 PM

DK

“As a senior lawyer in Ann Arbor, I had many years experience working with Bob in various capacities. He was a unique and dedicated public servant who worked tirelessly for the benefit of the public his office served. There were none others like him. But what distinguished him the most was his calm handling of even the most demanding problems, and believe me, in election law, there are many such moments. He was calm, cool and more than collected, never losing his delightful sense of humor and that twinkle in his eye.

That was his hallmark...the twinkle in his eyes. He will be remembered long for that calm sweetness about him.

He will be missed by his family and many, many others....

*Don Kenney
Senior Lawyer, retired
Ann Arbor*

Don Kenney - July 25, 2014 at 03:42 PM

JB

“Jerry, Pam, and Matthew Browning purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert M. Harrison Jr..



Jerry, Pam, and Matthew Browning - July 25, 2014 at 01:54 PM

BK

“ With many thoughts & deepest sympathy to you Vi & your family, hopefully your memories will comfort you at this sad time.
Brenda Kapp

Brenda Kapp - July 25, 2014 at 09:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert M. Harrison Jr..



July 24, 2014 at 01:49 PM

BJ

“ I had the honor to serve on two non-profit boards with Robert. We had an issue with one of them and I'll never forget the time he arrived a few minutes before a board meeting, looked at me and another board member... smiled, winked and said, "it's taken care of". And it was ~ thanks to him. He had the ability to effectively communicate with people without ever raising his voice. Elected officials like him, Bill Delhey, Peggy M. Haines were true Washtenaw county leaders. I will always remember him as a public servant who did his job with dignity. What a wonderful gentleman. He will be missed.

Barbara J. Jones - July 23, 2014 at 08:12 PM

GR

“ The Harrison Family-Thinking of you and praying you'll find comfort in knowing that your friends will always care.. Bob was a friend to everyone who knew him. Deepest Sympathy... Gary Raab
Houghton Lake, Mi.

Gary Raab - July 23, 2014 at 07:51 PM

LT

“ I met Bob back in the 80's, he was such a warm , sweet man. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. My sympathies to Vie and family.

lynn tieman - July 23, 2014 at 02:30 PM

PJ

“ He was the most loving father, giving and honorable man....I was blessed to have him in my life.

*Love you Daddy
Pamela*

Pamela Jaeger - July 23, 2014 at 01:47 PM

RK

*May the peace of God carry you all today and as you grieve over time.
You are in my prayers.*

Pastor Patti Kenney

Rev. Dr. Patti Kenney - July 26, 2014 at 08:00 AM