



Robert E. Etzel

March 23, 1930 - June 27, 2011

Robert Eugene Etzel, 81, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died Monday, June 27, 2011 at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, Arkansas. He was born on March 23, 1930 in Topeka, Kansas to Henry John Etzel and Marguerite Best Etzel. He was raised and educated in Topeka, Kansas and graduated from Hayden High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad for 40 years. Robert married Mary Jane Skelley on July 28, 1962 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Topeka, Kansas. They moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas from Topeka in 1995. He was a member of Knights of Columbus for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane Etzel; brothers; Kenneth; Henry J, Jr.; and sister, Rosann Etzel.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Jane Etzel (Robert Basch), of Long Island City, New York, Lori Ann Borchers (Paul F.) of Keller, Texas; one brother, Dennis Etzel of Topeka, Kansas and four grandchildren, Mary Emily, Erin Michelle, Jason Michael and Jonathan Andrew.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 A.M. Friday, July 1, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Topeka. Inurnment will be at 1:30 P.M. at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Marys.

The family requests no flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, Topeka, Kansas or to the charity of donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.piperfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

St. Marys, KS 66536

Tribute Wall

DT

“ I was a classmate of Bob's and lived across the street on Freeman St. in Topeka from him. It was always good to see him at our class reunions and I will remember him in my prayers. Dick Huerter

Dick Huerter Georgetown, Tx. - June 30, 2011 at 04:23 PM

TW

“ Barbara, Lori and Denny

My prayers are with all of you. It's hard to believe Bob and Mary Jane are both gone in such a short time. They were great people and good friends. Great regrets.

Terry Wooten

Terry Wooten - June 30, 2011 at 08:12 AM

DC

“ To Barbara and the Etzel family - My deepest sympathies to all on the loss of your father. I know how special both of your parents were to you. You will be in our thoughts at this difficult time. Best, Debbie & Jim, Chicago Il.

Debbie Carlson - June 29, 2011 at 03:40 PM

LZ

Dennis, Sorry to hear of your brother's passing. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Larry & Anna Zeller

Larry Zeller - June 29, 2011 at 03:49 PM

TK

“ To the Etzel Family,
It is with heartfelt sympathy that I write this.
Bob & Mary Jane were both great people!
They will be missed.



Sincerely,
Kevin & Tammy Kerwin
Sacred Heart Church, Delia, KS
Delia

Tammy Kerwin - June 29, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at
this difficult time.



Mike & Jami Piper & Staff

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CM

The time I spent working with Bob at the Santa Fe Motive Power Building in Topeka produced some wonderful memories for me. He shared his wisdom and humor with all of us "kids" at that time. Bob was instrumental in shaping my career. My condolences to his family.

Carl Myers - June 29, 2011 at 01:09 PM