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Robert “Bob” Joseph Fredericks, Jr., of North Syracuse, passed away on Friday, January 30, 2015 after a prolonged illness. He was born in “Hell’s Kitchen”, Manhattan, NYC 91 years ago and was raised in Queens, Long Island. Bob attended The Cooper Union in NYC before volunteering to join the Army in 1942 to become a pilot and received his wings in March of ’44. He married Edna, the “love of his life”. They were married for 59 years and she predeceased him in 2003. After completing operational training, he flew 34 combat missions with the 15th Air Force, headquartered in Foggia, Italy. He was the pilot of a B-17 bomber in the 2nd Bomb Group, 429th Squadron, achieving the rank of Captain as a squadron commander. He was discharged from the Army Air Corps in 1946 and continued his education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, graduating in 1948. While at RPI, he was elected to Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Phi, engineering honorary societies. He lived in Rutherford, NJ as an engineer for Western Electric and National Union Radio before moving to Syracuse, NY with his wife and three children in 1952 to work for General Electric. He spent 37 great years with GE while living in North Syracuse. His experience included: design engineering on radar and sonar display equipment; engineering management; and program management assignments. Bob was a member of the Optimist Club for about 20 years and was a member of Lake Shore Yacht and CC until his death. He enjoyed playing golf with his friends and served on Lakeshore’s board



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of directors. He also enjoyed bowling in a GE league, and he and Edna belonged to a couples league at Bowling Green in North Syracuse for several years. After retiring from GE, Edna and Bob enjoyed traveling to Florida and abroad. The most memorable trips were accompanied by their grandchildren to Canada, Disney World, New York City, Alaska and Europe.

Bob is survived by his children, Robert Joseph III (Gina) of Manlius, Diane (William Watson) of Mont Vernon, NH, and Donald (Lynn) of Syracuse; grandchildren, Megan Fredericks Dubofsky (Matthew) of Boulder, CO, Erica Fredericks of Washington D.C., Emily Watson of NY, NY and Robert J. Fredericks IV of Manlius, great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Annabel Dubofsk; his two sisters, Margaret Scharfenberger and Elizabeth Williams reside in Weston, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, February 6, 2015 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, followed by a Funeral Mass in celebration of Bob's life at 10:00 am in St. Rose of Lima Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Dewitt. Calling hours for family and friends will be held on Thursday February 5, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the funeral home, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, NY 13088.



Events

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, February 5, 2015


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



Service


 **Friday**, February 6, 2015


 9:00 AM ET


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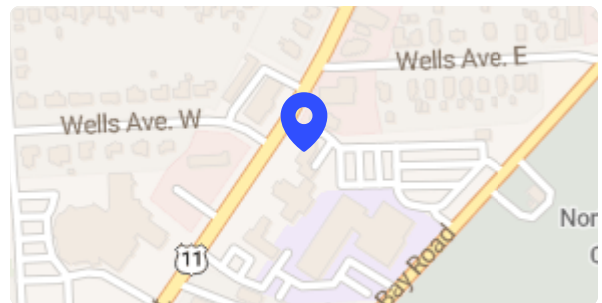


Funeral Mass


 **Friday**, February 6, 2015

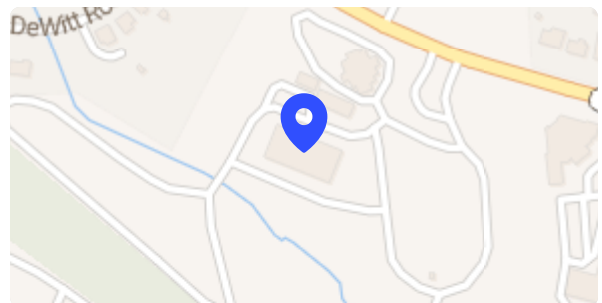
 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Rose of Lima Church**
409 S. Main Street, North Syracuse NY 13212



Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**
4100 E. Genesee St., DeWitt NY 13214





Tribute Wall

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RR

Russ Rhea posted:

Russ Rhea; North Syracuse.. General Electric and Lake Shore. My condolences to the family.

February 5 at 10:39 AM

CA

Camille Aloï lit a candle in honor of Robert .



February 5 at 7:59 AM

MB

Margery And Dallas Bowser posted:

Margery and Dallas Bowser send their deepest condolences to Rob, Diane and Donald and their family. We have loved Bob for many years, We always sat with him and Edna at the beautiful Elfun Christmas Dances. We had such outrageous fun with him at the Fasching celebrations. We are sorry we can not be with you personally. We winter in New Mexico . We are with you in our thoughts.Our sympathy to you. Marge and Dallas

February 4 at 8:26 AM

MK

Mary Jo Kravec February 6 at 7:27 AM

Don, Lynn and family,We're so sorry to hear about your loss. He sounds like a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Steve and Mary Jo Kravec

CA

Camille Aloï February 5 at 7:58 AM

Rob, Diane & Donald, we are so saddened by the loss of Bob. We will never forget Edna and Bob's kindness to us when we moved next door on David Dr. Always such great neighbors and friends for over 28 years. One of the reasons we joined Lake Shore was because of Bob and Edna. He loved sitting outside under his favorite tree in the summer, and he seemed to really enjoy his golf at Lake Shore with his friends. We are so sorry that we cannot be there today at the calling hours. We are in Maryland to visit our grandchildren. Please know you are all in our hearts and prayers. Love, Camille & Tony Aloï



Memories only last if you share them

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



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