

## Robert E. Furtwengler

January 7, 1931 - May 3, 2023

Robert E. Furtwengler, 92, of Highland, IL, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

Robert was born in Breese, IL to Ray and Rose (nee Engelmeier) Furtwengler in January 1931, where he attended St. Augustine Church and school. At the age of 21, he volunteered for the US Army. He served as Staff Sergeant Furtwengler in the Korean War, until his honorable discharge. He continued serving his country in the reserves through 1961. In 1955, he married the love of his life, Annette Meyer. Together they adopted, and beautifully parented their four children. Robert worked as a concrete finisher for Meyer Construction. Later he started Modern Concrete Construction, Inc. Simultaneously he owned Wood River Health Spa. As a sixth degree black belt, he taught Judo, Tae Kwon Do, and Korean Jiu Jitsu for eight years. He and Annette owned Tuckpointing, Waterproofing and Painting, Inc. until retirement. With the family, he enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing ping pong, and annual Florida vacations. Robert had a pilot's license, and flew a Cessna. He was a member of the Highland Optimist Club, American Legion Post #439, Highland, IL, and St. Paul Catholic Church, where he sang in the church choir. His children's friends affectionately called him "Karate Bob" and "Preacher Bob," as he taught martial arts and shared life lessons. He was an avid card player and spent much time playing poker at Hi-Top Bowl with friends. He was often seen riding his bike around town through his late '80s. As a man of

devout faith he dedicated his life to God, his family and living his best life,  
always the optimist!

Robert is survived by:

Son - Scott (Jane Stimpson) Furtwengler of East Falmouth, MA

Daughter - Marybeth Dudash of Highland, IL

Daughter - Laura (Carl) Civella of Creve Coeur, MO

Son - David Furtwengler of Highland, IL

Grandson - Staff Sergeant, Ian (Rachel) Crase, USAF Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

Grandson - Paul Civella of Creve Coeur, MO

Grandson - Dominic Civella of Creve Coeur, MO

Grandson - Morgan Furtwengler of Maryville, IL

Granddaughter - Gabrielle (Theron) Stewart of McLeansboro, IL

Granddaughter - Ashton (Chase) Stanley of Energy, IL

Grandson - Garrett Hartung-Goelz of Goreville, IL

Great Granddaughter - Evelyn Crase

Great Granddaughter - Penelope Crase

Great Granddaughter - Elizabeth Stewart

Robert was preceded in death by:

Father - Raymond Furtwengler

Mother - Rose (nee Engelmeier) Furtwengler

Wife - Annette (nee Meyer) Furtwengler

Brother - Delmar Furtwengler

Brother - Charles Furtwengler

Sister- Shirl Logan

Son-In-Law - Bill Dudash

Visitation will be held at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral home on Saturday, May  
27, 2023 at 9:00 am, followed by a 10:00 Catholic mass at St. Paul Church.

Interment will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery immediately following mass.

The Family would like to invite you to a memorial luncheon at Windows on Broadway from 12:00-3:00 pm.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**

Highland, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert E. Furtwengler*



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**Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home** - May 23, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert E. Furtwengler.*



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May 25, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Furtwengler.*

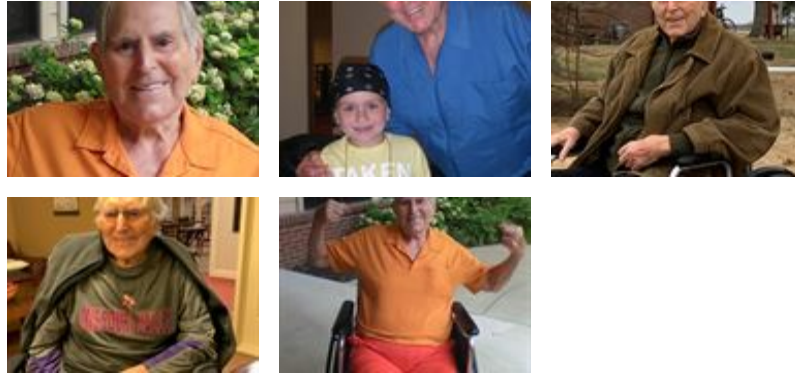


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May 25, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - May 23, 2023 at 03:18 PM

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“ I worked with and known Bob for more than 50 years, he taught me a lot. I enjoyed working with him, He and I together completed numerous jobs in Highland and the surrounding areas, we never had a dull moment on the job site. He was always upbeat and optimistic in everything he done; I'm going to miss him tremendously. My sincere condolences to his children, they may not remember me but I know them all as well as Annette.

*Rober Maurer*

Robert Maurer - May 15, 2023 at 07:55 AM

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*Bob, I remember you well. I worked on a few of those jobs with you. Thanks for your remembrance of dad. I hope you and your family are well.*

*Scotty*

Scott R. Furtwengler - May 15, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert E. Furtwengler.*



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May 09, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *I never knew Robert except through his wonder daughter MaryBeth, who was always by his side taking care of whatever he needed and loving him with her whole heart. Through her I would hear stories of what a wonderful caring man and father he was (as well as her dear Mother who preceded him in death). I am sending her good thoughts and love during this heartbreaking loss.*

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**Sharon Kuhlmann** - May 09, 2023 at 08:40 PM



*Sincere sympathy to Bobs family. I knew Bob when he was a young man in Breese. Also knew his Dad and Mom when I was a child. His sister Shirley was my aunt Emily's best friend. I also knew Charlie and Johanna. All very good people. Reunited in Heaven with our Lord Jesus. ❤️*

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**Gerri Essenpreis Keilbach** - May 13, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ *Bob and his lovely wife were amazing people. Both have left life long impressions. Deep condolences to the family.*

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**Bonnie Kantner Schmitt** - May 09, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *Bob always had a kind word to say.*

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**Bonnie Kloss** - May 09, 2023 at 03:36 PM