



## Robert L. Zobrist

February 9, 1926 - March 8, 2014

Robert L. Zobrist, age 88 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, March 08, 2014, at Deceased's Residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, February 09, 1926, in Greenville, IL, the son of Clarence and Goldie (nee Hill) Zobrist.

On Saturday, June 03, 1967, he married Verna Mae Zobrist (nee Von Alst) who passed away on Saturday, November 02, 2013.

He was a member of Central Christian Church, Greenville, IL.

Robert L. "Sewing Machine Man" Zobrist, was born and reared in rural Greenville, IL. Served with the US Army Air Force from 1944 to 1946; active duty during WWII. After his military service he worked for De Moulin Brothers, Greenville, IL; later began repairing commercial sewing machines, working for the Marine Garment Co, Marine and Highland, IL, working there until 1986. He then worked for Miss Elaine Garment Co., O'Fallon, IL until 1988. He was known in several counties for working on sewing machines. He worked on sewing machines from his house for over 50 years. He volunteer for Meals On Wheels, the Highland Food Pantry and drove people to hospitals and doctor appointments. He truly loved riding motorcycles; he and his wife travelled all over the United States.

Survivors include:

Son - Kenneth C. (Marsha) Holtgrave, Highland, IL

Daughter - Patricia A. Nichols, Maryville, IL

Daughter - Cynthia K. (Randy) Higgins, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Cortnie M. (Josh) Stone, New Baden, IL

Grandchild - Michelle T. (Jonathan) Huhn, Mulberry Grove, IL

Grandchild - Michael L. (Angie) Holtgrave, Sr., Trenton, IL

Grandchild - Ryan A. Higgins, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Brett R. Higgins, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Marissa E. Huhn, Mulberry Grove, IL

Great Grandchild - Gavin J. Hodges, New Baden, IL

Great Grandchild - Michael L. Holtgrave, Jr., Trenton, IL

Great Grandchild - Rylee A. Hodges, New Baden, IL

Great Grandchild - Joshua E. Huhn, Mulberry Grove, IL

Great Grandchild - Trent T. Stone, New Baden, IL

Great Grandchild - Nicholas C. Holtgrave, Trenton, IL

Great Grandchild - Brady M. Holtgrave, Trenton, IL

Great Grandchild - Myah C. Huhn, Mulberry Grove, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Clarence Zobrist

Mother - Goldie Zobrist

Wife - Verna M. Zobrist (nee Von Alst) (died 11/02/2013)

Son - Michael L. Zobrist (died 9/24/1975)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to

11:00 AM, on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at Central Christian Church in Greenville, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at Central Christian Church in Greenville, IL, with Pastor Tom Plog, officiating.

Interment will be at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Greenville, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Christian Church-Greenville, IL.

# Tribute Wall



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



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *CINDY HIGGINS lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Zobrist*



CINDY HIGGINS - March 26, 2014 at 10:16 PM

JZ

“ *Hi, I know you don't know me, but I would like to share with you how I knew Robert Zobrist. 15-20 years ago, my ministry at St. Paul Church was to 'sing to those in need or dying'. I met Robert at the facility where his father was because I would minister to his father regularly, singing to him. Robert was such a devoted son to his father and always seemed so appreciative of my ministry. Robert struck me as such a kind, caring, and gentle heart, that I never forgot him. I would see him out and about throughout Highland and I would think about the days that I would sing for his father with Robert by my side. I'm sorry for his family's loss and the loss I feel for not sharing this memory with him personally. Jane Zappia*

Jane Zappia - March 14, 2014 at 10:16 PM

CJ

“ Dear Cindy and family---So very sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. However, I am very sure that he and Verna are together again. Both will be missed by all who knew them.

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**Carolyn Jenkins** - March 11, 2014 at 09:49 AM

LV

“ Very sorry to hear of Bob's passing, such a great person to work with at the factory and he was also ready to talk to you when we met in town. Bob will be missed!

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**Lois Voss** - March 10, 2014 at 09:39 PM

DO

“ Dear Ken, Patty and Cindy--- I am so sorry about Bob, he was truly a sweet kind man!!! I always told him he reminded me of my own Dad!! Now I will be missing both Verna and Bob, who have been wonderful friends!! I know how much he missed Verna, they are walking hand and hand together again!!!

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**Dottie** - March 10, 2014 at 08:28 PM

MS

“ To Bob and Verna's family,

*Our hearts go out to you today. We will miss the many times Bob would stop by to visit while riding his bike, he could not drive by without at least stopping to say hello. He will truly be missed by so many. He gave his time so freely to others, taking them places when they needed a ride, delivering meals...it's too long a list to go on. God bless them both for all they accomplished in life together. God Bless and guide you.*

*Bill and Laurie Stallard*

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**Mrs. Bill Stallard** - March 10, 2014 at 05:26 PM

KL

“ Bob was my grandparents neighbor. He and his wife were so kind and caring friends to them. As my grandparents aged, it was so comforting to know that they were always looked after by Bob and Verna. Taking them their mail on bad winter days, mowing their grass, or just sit out in the front yard and listen to my grandfathers endless stories. The world needs more neighbors like them!



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**Kim (Moser) Lew** - March 10, 2014 at 03:11 PM

PL

“ Kenny and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you at this time. We all know that Bob missed Verna so very much and now they can again be together and ride that big bike in the sky. They were an awesome couple and will truly be missed by all. But know they are at peace and together again.  
Pam & Aimee Lecerf

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**Pam & Aimee Lecerf** - March 10, 2014 at 11:07 AM

MC

“ To the family.....So sorry to hear of Bob's passing so soon after Verna's. Please extend our sympathy to all the family. He was a very gracious gentleman! Rich and Marge Clayton

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**Marjory Clayton** - March 10, 2014 at 09:49 AM