



Robert T. \"Bob\" Eilers

August 10, 1923 - November 20, 2005

Mr. Robert Thomas Eilers, age 82, of Highland, Ill., died Sunday, November 20, 2005, at Saint Joseph Hospital, in Highland, Ill.

He was born August 10, 1923, in Kokomo, IN, the son of Alvin \"Nick\" and Wilhelmina (nee Eilers) Brauer.

On July 10, 1946, he married Rita M. (nee Woltering) Eilers at St. Rose Catholic Church in St. Rose, Ill., who survives.

Mr. Eilers was born in Kokomo, Ind., and raised in the Breese, Ill. area. He was a farmhand for Alvin Brauer and employed by Wicks Organ Co. before entering the U.S. Army in 1943 with duty in the Phillipines during WWII. He received numerous ribbons and medals, including the Bronze Star. After his discharge in 1945, he worked on a farm in St. Rose. From 1950 until his retirement in 1999, he was a self-employed carpenter and electrician. He and his wife renovated the old East Sugar Creek School House on Leroy Road and made it their home.

He enjoyed dancing, visiting with his family, and tending to his large garden.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, Ill., and also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1380 and the American Legion

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Survivors also include Daughter-Patricia A. (Vince) Henrichs of Roswell, Ga., Daughter-Carol J. (Bob) Petermeyer of Carlyle, Ill., Son-Richard C. (Elizabeth "Betty") Eilers of Breese, Ill., Son-Elmer J. (Yevon) Eilers of Highland, Ill., Son-Donald A. (Jane) Eilers of Trenton, Ill., Son-Ronald J. (Janet) Eilers of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Sharon S. Eilers of Mascoutah, Ill., Daughter-Rose M. McKee of Star, Idaho, Son-Tom A. (Laurie) Eilers of Troy, Ill., Son-Francis "Frenchie" J. (Laurie) Eilers of Pocahontas, Ill., Son-David A. (Doris) Eilers of Pocahontas, Ill., Son-Jeffrey J. Eilers of Highland, Ill., Half Brother-Stanley (Stella) Brauer of St. Jacob, Ill., Half Sister-Alice Kuepfer of Arkansas, Half Sister-Marie (Ted) Schrage of Pocahontas, Ill., Half Sister-Edith (Robert) Korte of Highland, Ill., Half Sister-Doris (Bill) Dannaman of Greenville, Ill., Half Sister-Mae Jacober of Highland, Ill., Half Brother-John (Glenna) Drake of Pocahontas, Ill., Sister-In-Law-Morine Woltering of Yazoo, Mich., Sister-In-Law-Mary (Floyd) Gilomen of Highland, Ill., Sister-In-Law-Stella Lynge of Chicago, Ill., Brother-In-Law-John Woltering of Highland, Ill., Sister-In-Law-Sister Olivia M. Woltering, RSVM of Saint Louis, Mo., Brother-In-Law-Ted (Kathy) Woltering of Carlyle, Ill., Sister-In-Law-Emma (Robert) Volin of Lombard, Ill., 41 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Step Father-Alvin "Nick" Brauer, Mother-Wilhelmina "Minnie" (nee Eilers) Brauer, Son-Jerome R. Eilers (Died 9/11/1973), Son-Frank A. Eilers (Died as infant), Daughter-Nancy K. Floyd (Died 1/17/1982), Step Brother-Orville Brauer, Step Sister-Bernice Alberternst, Half Sister-Delores Kruep, Half Brother-George Brauer, and Birth Father-Verba Drake