



Robert L. Pitz

October 10, 1931 - February 21, 2014

Robert L. Pitz, 82, of Aurora, passed away peacefully in his sleep with family members attending on February 21, 2014 in Aurora, IL. Bob was born October 10, 1931 in Roseland, NE and moved to Aurora at the age of eight.

He became a member of Annunciation BVM Church. By the age of 12, he was a 3-peat champion of the Fox Valley Community Plowing Match. He was called to serve in the U.S. Eighth Army, Corps of Combat Engineers in 1951 during the Korean Conflict. He returned to Marywood outside of Aurora in 1953, at the rank of corporal, rejoining Annunciation Church and began to usher the 7:30 AM Mass for the next 60 years.

He married his wife Lois (Zitt) of Naperville, IL in 1955 and had 5 children. He was a 4th degree Knights of Columbus. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the Marywood Fire Dept. and a member of the Marywood Gun Club. He was also a member of the Phoenix Club, Turners Club, and Luxembourg-American Club. He was a proud retired member of the International Union of Operator Engineers Local 150 and had worked for D. G. Brummel Excavating for 20 years, Naperville Excavating for another 20 years, and finished with Adcock Construction when he retired in 1996.

He is survived by his five children, Ken (Marian) Pitz, Karen (Rick) Handell, Kathy (Scott) Smith, Karolyn (Craig) Griffin, and Kevin (Milissa) Pitz; 13 grandchildren, Adam (Becky) Pitz, Sara Pitz, Alan (Melissa) Pitz, Lisa Pitz, Bryan (Jenny) Handell, Nick (Mia) Handell, Tim Handell, Ray Smith, Chris Smith, Cory Griffin, Cassidy Griffin, Connor Griffin, and Nolan Pitz; 7 great

grandchildren, Noah, Ella and Owen Pitz, Abby and Rebecca Handell, Clark and Penelope Handell; his brother, Eugene (Barbara) Pitz; his sisters, Rita Schmidt, , Charlene (James) Barry, Sr. Phyllis Pitz (O.S.F), and Marge Pitz; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lois, and his parents, Joseph and Sarah (Bonifas) Pitz.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 28, 2014 at 9:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, to Annunciation Church at 10:00; Fr. Patrick Gillmeyer, O.S.B. will officiate with interment in Marywood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 AM with a Liturgical Wake Service at 3:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Robert's family or sign the guest book.

Memorial contributions in Robert's name may be made to The Neighbors Next Door, 700 Audrey Avenue Aurora, IL 60505 or The Midwest Academy, 2416 340th Street Keokuc, IA 52632.

Cemetery Details

Marywood Cemetery

Church Road
aurora, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Wake Service

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Church
1820 Church Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert L. Pitz



Daleiden Mortuary - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Our sympathies to the whole family. Wish we could be with you at this time but distances are great and hard to overcome at this time of year. Our family is making a donation to The Neighbors Next Door in Bob's name.

Thinking of you,

The Buecher Family, Camille & Steve Caballero, Carol & Jerry Seifert and Joy Dumham

Marlene Buecher - February 27, 2014 at 12:12 PM

KH

Thank you for your kind thoughts and donation in Dad's memory.

Karen Handell - March 06, 2014 at 06:50 PM

KT

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's death. Dad always had a special place for Bob in his heart. If you didn't know he introduced mom to him when Dad came to Illinois to visit his grandparents Matt & Appolonia way back. They were in each others weddings too. Your parents and mine shared many good times including a cruise. Dad always appreciated when Ken brought him to see him when he was recovering in a nursing home from surgery. Wish we could be there. We are going to have a Mass said here for him so that we can attend. Our thoughts and prayers to all.
Cousin Fran, and Kathy & Norb and family, Hastings NE

Kathy Trausch - February 27, 2014 at 11:34 AM

KH

Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts. Karen Handell

Karen Handell - March 06, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Robert L. Pitz.



February 26, 2014 at 05:51 PM



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February 26, 2014 at 03:14 PM



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February 26, 2014 at 11:01 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of this Dr. Pitz and all your family. My family too is from the Roseland area. I know you all loved your father deeply and know all your family and friends are praying for you. Safe Travels, Todd Consbruck*

todd - February 26, 2014 at 10:47 AM



Thanks, Todd, for your kind support

Ken Pitz - February 26, 2014 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Bob! We worked 20 years or more together! Had some good times! Praying for the family in your loss! Gordon Widener*

Gordon Widener - February 25, 2014 at 06:49 PM



Dad enjoyed working with you, too. I heard your name often when he talked of work. Thanks for your sentiment.

Ken Pitz - February 26, 2014 at 04:04 PM

HG

“ Karen and Rick we are so sorry to hear of your loss. It is never easy, may the memories and your family bring you peace. Love Tom and Holly

Holly Guzzardi - February 25, 2014 at 01:32 PM

KL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. So sorry to hear of your loss. Safe travels.

Katrina and Troy Longe

Katrina Longe - February 25, 2014 at 08:22 AM

KP

Thanks, Katrina. Your thoughts and prayers mean a lot to all of us.

Ken Pitz - February 25, 2014 at 05:52 PM

MT

“ Karen, I am very sorry to hear about your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Melodie Treptow

Melodie Treptow - February 24, 2014 at 10:28 PM

SR

“ Our sympathies go out to you and your families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark and Shirley Richwalski

Shirley Richwalski - February 24, 2014 at 10:18 PM

Kathy Smith

Shirley & Mark
Thank you for you kind words.

Kathy Smith - February 26, 2014 at 12:10 PM

BB

“ So sorry to hear about your dad's death, Karen. He was such a kind and caring person. I loved his stories when I came to pick you up to go back to Rockford.

Barbara Berkes

Barbara Berkes - February 24, 2014 at 08:52 PM

 Kathy Smith

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Kathy Smith - February 24, 2014 at 07:38 PM

RP

“ My deepest sympathy to his children, grand children, my dad, and Uncle Bob's sisters. I am blessed to call him my God father, for was a good God father. The memories are grand, and many... I was in the hospital getting my tonsils removed, I remember looking out the window, with great anticipation for my Uncle Bob to drive his old Jeep into the parking lot with ice cream of course. Ha, not sure who like that jeep better, myself or Uncle Bob! The times he would take me to his work(shop) and hoist me into the road grader seat, I graded most of Aurora in my dreams. Then there was Powers Lake, the time he pulled me off the bottom of the lake, and hauled me to shore, the looks on his, and my dads face, yikes....I knew swimming lessons were on my short list. I enjoyed all the "garden talk", I remember bicycling my prize tomato up to his house, just to tease him. Many, many, many happy memories. Thanks Uncle Bob for being YOU.
My condolences to all.
Ron Pitz and family

Ronald Pitz - February 24, 2014 at 01:13 PM

KH

Thanks Ron, I can't tell you how much it touched me to hear from you. In cleaning at Dad's I ran across a recent Christmas photo you sent to him and it was nice to know that you stayed in touch. Karen

Karen Handell - February 24, 2014 at 01:21 PM

 Kathy Smith

Ron thank you for sharing those memories with us. It means a lot.

Kathy Smith - February 24, 2014 at 07:25 PM

KP

Thanks so much, Ron, for your sympathies and thoughts. I had forgotten about Powers Lake episode until now. It is good to here from you. Sometime I would like to stop out and visit with you and your family. Take care and our sympathies toyou as well on the loss of your Godfather. He was a good one.

Ken Pitz - February 25, 2014 at 05:57 PM

TI

“ To Kenny and all the family, It was very sad to hear about the passing of Bob. He was a great man. I will never forget going to a new job at White Eagle Country Club, to find out he was superintendent of excavating, It was great to work with my uncle for a year. My thoughts and prayers to all of you Tim and Sue Zitt
Stockton Missouri

tim - February 23, 2014 at 07:48 AM

JA

We were deeply saddened to hear of Bob's death. He was a good friend and neighbor who always had a smile and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He loved to work around his yard and in his garden and he generously shared the "fruits of his labor" with us. Our afternoon get-togethers and occasional suppers were a time for making and sharing memories. He will be missed - the neighborhood will not be the same! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Tom and Judy Adams

Judy Adams - February 23, 2014 at 10:34 PM

 Kathy Smith

Thanks Tim and Sue for your kind words.

Kathy Smith - February 24, 2014 at 07:27 PM

 Kathy Smith

Judy & Tom

Thank you for watching over Dad for us and being such good neighbors and friends to him. I will always remember Tom telling Dr. Moore about how he saved Dad's life in the infamous toothpick incident. Dad laughed and laughed. When Tom was leaving he asked if we were going out for lunch and Dad said I'm taking my daughter not you. I think that was the last time he called me his daughter. Words can't express how much we all appreciate your friendship with Dad. The one name he could remember was Tom Adams!

Kathy Smith - February 24, 2014 at 07:35 PM

KP

Thanks, Tim and Sue, for your prayers. He loved his work and was quite proud of the neighborhoods he helped develop. Among my fondest memories were some the summers that I also got to spend working with him around Naperville. He sure could handle a road grader.

Ken Pitz - February 25, 2014 at 06:01 PM

KP

Thanks, Judy and Tom, for being such a great friend and neighbor to our dad. He loved you both immensely. When I would visit with him on the phone he always had a story of his latest escapade with you, Tom. The Dynamic Duo. God bless both of you and thanks again for your prayers.

Ken Pitz - February 25, 2014 at 06:04 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Robert L. Pitz.*



February 22, 2014 at 08:13 PM