



## Robert J. "Bob" Pranger

April 26, 1931 - August 20, 2017

Robert John \"Bob\" Pranger of Cadillac passed away peacefully August 20, 2017 at home surrounded by his family. He was 86.

Bob was born April 26, 1931 in Muskegon, Michigan to John and Erma Pranger. Bob briefly attended Michigan State University before serving as a Sargent in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. After serving his country he returned to Michigan State University and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture with a minor in Construction Management.

On September 30, 1952 in Cheyenne, Wyoming he married the love of his life former Rosemary A. Tillman to whom he was married for nearly 65 amazing years. Bob was an exceptional husband and father who set aside his own interests to invest time in those of his wife and children. A true renaissance man, Bob enjoyed gardening, wildlife, and exploring the outdoors with family. His beloved role of father and husband was matched by his love and affection for his dog, Winston.

In 1956 Bob and his wife, Rosemary, moved to Cadillac where he was employed at Erikson Flower Shop. In 1958 the family moved to Edmore, Michigan where he and Rosemary owned and operated their own floral shop and greenhouse. The family returned to Cadillac in 1964 for Bob to serve as

the Clinical Administrator of Medical Arts for 18 years. Bob was also admitted to and served as a member and Board examiner for the College of Clinical Administrators for over 50 years.

Beyond his family, Bob dedicated much of his time and energy to community service. He served on the Cadillac City Council from 1970-1976 and as Mayor of Cadillac from 1976-1979. He also served as President of the Lions Club of Edmore and President of the Rotary Club of Cadillac. Bob was also a member of the Christian Businessmen Association, Temple Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Cadillac.

Bob will be greatly missed by his Wife, Rosemary Pranger and their children, Shannon (Jim) Petaja of Williamsburg, Kelley (Mike) Hamlet of Lake Ann, Dr. Rory Pranger (Joyce Kopp) of Chicago, Shaunne (Bud) Solem of Traverse City, Shane (Barbara) Pranger of Hudsonville; grandchildren: Andrea (Brian), Meaghan (Adam), Shea, Casper (Jess), Andrea, Tec (Chelsea), Piper (Doug), McKrai, Teague, Rory, Michael (Angela), Amanda (Zack), and Alex; 19 great-grandchildren; and, a brother, Kenneth (Judy) Pranger of Muskegon.

On Sunday afternoon, Bob was reunited with his parents John and Erma Pranger; a sister, Carol Mae Auburn and a daughter-in-law, Katrina Kelly Pranger.

Memorial services will be held 10:00 AM Saturday, August 26, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Reverend Rich Langton officiating, with full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet with the family from 9:30 AM until the time of service. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

In honor of Bob, donations may be made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation and The Cadillac Area Backpack Program. An online guestbook is available at ww

[w.petersonfh.com](http://w.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

GS

“*Rosemary and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Brad and I were just talking about you two a couple days ago when you were telling him about Dean and my "courtship" and how I worked with you in Pediatrics. Bob's natural ability for beautiful flower arrangements. All good memories of a wonderful couple. God Bless you during this difficult time. Gerry Seger*

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**Gerry Seger** - August 30, 2017 at 07:49 AM

DH

“*My sincerest sympathies for your loss. My thoughts & prayers will be with all of you.*

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**Denise Hartsell** - August 28, 2017 at 11:23 PM

CM

“*I will be praying for you Sweet RoseMary, I'm so very sorry for your lose. May the Lord give you piece and only he can understand. God Bless Cheri*

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**Cheri (Dahlstrom) Matyjaszek** - August 24, 2017 at 09:09 PM

LL

“*Thoughts and prayers for all of you*

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**Lee Ann & Sandy LaBorde** - August 22, 2017 at 07:29 PM

JL

“ Remembering Bob and his family as we lived directly across the street for a few years when we were married in 1979. Polite, cordial and caring, he and his family were fine neighbors and well respected. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Jerry and Diane Leavell** - August 22, 2017 at 06:51 PM

LG

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you all.

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**Lisa Gage** - August 22, 2017 at 05:33 PM

JB

“ Thoughts and prayers for the whole Pranger family! Blast from the way back , I'm Roberta's daughter that lived at your house as a child. Thank you for all the memories!

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**Jody Baker** - August 22, 2017 at 05:29 PM

SP

“ I am so sorry for your loss sending hugs and prayers to the family .

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**Sara Podbilski** - August 22, 2017 at 08:41 AM

SK

“ So sorry to read of Bob's passing, what a great guy. What a world we live in today. Lynn and I are presently in The Baltic Sea and I saw this on my iPad. Through The Johnsons I got to know Bob and am thankful to have experienced Bob's special Sence of humor. We send our love to all of you as I know Susan will be there to meet Bob with our Lord. In Christ, Steve

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**Steve Kuhn** - August 22, 2017 at 05:30 AM

DB

“ No way can I adequately comment about this wonderful man. He enabled me to get my life in order when I was going thru a very difficult time and never asked for anything in return...my success was all he wanted. I will always be indebted to him. I love his family and have always been treated like one of them. RIP, Bob.

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**Daniel Brooks** - August 21, 2017 at 09:38 PM