



## Robert E. Diehl, Jr.

June 14, 1935 - October 17, 2012

Robert E. Diehl, Jr. of Cadillac passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 77.

Robert was born June 14, 1935 in Mark Center, Ohio. His parents were Robert and Marian (Allen) Diehl.

A 1953 graduate of Mark Center High School, he served three years, 1955-1958, with the United States Army 3rd Cavalry Regiment, which patrolled the East German and Czechoslovakian borders during the Cold War.

He married the former Rita Catherine Clemens on August 30, 1958 in Defiance, Ohio where he attended Defiance College and edited and renamed the school newspaper, The Defender. He was also co-creator and editor of the school literacy magazine, Progeny.

He began a newspaper career while in college what would extend some 40 years through publications in: Ohio, Michigan, California, Florida and Montana as a: writer, columnist, editor and publisher. He also served as an editorial consultant for Thomson Newspapers and posted in their Chicago and Kansas City offices, dealing with more than forty newspapers nationwide. Robert won several writing awards for his columns and features.

He was first wire editor, then sports editor for the Defiance Crescent news

during the 1960's. He was first editor of the Cadillac Evening News during the 1970's when the paper and its staff won several journalism awards.

Robert was the editor of the Escanaba Daily News during the late 70's and early 80's and it won first place general excellence and individual awards under his direction.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; three daughters, Debra (Scott) Maresh, Dawn Diehl all of Cadillac and Andrea (Garett) Bass of Lake Isabella, Michigan; four grandchildren: Sydney Maresh of Cadillac, Gage, Gabrielle and Grace all of Lake Isabella; two sisters, Sharon (Steve) Sierer of Oakwood, Ohio and Mary Ann Eck of Auburn, Indiana; a brother, Jim (Nancy) Diehl of Jacksonville, Florida and many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Bob was my first editor when I graduated from college and took a reporting job in Cadillac. He was so good that I ended up working for him again in Montana. I can still hear his voice and wonderful laugh. A good, kind man and a fine editor.

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**Brian Hlavaty** - February 15, 2019 at 08:07 PM

JG

“ Just seeing this obituary in 2018. I worked for him at the Cadillac MI News before I moved South. He offered me a newspaper job back, but I stayed South all these years. I had wanted to contact him to say Thank You. He was a very nice person and great colleague in the world of journalism. My condolences to his family and friends.

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**JoAnn Culver Gregory** - January 06, 2019 at 03:24 PM

CD

“ I am sorry for your loss. This family always been a great source of strength, resolve, and fortitude and it couldn't have been more apparent than with " Uncle Bob" . I have a great many memories of childhood trips to good ol' Hicksville, Ohio that I will always remember and forever appreciate. One's successes can be directly measured by the amount of people one had a positive influence on and in Uncle Bob's case, he led a very, very successful life. Rest easy...my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Chad Diehl** - November 05, 2012 at 02:08 PM

JK

“ Prayers for peace for Mr. Diehl and your entire family. I will always remember him with a smile on his face. I still remember him coming out to Mom and Dad's house to take my senior picture. Love you all!!

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**Julie Meyer Kisor** - November 01, 2012 at 12:44 PM

PS

“ I met Bob when he hired me to work in the newsroom of the Cadillac Evening News back in the late 70's. What a wonderful man! I have such good memories of him and the great group of people in the newsroom at that time. I'll never forget his kindness. I know you must have gobs of great memories. Embrace them and hold tight. My prayers are with you all.

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**Patti Swanson** - October 23, 2012 at 10:49 AM

DT

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Diehl family. It is never easy to have a loved one pass, and I'm sure many will come forward and offer a hug and a shoulder to cry on. May God bless you all during this difficult time.

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**David Tripp, Denton, TX** - October 21, 2012 at 06:11 PM

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“ Rita and Family,  
My family and I would like to offer our condolences about the death of Bob.

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**Colleen Farrell-Vliet** - October 20, 2012 at 02:52 PM

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ST

“ *I hope the many years of happy memories will help you through this  
difficult time.*

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**Sherie Tuttle** - October 19, 2012 at 02:43 PM

TB

“ *We have so many nice memories of our times together, and we'  
ll cherish them always. We will miss you.*

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**Tom and Sally Banwarth** - October 19, 2012 at 01:36 PM