



## Charles R. "Bob" Van Dyke

July 31, 1923 - October 22, 2019

MORTON – Charles R. “Bob” Van Dyke, 96, of Morton, passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at Villas of Holly Brook in Pekin.

Bob was born on July 31, 1923, in Cooksville, Ill., to Charles Roy and Mildred (Fossett) Van Dyke. He married Mary Taylor on October 6, 1946, in Los Angeles, Calif. They recently celebrated their 75th Anniversary. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Bruce Van Dyke of Pekin, and Tamela (Curt) Gleichman of Bartonville; four grandchildren, Eric (Cassie) Teddy of Arlington, Texas, Ryan (Angelica) Van Dyke of Naperville, Ill., Amy (Quinn) Headington of Mooresville, N.C., and Amanda Van Dyke of Manito; seven great-grandchildren; and two siblings, Frank (Micki) Van Dyke of Atlanta, Ga., and Donna Fogal of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy; and two siblings, Lois Wilson and Gordon Van Dyke.

Bob was in the US Army from March 8, 1943 to February 6, 1946. He served in WWII and spent two years in the European Theater, receiving the Bronze Star medal, among others. He attended Illinois State University from 1946-1950. He taught at Octavia High School and then worked for Shell Oil Co. from 1952-1982. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling in his RV.

Bob was a member of the American Legion and Shriners.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton, with Pastor Gary Salm officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., prior to the service, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memory Gardens in Morton.

Memorials may be made to Shriner’s Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438.

# Cemetery

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**Hillcrest Memory  
Gardens**  
21925 Washington Road  
Morton, IL,

# Events

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<b>OCT</b>	<b>Visitation</b>	10:00AM - 11:00AM
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	Knapp - Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center 140 S. Detroit Ave., Morton, IL, US, 61550	

# Comments

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“ Tom D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Van Dyke.



Tom D. - October 25 at 01:19 AM

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“ Bob and Connie were our very close neighbors in Morton for about 15 years, and Bob and I became very close. We would stand in the back yard and talk politics and other useless stuff. I so enjoyed his company. He taught me so much about life....."Every day is a bonus".....make it count..... We are so lucky in the country - so many others have it much more difficult than we do. Be grateful.

He told me about his RV days. How lucky he was to have Connie. How difficult it was to lose a daughter. His experiences during the war - good ones, bad ones, and like Bob could always find, the humorous ones.....

I know it was very difficult for him to see the last several years, and he had a horrible fall (I can't remember when exactly.) - - - - - but he showed me the "power of the human spirit....." If you decide to enjoy life, you will.....

Thanks Bob - I was so lucky to have known you.

Tom Dougherty

Tom S Dougherty - October 25 at 01:09 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Van Dyke.



October 24 at 08:21 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Van Dyke.



October 24 at 06:35 PM

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“ I will always remember his smile as to me he was always smiling. “Every day is a bonus” was a phrase I heard on a regular basis as my dad Franklin Van Dyke use to like to quote his brother Bob. My prayers, love and condolences are with the whole family.

Kimberly Thomas - October 24 at 01:48 PM

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“ "Uncle Bob" was one of those few who at any age growing up made a family visit feel special. He was my favorite and I can't remember a moment he didn't light up a room with a smile. A lesson for us all!

Dennis Van Dyke (son of Franklin in Florida)

Dennis Van Dyke - October 24 at 09:50 AM

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“ Bob was my father n law for several years. He was always full of Love and Laughter. I enjoyed hearing his stories and of course all of his jokes. I also loved our Cardinal Cub rivalry...His love of life was infectious. Bruce I am extremely sorry for your loss. I love you Always . Please send my condolences to your beautiful mother, and the entire family. May you find comfort and peace knowing that your dad is in heaven where "Everyday is a Bonus!!.



Lynn C VanDyke - October 24 at 08:52 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Van Dyke.



October 23 at 06:57 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Van Dyke.



October 23 at 06:16 PM

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“ Bruce and family, we are sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



**Dave and Shannon Calvert** - October 23 at 05:52 PM

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“ Bob was the best neighbor in the world! He was so much fun, so helpful, and the best Cub fan ever! He was a positive influence on everyone he came in contact with, and we loved having him as a friend, along with Connie, and the whole family. Thank you Bob, for being the best of the best! May God's blessings surround you to forever and back! I know you will bring extra joy to the streets of heaven! <3

**Nancy Roggy** - October 23 at 05:47 PM

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“ Bob was more than just my "big brother." He was my mentor. It was him that convinced me to join the Army in 1952 during the Korean war, so when I came home I could attend college using the GI bill that helped with tuition, books, etc. It was he who convinced me to apply for a job with an oil company....I did....Texaco and worked there for my entire career. He worked for Shell...but because of their nepotism policy, I couldn't. From brother Bob, I learned what a positive attitude is all about and how it can benefit your life. His favorite saying was, "Another day, another bonus!" Yes, death may have taken his body, but God takes his soul. Our minds will forever hold our memories...and most important, our faith let's us know that we will meet again. So brother Bob, farewell for now, but save us all a seat...we all will be there in time.

Frank and Micki Van Dyke

**Frank Van Dyke** - October 23 at 04:26 PM