



Robert "Bob" Lee Burkman

April 11, 1922 - September 30, 2017

World War II Veteran, Robert "Bob" Lee Burkman, age 95, of Albia, passed away Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Bob was born on April 11, 1922, to Richard and Grace (Schwartz) Burkman in Hamilton, Marion County, Iowa. When he was 11, the family moved to Albia where he has resided the majority of his life. He married Kathryn Ann Seibert on October 3, 1942, and they were blessed with 5 children. Upon graduating from Albia High School, Bob joined the U.S. Army in January 1943, reported to Camp Dodge Induction Center, and was assigned to the 527th Engineer Company at Camp Swift in Texas. He attended Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at University of Arkansas, where he was awarded the good conduct medal for the year. After a time at Camp Maxey in Paris, Texas, the 324th Engineer BN was sent overseas to the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre where he served in the Battle of the Bulge. On December 24, 1944, he left his combat group with frozen feet and spent 2 months in the hospital in England. He was then assigned to the Air Corp in England and returned home in December 1945.

During his 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service, he worked in the mail on trains, highway post office and in the Des Moines post office. Upon his retirement in 1977, he and his wife moved back "home" to Albia. While living in Des Moines, Bob and Kay along with their daughter, Nancy, owned "Family

Affair Ceramics” traveling the state participating in craft shows.

Bob was active in his church, Trinity United Methodist, and served on the Hospice Board as well as assisted clients. He recently received his 70 year membership certificate from the American Legion Post 136, and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and National Association of Retired Disabled Veterans of America. Bob enjoyed being a Boy Scout leader and helping with youth programs. He was always quick to help others, both family and friends, when they needed help with a project or they celebrated important occasions in their lives. He was recently honored, by his family, with the State Flag of Michigan at the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

Bob is survived by his wife of nearly 75 years, Kathryn of Albia; and 4 children, Nancy Newcomb of Des Moines, Rita (Bill) Henderson of Greentop, MO, Roger (Sue) Burkman of Dexter, and Mark (Kathleen) Burkman of Cedar Rapids. He is also survived by one daughter-in-law, Catherine Ann Burkman of Albia, 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Grace; one brother, Paul; a son, Richard; 2 granddaughters; a great-grandson; and a son-in-law.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017, (Bob and Kathryn’s 75th wedding anniversary) at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia and Melrose will follow the service at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2017, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Bob’s family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument, Trinity United Methodist Church, or donor's choice and may be directed to the Tharp Funeral Home at 116 Benton Ave. West, Albia, Iowa 52531.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Lee Burkman*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Robert "Bob" Lee Burkman*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Rogger, So sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family.*
Jessica greubel

Jessica Greubel - October 03, 2017 at 07:53 PM



“ *Nancy, I am so sorry for your lost. Your loss is great but your memories are greater.*

linda mann - October 02, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOST, PRAYERS AT THIS TIME FOR ALL THE BURKMAN FAMILY*

ED MCGINN - October 02, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Lee Burkman.



October 02, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I have enjoyed knowing Bob and Kathryn and their family the majority of my life and have lots of good memories of my time in Albia visiting with them. He contributed a lot to this country and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Johneta Goodwin

Johneta Goodwin - October 01, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ So sorry for your lost. Roger burkman. Rita henderson. You still at the PO

rita hebderon - October 01, 2017 at 12:02 PM



“ Thanks for your service Mr. B. So glad to have met you and your family! Will keep a close eye on your wife for you! Rest in peace my friend! Debra Jones RN

Debra Jones - October 01, 2017 at 10:26 AM

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“ *The Tuesday 9 to 5 work group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Lee Burkman.*



The Tuesday 9 to 5 work group - October 01, 2017 at 09:35 AM