



Robert Earle Palmatier

June 20, 1932 - March 15, 2009

Robert Earle Palmatier was born on June 20, 1932 in Buffalo, New York to Earl and Bertha (Walker) Palmatier. He grew up in the Buffalo area where he attended grade school and graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1950. Bob went on to study engineering at Syracuse University and Business at the University of Buffalo. As a young boy, Bob enjoyed airplanes, racing cars, tennis and playing the violin. He was a member of the civil air patrol. Bob served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, from 1952 to 1954 with 14 months in Korea.

Bob married Helen LaFleur on July 1, 1960 at the Kenmore United Methodist Church in Kenmore, New York and to this union three children were born: Robin, Robert and Cheryl. Bob and Helen raised their family in Tonawanda, New York until they moved to Elkhorn in 1976.

Bob worked at Dick's Flowers as a delivery man before going to work for Western Electric in Buffalo then transferring to Omaha and retiring in 1987 after 25 years. He has been active in Elkhorn Hills United Methodist Church since its early days and kept the church books for many years. Bob enjoyed NASCAR, woodworking, handy man chores, car repair, snowmobiling and camping. He was skilled enough to finish the entire basement in the family home by himself. Bob was a quiet studious man who enjoyed just puttering.

Bob passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at the Life Care Center of Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 23 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Earl and Bertha; Bob is survived by his wife Helen of Elkhorn, Nebraska; daughters and sons-in-law Robin and Paul Gornell of Omaha, Nebraska and Cheryl and Craig Johnson of Phoenix, Arizona; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Johnna Palmatier of Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren; sister Joan Penther of France; stepsons Keith Burley, Randall Burley and Michael Burley all of Buffalo, New York.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Earle Palmatier*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dear Helen and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you today. I was just contacted by several members of Elkhorn Hills to share the news about Bob's death. I cannot say enough good things about Bob and what he did for the church during my time there. I could always count on Bob for what ever needed to be done and I always enjoyed sitting down for some of the talks we had together. May God's blessings be with you all.*

Rev. Bill Ritter - March 19, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ *Dear Helen, Robin and Paul,
Paulette called and told me about Bob's death. I'm so sorry, and my prayers are with your family. I have so many good memories of all of you, and will always cherish our friendships. I enjoyed seeing you in the clinic and really appreciated you all. You have my sympathy and prayers.
In Christ's love,
Jody Pedersen*

Jody Pedersen - March 18, 2009 at 10:17 AM

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“ When a loved one dies, it causes us so much sorrow. It is my hope as a volunteer to bring to the family a comforting thought. In the Bible book of Job there is a beautiful comparison of a tree that gets cut down yet sprouts again, to a man who gets 'cut down' by death yet will be brought back to life. It says at Job 14:7,14,15: "For there exists hope for even a tree. If it gets cut down, it will even sprout again... If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?... You (God) will call and I myself shall answer you. For the works of your hands you will have a yearning." Yes, the Creator longs to bring back to life those who have died. What a wonderful promise and sure future for those asleep in death. Please accept our deepest sympathy and we hope you find comfort in this time of loss.

Jackief - March 17, 2009 at 10:08 AM