



Robert Stachel

June 27, 1924 - May 3, 2016

Age 91.

Beloved husband of Anne for 70 years and always.

Deeply loved father of Susan, Gary, the late Sandra and Debbie.

Admired grandfather of Christian and Brandon.

Cherished great grandfather of Eleanor.

Loving son of Aloys and Frances.

Dearest brother of Jacqueline Randolph.

Also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A true man of the Greatest Generation, Robert lived his life with integrity, honesty and compassion.

In his teens, he enlisted in the US Army Air Force and was promoted to Staff Sargeant. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group in England, fulfilling duties as a B-17 tail gunner. He flew 35 combat missions in

the European Theatre of Operations, including two D-Day missions over Normandy.

Upon leaving active duty with the highest honors, Robert built his career in Detroit's auto industry. He worked in engineering at the Hudson Motor Co. and later joined Ford Motor Co. in the metal stamping division. He managed a sizable team of designers while traveling for domestic and international assignments striving to improve on automotive design and safety.

Robert was always available in helping people however he best could and was greatly respected and admired by all who came to know him. His greatest joy was his family and he worked hard to provide for their growth and success. He enjoyed sharing jokes that could brighten another's day and quietly imparted gifts of wisdom through his words and actions. Robert was a great man and true life hero.

He believed in contributing toward the welfare of others, thus in lieu of flowers the family appreciates donations supporting organizations for disabled people and/or military veterans.

Please visit www.100thbg.com and search Stachel to read the historical diary of Robert and his crew.

Always and forever loved by his family.

Previous Events

Instate

MAY 7. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ Bob was family to me. Having known him for 50 years was like always coming together with a member of my family. One of my favorite recent memories was when he cooked for us on his then new Blackstone grill. Jovial and red from the sun he proudly and quite enthusiastically walked us through each step in the process of making us each our individual Cheesesteak Philly sandwiches. I was so impressed by how much enjoyment he was drawing from the experience that I took a few pictures of him as he cooked, laughed, and talked all at the same time. That was Bob. I'll always remember his laugh and how he made me feel like family.



Lydia Ging - August 07, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ Robert Stachel

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ Robert Stachel

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

TS

“ Pop, really going to miss you, one man that any son in law would be very proud to know. always quick to give his honest opinion, man of great integrity, a man of high family values. I know the lord is going to be grateful to have you. always will be in my heart. Love you Pop....

Tom Sheldon - May 07, 2016 at 06:28 AM

SM

“ Mrs. Stachel, Gary and family, please accept our heartfelt sympathy. It is uncanny how our fathers lives may have intertwined while in England. Mr. Stachel will always remain a man of our nations Greatest Generation. Blessing upon you all.
Sincerely, .scott Meyersieck

scott meyersieck - May 05, 2016 at 06:43 AM

DP

“ We knew Bob Stachel for many years. Nancy's parents Michael and Evelyn Vigilante, also knew and liked him. We enjoyed his World War 2 stories and had a great time at his 90th birthday party. It is because of men like him that we are all free today. We will all miss hoping. Our most sincere condolences to Bob's family. May the Lord grant him eternal rest. Doug, Nancy and Michelle Piazza 5-4-2016

Douglas Piazza - May 04, 2016 at 09:15 PM

DP

The line should read: "We will all miss him a lot."

Douglas Piazza - May 04, 2016 at 09:16 PM

TG

Bob Stachel was family, and a fine man. I have many warm and wonderful memories of him. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Thomas Gladysz - May 06, 2016 at 11:23 PM