



Robert Ridgely

November 2, 1921 - January 23, 2011

ROBERT RIDGELY age 89 of Merrillville passed away with loved ones by his side at St. Marys Medical Center on January 23 2011. He was a lifelong resident of Gary and Merrillville IN. He was born on November 2 1921 to Judge C.V. and Bessie Maguire Ridgely. He attended Holy Angels School and graduated from Horace Mann High School and Indiana University School of Business. He was employed by Calumet Securities Corp. for 43 years having retired in 1994. A World War II Army veteran he served as a medic with the 339th Combat Engineers in New Guinea and the Philippines for 3 years and post-war was a Lieutenant with the 113th Engineering Division of the National Guard. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 57 years Jane and his children Patrick (Sharon) Ridgely MD of Minnetonka MN Timothy (Patty) Ridgely and grandsons Michael Ridgely and Jamey Mulligan step-granddaughter Tiffany Wentz and step-great grandson Parker Wentz of Seattle WA Brian Ridgely of Raleigh NC Kathy Ridgely Beal and grandchildren Andrew Alexandra and Christopher Beal of Rowley MA sister Margaret (late George) Ridgely Dalby and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Terrence Ridgely of Wales United Kingdom his parents Judge C.V and Bessie Ridgely sister Mary (David) Ridgely Root Helen (James) Ridgely Lauerman brother William (Alice) Ridgely. He was a beloved husband and devoted father who loved his family and church. He was a voracious reader and avid traveler. Always ready with a smile or a joke Bob was known for his wonderful sense of humor which brightened the lives of

those around him. He was a member of St. Joan of Arc parish in Merrillville and previously was a member of St. Marks and SS. Peter and Paul parishes. While at SS. Peter & Paul he was on the Parish Council and a member of the Andrean Foundation. Family and friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service (6360 Broadway Merrillville) on Wednesday from 3-7 P.M. with a prayer service at 4:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held Thursday January 27 2011 at 9:30 A.M. from Pruzin Brothers Chapel and 10:00 A.M. from St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (200 E. 78th Ave. Merrillville) with Rev. Roy Beeching officiating. At rest Calumet Park Cemetery Merrillville. Donations may be made to the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls at www.mercyhome.org or to a charity of your choice. He fought the fight lived the faith and will be dearly missed by many.

Tribute Wall

PG

“ Dear Mrs Ridgley and Pat My deepest sympathies on the loss of your husband and father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Patti Gornick-McLaughlin - January 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Of course we remember Mr. Ridgley's GREAT sense of humor. We feel honored to have known him. Sincere sympathy to the entire family.

Barb & Joe Chester - January 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Our sympathies go out to all of the Ridgely family for your loss.

Pat & Pat Shields - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Kathy I was so sorry to hear about your dad -- please know that my thoughts are with you.

Stefanie Cloutier - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ My first memories of Uncle Bob involved talking about basketball. He really liked it and he sort of got me to start being interested in it too. Bob Knight was one of his favorite coaches as I remember him saying so. I will miss his humor as well. He always had a joke to tell. Rest in Peace Uncle Bob.

Jonathan Knobloch - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IN

“ Pat Our condolences to you and you family. Ingrid & Chris

Ingrid Novodvorsky - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To my dear friend Kathy and her family...you are in my prayers and I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort and keep all of you now and in the days ahead.

Doreen Preville - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ VI WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. SINCERELY ELAINE AND ED SHERMAN

Elaine & Ed Sherman - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ My deepest sympathies to Jane Kathy and the Ridgely family! My prayers and thought are with you!

Richard Weiner - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ It is with Great Sorrow that my friendship with Mr.Ridgely has come to an end. He was a GRATE (that was his way of spelling it to me when I would ask How are you today?). Always smiling always joking and always welcoming.It has been an absolute pleasure to have known him and Mrs. Ridgely my whole life and especially over the last few years. My Heart goes out to Mrs.Ridgely who was Always at his side. My Deepest Condolences to All of the Ridgely Family. God Speed to him May he rest in peace he will not be forgotten. With Deepest Sympathy Bill VanCleaf Jr.

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MG

“ My deepest sympanthy to the entire Ridgley Family. I have many wonderful and warm memories of Mr. Ridgely during my days at Andrean. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. With love Mary Ann Plucinik Gee AHS75

Mary Ann Plucinik Gee - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Pat and the Ridgely family My condolences on the loss of your father. Chris

Chris Johnson - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Kathy my love and prayers to all of you. You are an exceptional family and I have come to like and admire all of you. Remember the good and loving times you had together and let them comfort you in the days ahead.

Ed Moran - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Patrick Steve and I extend our sympathy for the loss of your father. It sounds like he had an interesting life. Mary

Mary & Steve York - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am going to miss Uncle Bob I always enjoyed his visits to Texas and he always made me smile with his jokes. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.

Jennifer Knobloch - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Hi Pat I wanted to express my sympathy for your dads loss. Losing a parent has to be one of the most devastating and lonely feeling I wish you all the strength in the world. From what you have said in the past your dad lived a content happy peaceful and healthy life which is more than most can ask for. I like the way Steve Jobs put it in his address at Stanford University in 2005 Death is the destination we all share no one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be because death is very likely the single best invention of life I wish you and your family all the best during this difficult period. Your family is in my prayers and thoughts. Respectfully Ashita

Ashita Schafer - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Acts 24:15 give you hope and comfort.

Barb & Tom Layton - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Aunt Vi Pat Tim Brian and Kathleen: Our deepest sympathies and prayers to you all. Uncle Bob was truly such a wonderful man who had a kind word for everyone. He made everyone feel important and loved! We will miss him. Love Julie Forrest and Family

Julie Haney - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Extending deepest sympathy on your loss and raising prayers for comfort and peace in this time of remembering and celebrating the life of a remarkable man.

Denny Whiteside - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM