



## Robert E Levitt

March 27, 1926 - December 5, 2020

Princeton - Robert E. Levitt "Bob" was 94 born in Effingham, IL. He was the son of Mary (Harris) and Roy Levitt. Bob was a devoted Husband, loving Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. Bob passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2020 as a patient of Vitas Hospice, at Liberty Village in Princeton, IL among caring nurses and aides.

Bob attended a Parochial School then at age 16, he joined the Navy as a Fireman First Class during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Bob married the love of his life, Jeannine L. (Casper) Levitt, on October 11, 1947 in Kankakee, IL. They were happily married for almost 54 yrs.

He was a butcher by trade at grocery stores, Walnut Locker and Wyonet Locker. Bob and Jeannine owned a small grocery/grill in Princeton. They were members of St. Louis Catholic Church, where Bob especially enjoyed being their school custodian. He touched the hearts of many children (and adults) playing the Easter Bunny, Santa at movies, Liberty Village and especially at his son, Father Don's, masses. Bob loved to bowl and lived to play golf with friends and family, (making at least 2 hole-in-ones). He actually did virtual golf arranged by Vitas Hospice at age 92. He was an avid football and baseball fan.

Bob is survived by his 5 children: Bob (Barb) Levitt of Williams Bay, WI, Jerry

(Nancy) Levitt of Wellsville, NY, Debbie (Gary) Fritz of McFarland, WI, Father Don Levitt of Moline, IL, Mary (Pat) Cooney of Ohio, IL; 7 Grand-children: Sean (Shannon) Levitt of Lake Geneva, WI, Amber (Jesse) Medina of Sun Prairie, WI, Tessa Schmidt of Wellsville, NY, Trever (Lori) Levitt of Wellsville, NY, Ryan (Erin) Fritz of Sun Prairie, WI, Tyler (Jamie) Cooney of Princeton, IL, Brady (Montana) of Harmon, IL; 13 Great-Grandchildren Olivia and Logan Levitt, Taylor and Elijah Schmidt, Morgan Levitt, Chayce and Rylie Fritz, Mason and Joclyn Cooney, Brooklyn and Aisha Cooney.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Jeannine (Casper) Levitt, his parents, Roy and Mary Levitt, one Brother, Bernard Levitt, and one sister, Leona (Levitt) Dust.

Thank you to all of his caring neighbors and friends through the years. Vitas Hospice Peru, Liberty Village Nurses, Social workers, aids and staff, American Legion Auxillary, St. Louis Catholic Church and Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

A Private Family Funeral, celebrating the life of Bob Levitt, will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Princeton, IL. (Social distancing and Masks required) Father Don Levitt (Bob's Son) will be officiating. Followed by graveside services at Elm Lawn Memorial Park, Princeton, IL. Military rites accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Peru Vitas Hospice, St. Louis Catholic Church, Princeton, IL for masses, The American Legion or a charity of your choice.

Online memorials and condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.



# Cemetery Details

## Elm Lawn Cemetery

N Knox St.  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Previous Events

## Mass

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton  
616 S Gosse Blvd  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Graveside Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Elm Lawn Cemetery  
N Knox St.  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ So sad to hear of Bob's passing. So many good memories of bowling with Bob! He made each night fun from his jokes and kidding around, to little "acts" on the lanes. He enjoyed everyone and was very caring. I enjoyed seeing him every week. He was also one of my Fathers(Chuck Putts) favorites. Lots of fun times. Rest in peace Bob!

-Matt Putts

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**Matt Putts** - December 15, 2020 at 09:51 AM

LS

“ Lots and lots of great memories have been shared with Mr. Levitt!!! From bowling on different leagues with Bob, to golfing at numerous local golf courses, he was always gracious to let us win....( Lol ). Seems like no matter what idea was ever suggested, he'd say, "that sounds like a pregnant idea....! He had the biggest heart ❤️ of anyone we've ever known, esp at Christmas time!!!! Rest In Peace, till we meet again!!

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**les saal** - December 14, 2020 at 11:59 AM

RS

“ Debbie & Gary, Ryan & Erin, Chayce & Rylie,  
Today is your day of sadness & joy. Family members will share memories with tears and smiles. Look around you!  
Your dad may not be physically present but he lives on, through ALL of YOU. God is Good.  
With loving thoughts, Roger and Vicky Schultz

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**Roger and Vicky Schultz** - December 14, 2020 at 11:27 AM

CR

“ *Father Don and family our sincere prayers to you and your family In the loss of your father, Eternal rest unto his soul.*

Colin and Barbara Robaczewski - December 13, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert E Levitt.*



December 12, 2020 at 06:55 PM

MH

“ *Prayers and sympathy to the family for the loss of your loved one Bob. I had that privilege of taking Holy Communion to Bob on several occasions at Liberty Village. He was always most gracious and always had a smile and a hug when greeted. Many times he would mention Father Don and other family members and how he loved them. May you Rest In Peace Bob Levitt 🙏❤️🙏  
Mary Harmon*

Mary Harmon - December 12, 2020 at 12:28 PM

BL

“Dad it always about this time every year when I remember the Christmas in laSalle when we were living in the big house next to the factory. I wanted a pair of white handled 45 toy pistols. I was about 8-10 years old and at that time didn't realize there was no way our family could afford such an extravagant give all I knew is I never wanted anything more than those pistols. Mom tried to prepare me for Christmas morning telling me Santa was probably not going to get me the pistol but I still wanted them. On Christmas morning all us kids were opening presents but know pistols. I know I must have had a very sad face. After everyone was done Dad disappeared and shortly returned with a box for me. I tore of the paper and there they were, my prized pistols. Through the years it still remains one of the best Christmas gifts I ever got. Dad thanks for the pistols but more than that Thanks for being a great father all your life. I know you are with Mom right now and your happy once again.

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**bob levitt** - December 12, 2020 at 10:33 AM

MC

*beautiful. cherish those memories*

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**mary cooney** - December 12, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JZ

“The Zeitler Family sends out our deepest sympathy and prayers for Father Don and his family through this most difficult time 🙏🙏

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**Joel and Renae Zeitler** - December 11, 2020 at 10:55 AM

RT

“ *My prayers are with you all and for the beautiful Soul of Bob Levitt. I had the pleasure of taking Holy Communion to Bob at Liberty for many years. He always had the biggest smile and the most pleasant and cheerful conversations. I always got a big hug, he made me and so many other feel so loved and appreciated. I always called him Father Bob, knowing that he was the father of a Father. What a wonderful man! Eternal rest grant him oh Lord. Rita Tracey*

Rita Tracey - December 10, 2020 at 09:51 PM

CH

“ *Dear Father Don, So sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Mitch and Cathy Harness*



Cathy Harness - December 10, 2020 at 08:08 PM

JK

“ *Father Don, Thinking of you at this sad time of the loss of your Dad, and offering my sympathy and prayers to you and the extended Levitt family. I know you take great comfort in your deep faith and the special memories of the full life Robert lived, including the joy of watching Robert interact with children as the Easter Bunny at your Masses over the years. He will be remembered with Mass intentions at Christ the King church.*



John T. Kustes - December 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

RA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Father Don. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss.  
*Jim and Maritta*



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**rita anderson** - December 09, 2020 at 03:09 PM

RH

“ Deepest sympathy to Fr Don and the family. I remember Bob as always smiling and happy and a great Easter bunny and Santa visiting Christ the King. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

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**Ruth Hirtz** - December 09, 2020 at 12:56 PM

JG

“ My thoughts will be with Bobs family. For so many years Bob & Jeannine were neighbors in our little 'hood'. I would see him at the golf course and/or bowling alley. Every time I think of Bob, I smile. He had such a wonderful smile and warmth.

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**Joy Gustafson** - December 08, 2020 at 10:58 PM