

Robert Pataconi-Rehner

April 23, 1925 - October 6, 2021

Robert Pataconi-Rehner, 96, of Bloomfield passed away Wednesday October 6, 2021 at home.

Born April 23, 1925 in Iron Mountain, Michigan the son of Alessandro and Giovanna (Giovannotti) Pataconi.

Bobby was an accomplished artist, a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, co-founder and board member of the Shawnee Theater, a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church and American Legion Post # 196.

Surviving relatives include his children, Michelle Bensman (Angie Kirts), Ed (Marie) Bensman, his two granddaughters, Julia and Maclaine and his niece, Rosemarie (Leonard) Meyer.

Bobby was preceded in death by his wife Maryann on January 22, 2015; three brothers: Rudolph, William, and Joseph, three sisters: Minnie, Elda and Yolanda and his parents.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00a.m. on Saturday October 23rd, 2021 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bloomfield with Father Ackerman officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Cemetery in Bloomfield.

The family wishes any memorial donations be made to the Shawnee Theater in Robert's name.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

N. Washington Street
Bloomfield, IN 47424

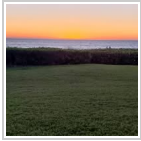
Previous Events

Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name Catholic Church
700 Lincoln Drive
Bloomfield, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Bob will be missed. He came to Bradfields every spring for flowers. Always a smile on his face. And so talented in many ways. He was a special person.*

Connie Hawkins - October 23, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *My Uncle Bobby was my favorite, having so much to reminiscence. When I was a child I would sit on his lap talking and laughing at the silliest things. I was amazed at his handmade puppetry performances. It was always a joy to visit him at Valhalla with a wheel of Frigo cheese, later with Maryann and him on Laura Lane with homemade pasties, biscotti and lots of chocolate, being entertained at times at Shawnee Theater. Most of all was writing with Uncle, Maryann, my husband and myself " The Unknown Artist, " an autobiography of Robert Pataconi Rehner with over two hundred paintings and family history. He inspired so many and touched even more with his generous and fun personality, loving nature, faith, talent, and support. I was blessed to have my Uncle a vital part of my life . I love you, Your niece Rose*

Rosemarie (Rose) his neice - October 16, 2021 at 06:44 PM

KM

“ My condolences to his family. I was a Shawnee Theatre Company member for 6 years and counted Reb, Frank, and Bobby among my closest friends. Bobby was one of the kindest people I've ever known. He was an incredibly talented artist who created not only beautiful paintings but turned his farm named Valhalla into a masterpiece. I remember going to visit in early summer one year, Bobby was so excited to show me the work he had done in the living room over the winter. He had spent the winter laying on rolling scaffolding and carving a vine of roses in plaster into the ceiling around the perimeter of the room. It was gorgeous, just like the rest of the home and grounds he spent so many years perfecting. We kept in touch over the years and I will miss him. Our world is so much better off because of him.

Kim Moon - October 16, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ Bobby was working at Shawnee Theatre when I was a young actor there and his painting of the sets was always amazing. In fact, he also painted a portrait of me that was needed for one of the shows. I'm so glad I was able to know his artistry!

Wil Kilroy - October 15, 2021 at 05:46 PM

JU

“ I had the privilege to know Robert and Maryann over the years and calling them my friends. He was a very talented artist that donated paintings to the hospital and he was a extremely pleasant guy to know.

Jonas Uland - October 14, 2021 at 08:42 AM

BA

“ Bobby and Maryann were dear friends of mine, we had alot of memories and laughs together. I am thankful our paths crossed in life, what a blessing.

Barbara Abrams - October 14, 2021 at 08:41 AM

MB

How are you doing Barbara I hope well this is Michelle Marianne's daughter

Michelle Bensman - October 16, 2021 at 03:34 PM

BA

Thank you for asking I am busy, work all the time but have been blessed with health, hope all is well with you

Barbara Abrams - October 18, 2021 at 08:01 AM

SC

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. We will remember him, he always came in the LiteHouse Lunchbox to order lunch and cheesecakes. He was a very sweet & kind gentlemen. Sherry & Sara Cohen

Sherry cohen - October 13, 2021 at 10:31 PM

BW

“ Betty Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Pataconi-Rehner



Betty Wallace - October 13, 2021 at 04:42 PM

BW

Bobby was a very kind and caring man to everyone he met. A talented artist and a gentle soul. He will be missed!

Betty Wallace - October 13, 2021 at 04:45 PM

RL

“ *I remember Richard for his friendship and smile. He was a pleasure to know. Special thanks for his art talent, and the beautiful painting he gifted to the Presbyterian Church while I was Pastor there.*
Rev. Robert Lorimer

Rev Robert Lorimer - October 12, 2021 at 11:44 PM

BS

“ *Such a nice person, always a smile. I really enjoyed Shawnee, seeing the plays, ushering at the theater, and viewing the artwork. Shawnee is such a legacy!*

BRENDA G STRANGE - October 12, 2021 at 10:31 AM

BA

Bobby and Maryann were dear friends of mine, we had alot of memories and laughs together what a blessing in my life for our paths to have crossed

Barbara Abrams - October 12, 2021 at 02:41 PM