

## Robert E. Gernand

November 5, 1926 - May 26, 2019

Robert E. Gernand, age 92, of Huntington, died at 9:43 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at Heritage Pointe of Huntington.

Visitation will be from 6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 648 North LaFontaine Street, Huntington, with Rev. Timothy Lorenz officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in St. Paul's County Line Cemetery in Huntington County with military graveside rites performed by VFW Post #2689 of Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to Lutheran Heritage Foundation, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Bob was born on November 5, 1926 in Fort Wayne, the son of W.J. and Lucy (Strieter) Gernand. He graduated from Fort Wayne South Side High School, where he was later inducted into the Hall of Fame for football and track. Bob graduated from Michigan State University in 1948 and went on to earn a Master's degree in Guidance. He served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War and received the Commendation Medal with Combat V Device for Valor. He married Velma Jean Goebel on July 6, 1958 and taught math at South Side High School for 35 years. He also

coached football and track and was assistant basketball coach. Bob was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington for many years and served on the Board of Trustees; he was also a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He had a keen interest in local history, collected classical music, tended to his large flock of sheep, and enjoyed college sports, especially Michigan State. He also loved to read.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Jean Gernand of Huntington, sons John Gernand of Manhattan, New York and James William (Karen) Gernand of Redwood City, California, a daughter, Caroline (Michael) Runyan of Huntington, a brother, Herbert Gernand of Thailand, and grandchildren Steffen Gernand, Elsa Gernand, Carrie Runyan, and Luke Runyan. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers William Gernand and Martin Gernand, and a sister, Eleanor Rodenbeck.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert E. Gernand



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 04, 2019 at 08:23 AM

AW

“ Sincere sympathy to the Gernand family. He was a nice man, and we thought highly of him and think dearly of his wife Jean. Loving family. Prayers for comfort. Dave and Ann Wasmuth

Ann Wasmuth - June 05, 2019 at 07:07 PM

LN

“ Uncle Rob was such an amazing uncle to us. He was always very enthusiastic and willing to share his thoughts and experiences with us. We looked forward to going out to his farm and seeing his horses and sheep and know he was such a hard worker that he set a good example for us. We will miss sitting across the table from him and hearing about his life. With love. Your NaThalang nephews and our families

Luke and Vicki NaThalang - June 04, 2019 at 06:16 PM

SB

“ Steve & I are very sorry of Bob's passing! Your family will be in our prayers in the days ahead.

Steve and Ramonda Bickel - June 04, 2019 at 03:03 PM

CG

“ Sorry to here about Bob’s passing. Your are in my thoughts and prayers.

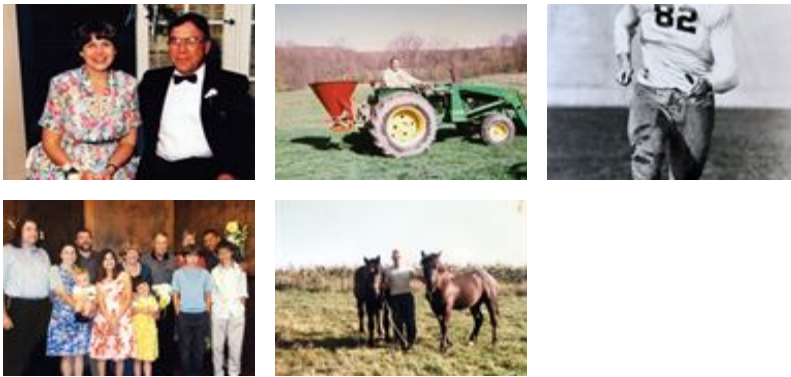
*Carolyn Goebel (Rod’s wife).*

---

**carolyn Goebel** - June 04, 2019 at 12:33 PM

BL

“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



---

**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - June 04, 2019 at 07:22 AM

BS

“ *Comforting words at this time in one's life are sometimes difficult to express. I believe that remembering the good and happy times together as a family are the best tribute to a loved one. Although I never had the opportunity to meet Robert, I do know that Jean is a caring, compassionate person and I am confident those same qualities were important to Robert and his family. So, celebrate his life with all the good memories.*

*Bob Stewart  
Fort Wayne*

---

**Bob Stewart** - June 03, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ Sorry to see Bob's passing. Jim: Thoughts and prayers with you and your family. Susan (Ervin) Meyer.

Susan Meyer - June 02, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ Randy Borskey lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Gernand



Randy Borskey - May 31, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Caroline Gernand-Runyan - May 30, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ Eric & Pamela Jaeger lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Gernand



Eric & Pamela Jaeger - May 30, 2019 at 08:08 PM

GD

“ So sorry to here this. Bob was a true friend and a role model to me. I absolutely loved hearing his stories so much that I could recite many of them. He gave a magnificent speech at my Dad's retirement dinner. I have a recording of it on a "78" record. I was so happy to be a part of "Bob Gernand Day" on his 92nd birthday.



George Davis - May 30, 2019 at 07:27 PM

MT

“ Melissa Thompson lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Gernand



Melissa Thompson - May 30, 2019 at 02:01 PM

JP

“ Janet Kennedy Powell lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Gernand



Janet Kennedy Powell - May 30, 2019 at 01:43 PM

NM

“ *Nancy L Mccoart lit a candle in memory of  
Robert E. Gernand*



---

**Nancy L Mccoart** - May 29, 2019 at 06:21 PM