



Robert Lyle Holmes was born on May 8, 1921, a son of William and Bertha (Zvorack) Holmes in Moorhead, MN. Bob was raised in Minot and graduated from Minot High School in 1939.

On April 28, 1942, Bob enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He proudly served his country as a machine gun crewman in the Asiatic Pacific area. He was honorably discharged on November 6, 1945.

On July 20, 1947, Bob married his one true love, June Balfour. They made their home in Minot where Bob worked as a Switchman and later as a Retarder Operator for the Great Northern Railroad/Burlington Northern Railroad, retiring in 1982. After his retirement Bob enjoyed serving as a Bailiff for the Ward County District Court.

Bob was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church; a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge, a member of the Masonic Lodge, Minot Shrine Club, and past president of the KEM Temple and a member of the Shrine Jesters. Bob was also a member of the American Legion, the VFW and Moose Lodge. Bob was a social member of the Minot Retriever Club.

**Bob's survivor family includes:**

Son Kim (Nancy) Holmes; two grandchildren Melissa Holmes and Tyler Holmes all of Minot: sisters in law; Alice Michaels, Minot; Audrey Balfour, Arizona; Mavis Holmes, Arizona; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Bob enjoyed life to the fullest every day. His joys in life were his family and his two grandchildren, Missy and Tyler. Bob valued his many friendships throughout the years and was passionate in serving the needs of children at the Shriner's Hospital through efforts of the Minot Shrine Club and the annual Shrine Circus.

Bob loved spending time with his family. His fondest memories were trips to the lake with Kim, Nancy, Missy and Tyler and spending time with Alice "Antie", Mark Michaels, Becky, Kara & Katie at their lake home in Minnesota; or poolside with Tom Michaels and family in Arizona.

Bob was a gentle, kind, caring man. The imprint Bob has left in the hearts of his family and friends is that of an amazing, remarkable man whose priceless gift of generosity and love will be remembered always.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife June, two sisters, Grace and Helen and two brothers Howard and Ray.

The family wished to thank all the physicians, nurses, pastoral care and all staff at Trinity Hospital and Trinity Homes for the immeasurable compassion and caring.

Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Psalm 30:5



Celebrating the Life  
Of  
Robert "Bob" Holmes  
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