



## Robert D. Eberhardt (Bob)

July 17, 2019

Born on July 13, 1931. Died Wednesday, July 17, 2019 shortly after his 88th birthday. Son of the late George & Elfrieda (nee Vollmann) Eberhardt. Husband of the late Sharon C. Eberhardt (nee Adams). Brother of the late Nancy Kotowski (nee Eberhardt). Brother-in-law of Dennis (Betteanne) Adams. Father of David (Lisa), John (Tina Hunter), Christi (Steve) Gagliano. Grandfather to Caitlin (Richard) Eaton, Sam Kavanaugh (Kara Penco), Sevdalin (Gabriela), Erich, Jasen, Melanie Hunter and Rachel Hunter. Great Grandfather to Annabella. Father-in-law to Mary (Joe) Porter, Cyndy (Charles) Spang and Randy Kavanaugh. Special friend of Lora and Jim Wacholz, Meghan Leja, Pat Krause and Janet Janisch.

Our family especially thanks Synergy HomeCare and their dedicated staff who cared for Bob in his last years. The extraordinary efforts, love and care of Synergy's workers allowed Bob to stay and pass away in the home he loved.

Bob was a graduate of Washington High (1949), UW-Madison (1953) and earned his MS from Marquette University (1961). Bob served state-side in the US Army Armored 6th Division during the Korean conflict and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. As such, Bob never considered himself a true veteran and would sarcastically quip that he had “bravely” served from behind a typewriter.

He worked as a chemist at Allis Chalmers, AO Smith and the George J. Meyer Company, relishing pompous titles such as Chief Master Chemist (even though he was the ONLY chemist).

Bob was hired in 1969 to be Milwaukee County's first Forensic Toxicologist. He established the office and laboratory, purchased all equipment and hired additional staff. Decades later, he helped relocate the office when the Medical Examiners office moved from the Safety Building to its current location on Highland Avenue. He was a member of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology. After retiring from the county, Bob worked as an independent consultant and served as an expert witness in many legal cases.

Bob taught "Hazardous Materials" evening courses at Milwaukee Area Technical college to numerous area fire fighters.

Bob collected clocks and watches, and loved going to auctions, especially sheriff's auctions. He was a frequent visitor to many clock shops and member of local watch clubs.

As a musician, Bob played double bass in the Washington High School Orchestra and tuba in Washington High School Band. He played bass with the Vince Petta Trio during the 50s through 60s. In the 70s through the 90s, Bob performed at hundreds of weddings and dinner clubs with Paul Erber & the Generation Gap. Bob and Sharon also used their musical talents to minister to the elderly in nursing homes, in addition to participating in the musical ministries of their church.

Bob and Sharon were loved members of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church where they served God through praise, music, devotion and charity.

Visitation Sunday, July 28 at Rozga-Walloch Chapel (4309 S. 20th St.) 4:00

PM to 6:30 PM followed by the Funeral Service at 6:30. Bob's life will be celebrated by Pastor Dan Czech.

Bob will appreciate continuation of his charity by memorial donations to Life Impact Ministries. The family can forward your donations to Pastor Dan.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

Theresa, WI, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - July 27, 2019 at 11:29 AM

HW

“ Hi David, John and Christi.....sorry learn of your loss..... Bjob was a really pleasant guy to be with. We spent almost 2 years together at Fort Leonard Wood. As I recall, he worked in Personnel while I worked at Classification & Assignment. We worked in differt locations, but lived in the same barracks.with another guy from Milwaukee named Bob Smith. I didn't know your Dad real well, but wellk enough to enjoy being with him. We were discharged the same day I think in August 1955. I had a car on Post and we drove home together. His tuba was in the back seat. Don't recall exactly where I dropped him off, but it was on the West side of town somewhere at an apartment building. Don't know if that was his pafrents' place or his and his wife's. I talked to Bob only once or twoce since then.....he remain4d a really pleasant guy to be with!

Hugo Wandt - July 26, 2019 at 05:31 PM



*I'm sorry this is so horribly late, but I happened to check this page! How sweet of you to write about my father and your memories of him. Thank you so much - he is truly missed. Christi*

**Christi Gagliano** - March 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM

SL

“ *Eberhardt Family;*

*We are sorry to read of Mr. Eberhardt's passing. We have many great memories of Troop #599 Scouting adventures with the whole Eberhardt family. He was a great leader and role model.*

*Steve, Scott, Mark Lovas*

**Steve Lovas** - July 24, 2019 at 11:49 PM

PK

“ *So sorry to hear about Bob, my Husband also played in Vince Petta's band. He was the drummer, Don Kihl. Don passed away Sept. 2nd 2018. I guess they can have their own band in Heaven Now. They are all there now. Pat Kihl, Mission, Texas*

**Patricia A. Kihl** - July 24, 2019 at 08:05 PM



*What a beautiful thought! I think it was too painful to visit this pain right after his death, but I'm enjoying these comments now. Thank you so much for writing!*

**Christi Gagliano** - March 01, 2024 at 03:10 PM

RE

“ Way back when, after graduating from high school and about to enter college, I had no idea what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. But after a visit with cousin Bob when he was "chief chemist" at George J. Meyer Co., I decided to become a chemist myself. I did, and it was one of the best decisions of my life. One other thing. When we were building our first house, I had need of an extension ladder to stain the cedar siding on our house. Didn't have to buy one - used cousin Bob's. We'll miss you "Cousin Bob," but you're in a better place.

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**Richard Eberhardt** - July 24, 2019 at 06:55 PM

ME

“ Matthew, Joyce, David and Richard Eberhardt purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert D. Eberhardt (Bob).



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**Matthew, Joyce, David and Richard Eberhardt** - July 24, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert D. Eberhardt (Bob).



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July 24, 2019 at 02:43 PM

ME

“ *Milena Elez lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Eberhardt (Bob)*



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**Milena Elez** - July 22, 2019 at 07:25 PM

RB

“ *We thank your family for your trust in our care for Bob. He was one of a kind and will be remembered fondly. Ruth Busalacchi and the team of SYNERGY HomeCare*

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**Ruth Busalacchi** - July 21, 2019 at 06:59 PM

JF

“ *Dave, John and Christi,  
So sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you!  
xo  
Jane Frank*

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**Jane M Frank** - July 20, 2019 at 10:22 PM



*Thank you sweetheart*

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**Christi Gagliano** - March 01, 2024 at 06:47 PM