



Robert Lee Sell

December 6, 2016

Sell, Robert Lee age 88, of Bloomington. Survived by loving wife of 62 years, Racine; brother, Glenn (Merrie) Sell; niece, Leslie (Brent) Arnold; great nephews, Izzy and Axel; great niece, Bella. US Navy Veteran. Retired longtime employee of Honeywell and devout member of Southtown Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. Memorial service Monday, Dec. 12, 11:00 AM at Southtown Baptist Church, 2600 W. 82nd St., Bloomington. Visitation 1/2 hour prior to service at the church. Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband, Skip, and I first Bob and Racine when we joined Southtown Baptist in early 1980. Bob was instrumental in our Christian growth and as a young deacon, my husband learned so much from Bob's leadership. We are saddened by our loss here on earth but very thankful that Bob is now in heaven. Our prayers are with the family, especially Racine, and the many, many friends Bob has.

Cathy Benton

former member of Southtown Baptist

Cathy Benton - December 12, 2016 at 12:06 PM

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“It’s with mixed emotions that I write about Bob; sad that he is no longer here, but as Pastor Chris stated when he announced Bob’s death in an email, I also have a grateful heart knowing Bob was called home to join my late wife, Arloueen, all other Southtowners, family and friends who went before him!

My current wife, Jan and I had a chance to pay Bob a visit this past Sunday and I was touched when Bob saw me and said very lovingly, “gosh, I missed you.” I shook his hand and said that I missed him too. That left me quite emotional and choked up. We went on to have a very nice visit talking on a wide variety of subjects. Bob was very sharp and attentive the entire time.

When Jan and I left after our visit, we both knew it wouldn’t be long now and Bob would be called home. We were SO glad we took the time to visit. Jan asked me to pray for Bob and I have to say that it was one of the most emotion -filled prayers I have ever lifted to the Lord – what a privilege to pray for and encourage Bob in his final hours! Thanks Jan for asking me to pray!

I have a couple special remembrances from knowing Bob over the years that I would like to share with you.

Bob and I were probably two of the biggest Univ of Minnesota hoops and football fans around! When my late wife, Arloueen and I were active members of ST, I looked forward to seeing Bob each Sunday and amongst other things we talked about, our short visits almost always involved talk on the current status of the Gopher basketball and football programs! Bob and I knew all the names of the current players, stars, coaches, etc and if anyone was around us while we were talking Gopher sports, they would think we were speaking a different language. Ha, we were. We were fluid in golden gopher speak! Even towards the end of our visit this past Sunday, Bob and I had a chance to rekindle our talk of the Gophers.

One other memory I would like to share of Bob was when I

separated from active duty with the Air Force in 1995 and my young family and I transferred back here from Shaw AFB in South Carolina. We settled into our new home in Richfield to start our new lives. We then searched around for a new church to get involved with and the Lord led us to Southtown. One visit was all it took when Bob and then pastor, John Tanner paid a visit to our Richfield home following a Southtown service. The whole time of the visit, Arloueen and I thought Bob was the pastor. Come to find out the following Sunday when John Tanner was preaching the message that we learned he was the pastor. I don't know it must have been the distinguished gray hair Bob had all the years I knew him....he just looked the part I guess! I shared this memory with Bob this past Sunday and he remembered it 21-years later! We both got a laugh out of that!

Mike McGuire

Mike McGuire - December 12, 2016 at 07:03 AM

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Mike, you were fortunate to know two of Southtown's saints...Bob and John. What a great story!

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