



Robert David Vandenberg

March 19, 2014

Vandenberg, Robert David At home, surrounded by loving family, Robert David Vandenberg left this earth to join the Lord in His Heavenly Kingdom. He will be missed by family members and his hundreds of friends and business associates whose lives he touched. Bob was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa on October 18, 1923 and grew up on a farm during the Great Depression. There he learned the value of hard work, persistence, and helping others. Bob never met a stranger. Every person he met was a friend. The day after Pearl Harbor, Bob enlisted in the army because he felt it was his duty to protect America. He became a Tec Sergeant in the Army Signal Corps in the 4025 Signal Service Division. He was a cryptographer in the South Pacific and during the Japanese occupation. During this time he was entrusted with protecting top secret government information. After World War II, he graduated from the University of Iowa in 1948 with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce. He was instrumental in building a new Methodist Church in Keokuk. He began his career in Keokuk, Iowa working for General Mills. He was transferred to General Mills Corporate Headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he worked for 38 years as the Corporate Safety Director. He was past president of the ASSE and was very proud of being appointed "Fellow" to the ASSE. While in Minnesota, Bob also taught Defensive Driving courses. He won the WCCO Good Neighbor Award in 1965, along with many other awards and titles for his devoted service over the years. Bob was devoted to the Lord, constantly giving sermons, teaching Sunday school and providing services for

nursing homes and rehab facilities. Bob was a charter member and active in the building of Pilgrim United Methodist Church. Bob was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. We are blessed that God gave us Bob for 90 years here on earth. He was a blessing in each life he touched. We praise our loving God that Bob is now in heaven with Him, reaping the rewards for all his good works on earth. Preceded in death by parents, John and Macil Vandenberg; brother, Raymond Vandenberg; nephew, Ronald Vandenberg; grandparents, and many aunts and uncles. Survived by loving wife of 66 years, Betty Muriel Wallingford Vandenberg; brother, Richard; children, Barbara (Lyle Klovstad), Doug (Cheryl), and Debbie (Dave) Czech; grandchildren, James and Jeremy Klovstad, Bob and Brent Vandenberg, Tina, Tony, and Travis Czech; great-grandchildren, Kiara, Brooke, Isabella, and Samantha Vandenberg and Colton Czech; devoted friend and companion, Maggie; nieces and nephews, and many other loving family members and friends. Private family interment at Gethsemane. Send memorials to Pilgrim United Methodist Church, 4325 Zachary Ln N., Minneapolis, MN 55442. Public Visitation for Bob is Friday, April 11 from 5:00-8:00 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Robbinsdale Chapel 763-537-2333 4239 West Broadway

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Debra Czech lit a candle in memory of Robert David Vandenberg*



Debra Czech - April 10, 2014 at 05:29 PM

DC

Dad I miss you everyday! Thank you for always being there for me. You are the greatest man I ever knew. I love you now and always.

Debra Czech - April 10, 2014 at 05:31 PM

LI

“ *Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you Betty and your entire family during this very difficult time. Bob was a truly wonderful man and I enjoyed the time I was privileged to spent with him and Betty. Bob and Betty's out look on life is a true inspiration to me, everyday was a beautiful day even on his worst day, same with Betty. I enjoyed Bob's stories and feel so grateful to have know him. Dear Betty my thought are with you and I pray you are finding comfort with your beautiful family and friends. My love is with you.*
Linda

Linda - April 07, 2014 at 12:58 PM

JC

“ *Jacque Connor lit a candle in memory of
Robert David Vandenberg* ”



Jacque Connor - March 21, 2014 at 09:31 AM