



Robert P. Biniek

May 5, 1918 - June 15, 2014

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1918-2014

Robert P. Biniek, 96, passed away on Sunday, June 15, surrounded by his loving family. Born in the small community of Avon, Minnesota, on May 5, 1918, Bob grew up on the family farm with his four brothers and two sisters. Bob served in the U.S. Army in World War II in the 145th Field Artillery Battalion. After basic training, he spent three years in the Pacific in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, the Mariana Islands, the Philippines, Okinawa and Korea. He was discharged in late 1945 and soon after decided to head west to California and find his faithful correspondent, Lois Melvin.

Bob secured a job at Mare Island Naval Shipyard and married Lois on July 6, 1946, at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in Vallejo. In 1950, the couple moved to Napa where they raised their four sons: George, Tom, Bill and Dick. Bob was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Knight of Columbus, and a Eucharistic Minister at St. Apollinaris. When his sons were young, he was a leader with the Cub Scouts Pack 150. He also managed their baseball teams in the Napa City Fly League. All of the teams were named after insects, and Bob managed the Gnats.

Bob retired from Mare Island in 1976, after 30 years at Mare Island. He volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul. Along with his wife, he delivered Meals on Wheels to seniors in Napa for eight years, until he was 90 years of age.

Bob was preceded in death by his son, Bill, in 1983 and his loving wife of 62

years, Lois, in 2009. He is survived by sons George, Tom and Richard; daughters-in-law Joanie (Langholff) Biniek and Judy (Biniek) Riley; grandchildren Kristin, Brent, Becky, Brian, Ramona Collier and Connor Riley; and brother George (Avon, Minnesota) and brother Joe and sister-in-law Peggy (Leesburg, Virginia).

A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 19, at 12:00pm at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church. In his memory, donations may be made to the St. Apollinaris School Fund, 3700 Lassen St., Napa, CA 94558.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert P. Biniek*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Robert P. Biniek*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to all the Biniek family on the death of your dear Dad and Grandad. When my Christmas card to him was returned last Christmas I wondered how he was. Lois had sent me her Christmas poem containing family news every year Bob and Lois were dear friends to all of us sisters and exemplary, faith-filled parishioners.
May they both enjoy their new life with the Lord.*

*Thinking of all of you in your time of loss -
Sister Mary Corcoran*

Mary Corcoran - July 01, 2014 at 02:53 PM



“ *Mr. Biniek was my first baseball coach in Fly League. Thank you for the memories.*

Dave Neu

Dave Neu - June 21, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Robert P. Biniek.*



June 19, 2014 at 10:53 AM



“ *Bob and his wife Lois, my godparents, were such special people and will always hold a place in my heart and memory. My sincere sympathy to the Biniek family and the many others who knew and will miss him.*

janice cook - June 18, 2014 at 05:23 PM



Bob was a good friend of my father, Bruno Granzella. I'm very sorry for your loss...

Sue Granzella - July 05, 2014 at 09:50 PM