



Robert C Garlisch

August 30, 1928 - March 6, 2025

Robert “Bob” Charles Garlisch was born on August 30, 1928 to Samuel and Alberta (Carter) Garlisch. He attended country school until the age of 16 when he started farming full time with his father on the Lookout Livestock Farm in Fulton County, Illinois (near Lewistown). He raised corn, soybeans, hogs, and cattle. He was especially proud of his Duroc hogs and Oldsmobiles.

Robert married Doris Irene Baker Dierker on July 22, 1950. About a year later, he was drafted into the US Army. He served in the 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean Conflict. Bob earned a Purple Heart in this war. Bob was the backup radio man for his unit. When he was called to come forward, he was wounded by a sniper. Bob was 70% disabled due to limited use of his right arm and hand.

He returned home to farm with his father until 1969 when Bob and Doris moved to East Moline. Bob delivered LP gas for Skelly Oil. Later, they moved to Havana, Illinois. Robert served as an elder for St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and was a member of the VFW Post there. His hobbies were putting together jigsaw puzzles and taking care of his yard and car.

At age 95, Bob and Doris moved into an assisted living facility in Quincy, IL. There, he enjoyed coffee and the company of the Silver Foxes group on Friday mornings. In November of 2023, his family (daughters and son-in-law) conducted the ceremony to award him a Quilt of Valor in honor of his service to his country. In early 2025, Bob was the recipient of a Veteran Pinning ceremony through Blessing Hospital Hospice. He passed peacefully on March

6, 2025 at Adams Pointe in Quincy, IL. The family is grateful to Adams Pointe staff for the wonderful care he was given.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, sister (Sandra Bohm), and his wife, Doris. Surviving are his daughters Kathleen Garlisch of Quincy, IL, and Roberta (Ronald) Hersom of Emmetsburg, IA. He has two granddaughters: Laura (Ben) Sweet of Johnston, IA, and Elizabeth (Jesse) Bird of Sioux Falls, SD. There are five great-grandchildren: Ryan, Eleanor, and Daniel Sweet; and Emily and Elena Bird.

Funeral services will be held on March 12th, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Havana, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the services. Rev. Ian Heinze will officiate. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery, in Havana. Military rites will be provided by VFW Post #6408 and American Legion Post #138 – Havana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adams Point Assisted Living, in Quincy, or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Havana. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Pauls Lutheran Church
121 N Pearl St
Havana, IL 62644

Funeral Service

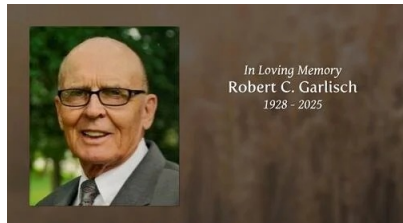
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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert C Garlisch



Hurley Funeral Home - March 11, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ My parents Adolph and Eileen Budke were very good friends. Also my grandparents Gus and Bertha Specketer knew them. My Mother and Doris were always busy doing something together weather it was for the Ladies Aid, some kind of crafts and playing card. Now they can all rest in peace.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the families. 🙏🤝💔

Marie Barton - March 12, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert C Garlisch.

March 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert C Garlisch.



March 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ Your parents were close wonderful friends of my parents and family for over 60 years. They went to lots of Farm Progress shows, many other get-togethers had lots of fun and laughter. I so enjoyed meeting with them for lunch in Havana when I was in town. Their daughters were awesome babysitters, too! They are all together again for eternity:~)!

Carol Koke Mueller - March 11, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Prayers to the family. I remember your Dad out to our house. My brother John Fisk along with others always working on somebody's car. This was years before they were all married. Enjoyed visiting with your folks. They will be missed.

Carol Fisk Kolves - March 09, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Mary and Larry Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Garlisch



Mary and Larry Hundt - March 09, 2025 at 09:00 AM