



Robert Warner Null

September 11, 1932 - February 10, 2026

Robert Warner “Bob” Null, 93, of Manito, formerly of Forest City, passed away at the Lodge, in Manito, at 7:40 a.m., on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. He was born September 11, 1932, in Browning, Illinois, to John Robert and Nina Enida (Warner) Null. He married Eleanor Sinclair in 1952. He later married Gwen Canopy on March 6, 1961, in Delavan. She preceded him in death on July 16, 2000.

Mr. Null is survived by two daughters: Jeanette (Lyle) Gallagher, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Billie Jo (Dale) Swearingen, of Mapleton, Illinois; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Also surviving are two step-children: Mary (Rick) Huse of South Pekin, Illinois, and Susan (Scott) Bickley, of Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Gwen, and stepson Tomas Canopy.

Mr. Null served in the US Air Force from 1950 – 1953, and was a veteran of the Korean War. He farmed in the Forest City area his entire working life, retiring in 2001. He was a member of the Forest City Community Church. He was a member of Hill-Palmer American Legion Post, in Manito, Forest City-Manito Rotary Club, Forest City Township Board, Forman Fire Department, and Mason County Extension Service Board. He also, along with Gwen, were 4-H leaders for the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club. Bob was a light in everyone’s eyes. He will be deeply missed. The family would like to thank The Lodge in Manito, Manito Medical Associates, Gentiva Hospice, Springfield and Heidi Jo Kemper for all their love and care.

Funeral services will be held at Maas-Hurley Funeral Home, in Manito, on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the services. Rev. Scott Nichols will officiate. Burial will follow the services at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Forest City.

Memorial contributions may be made to T.A.P.S. animal shelter, in Pekin, or Hill Palmer American Legion Post, in Manito. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home, in Manito, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

28798 East Co Road 1900 N
Forest City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito
301 S. Washington St.
P.O. Box #442
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Tribute Wall

LG

“ I loved Bobby Null from the moment I met him 23 years ago. Loved listening to his stories about "tearing up the roads around Forest City" as a young man. He would laugh and laugh and had such a big smile on his face. Bobby was very kind to all people and animals - such a lovely human being. Rest in Peace Bobby. Leslie j Gerbracht

Leslie Gerbracht - February 14 at 01:32 PM

CG

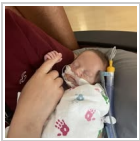
“ We loved Bobby all the 23 years we had the pleasure of knowing him. Loved his hearty laugh and kind hearted spirit. What a gem. Rest peacefully, Chuck Grace

Chuck Grace - February 14 at 01:22 PM

KU

“ Bobby was the best. Loved all the years playing cards and sharing meals with him and my Grandma Loretta. He had the best sense of humor. So sad to hear of his passing.

Kimberly Urish - February 14 at 12:11 PM



“ Billie, so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family 🙏

Brenda Krigner-Himmelrick - February 13 at 08:57 PM

SB

“ Pop loved the farm and the grove of trees on the family homestead that he and Mom planted. He was nature's caregiver. Heaven celebrates his presence. His signature Pop bear hug is imprinted eternally on my soul...Thank you, Pop.

Susan Bickly - February 13 at 11:24 AM

LO

We had 23 years together and Bob was the best and kindest person I've ever known Loretta Dierker gebracht

Loretta - February 14 at 10:59 AM

HF

“ Hoffman family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert Warner Null.



Hoffman family - February 13 at 11:18 AM

HF

“ Hoffman family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Warner Null.

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SB

“ Scott & Susan Bickly planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Warner Null.

Scott & Susan Bickly - February 13 at 11:01 AM

JA

“ *I'm so sorry. We enjoyed visiting with them when we were neighbors.* ”

Jane Armbrust - February 13 at 10:07 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Warner Null.* ”



February 13 at 09:59 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Warner Null.* ”

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EF

“ *Bob and Gwen were great neighbors and fellow fire fighters. Bob had such a kind maner and great smile.* ”

Eva Fuller - February 12 at 08:30 PM

PH

“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was the sweetest man. He always took the time to speak and give a hug.* ”

Pat Harris - February 12 at 07:43 PM



*Bob was the kindest and sweetest guy I have ever met we were together 23 years right up until I couldn't take care of him any longer
loretta*

Loretta - February 14 at 11:32 AM