



Robert Glen Talbott

August 8, 1925 - April 23, 2021

Robert Glen Talbott, 95, passed away at 7:01 a.m., on Friday, April 23, 2021, at his home in Manito, Illinois.

Robert was born August 8, 1925, to Glen G and Viola E. (Withers) Talbott, in Mason County, Illinois. Surviving are four daughters: Linda (Ed) Lachey of Arlington Heights, IL; Karen (Kent) Burchfield of St. Charles, IL; Susan (Brian) Frank of Manito, IL; and Kim Talbott of Clarendon Hills, IL; ten grandchildren: Matthew Lachey of Chicago, IL; Kathryn Lachey of Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Burchfield of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Adam Burchfield of Seattle, WA; Sarah (Derrick) Rollo of Lafayette, IN; Will (Jennie) Frank of Manito, IL; Chris (Alex) Frank of Pekin, IL; Delaney Talbott-Swain, Evan Talbott-Swain and Griffin Talbott-Swain of Clarendon Hills, IL; and eight great-grandchildren: Kate, Clare, Luke and Ruth Rollo of Lafayette, IN; Nicky, Liam and Noah Frank of Manito, IL; and Emmett Frank of Pekin, IL. Also surviving is one sister, Pearl Clementz of Peoria, IL.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 73 years, Dorothy R. (Bishop) Talbott, who passed away on August 13, 2020. Also, preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters, Glenola Corinne DeSutter of Manito, Kathleen Griffin of Havana, and two brothers, Gnile Talbott of Manito, and Earl Talbott of Green Valley.

Robert joined the U.S. Navy in 1943, shortly after he graduated from Manito High School. During WWII, he served in the Pacific as an Electrician's Mate 3/c and anti-aircraft gunner aboard the USS Thomas Jefferson (APA-30), an attack transport, and participated in the Battle of Okinawa. Robert remained close to his shipmates and attended annual ship reunions across the country.

Robert became a boxer while in port waiting to board the USS Thomas Jefferson. As a boxer, he was fed better rations and training and weekly fights helped pass free time while in port. After the war, Bob continued his boxing career as a 136-pound lightweight in the Peoria area and won several Silver Glove tournaments from 1946-49. Bob's fight record was 86 wins and 1 loss.

In 1947, Robert married the love of his life, Dorothy Ruth Bishop of Pekin, IL. He gave a great deal of credit to his wife for his accomplishments and their happy life. Bob and Dot were devoted to one another and took great pride in the family they had raised together.

Robert farmed in the Manito area throughout his life. He raised corn, seed corn, soybeans, wheat, and a variety of vegetable crops, including melons, sweet corn, peas, pumpkins, green beans, and beets. Bob won the P-A-G State and National Irrigated Corn Yield competitions in 1972, with a yield of 155.75 bushels per acre. For many years, Bob and his brother Earl Talbott were the co-owners of Talbott's Christmas Tree Farm. When Bob retired from farming at age 82, he continued to grow a bountiful garden and shared his harvest with family and friends.

Robert was a licensed real estate broker who developed the Lakewood Terrace subdivision near Spring Lake and helped develop Northview Estates. Robert was a board member of the Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito Area Regional Economic Development, Spring Lake Township and Mackinaw

Drainage District #1. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Hill-Palmer Post of the American Legion, and Illinois and National Christmas Tree Associations.

Robert was a steadfast husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed watching his children's and grandchildren's musical and sporting events and was generous and supportive of all their endeavors. Bob played catch and Trac-Ball with his kids and grandkids. The Talbott family always played a game of Rook when together and, in the last few weeks, Bob was teaching one of his great grandchildren to play the game. His grandkids and great grandkids brought him great joy.

Bob loved his wife, his family, his community, and his country. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was, and always will be, loved.

Due to COVID-19, a private service will be held, with Pastor Steve Oaks presiding. To leave an online condolence, go to www.hurleyfh.com. Memorials may be made to the Manito Meadow Lawn Cemetery, the Manito Community United Methodist Church, or the American Legion Hill-Palmer Post of Manito. Maas-Hurley Funeral Home Manito assisted the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.
Manito, IL 61546

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Glen Talbott*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hurley Funeral Home - May 05, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *We send our SYMPATHY to Roberts entire family. We knew him through Connie and Roger Warner. And at one time I and Tami and Terry were in a Musical with Linda Frank at the old High School. God's Blessings to ALL
Jenelle and Bob Warner*

Jenelle Bob Warner - April 30, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *I look back fondly with all the times I got to work with Bob during the summers. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Aaron Williams - April 30, 2021 at 08:53 AM

KT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God give you the comfort and peace that only he can give.

Kay Tolan - April 28, 2021 at 01:45 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Robert Glen Talbott



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 27, 2021 at 11:10 AM

SK

So sorry to hear of his passing sweet person prayers for all sandy-homecare

Sandra Kieser - April 30, 2021 at 06:27 AM

JA

“ I was so sad to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a good guy, and I enjoyed talking to him at basketball games when we all used to go to them.
Mom has only one cousin left now, Pearl, and it's the end of an era. They were so close as a family and I think we've lost that. She always enjoyed getting together with them and sharing stories from the past and I loved to listen to that.

Jane A. Armbrust - April 27, 2021 at 09:35 AM

JS

“ *Jerry And Jackie Schier lit a candle in memory of Robert Glen Talbott*



Jerry and Jackie Schier - April 26, 2021 at 10:47 PM

DP

“ *To the Talbott family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I feel the pain as well. He was like a father to me, as I lost mine when I was 12. He taught me a work ethic. He showed me the importance of family. He hired me as a summer work hand and also for working the trees. He was an important part of my life and I will deeply miss his friendship. My sincere condolences to the family. I am so sorry I can't be there to say goodbye to such a great man and friend. I know he will be happy with Dot again. May he rest in peace. Sincerely, Don Porter*

Donald Porter - April 26, 2021 at 10:13 PM

GC

“ About 10 years ago, Uncle Bob said he wanted to do a woodworking project before he died. He was a woodworker for years but had been inactive for about 20 years. Since I also did some woodworking, we looked through our woodworking magazines and decided to make a mantel clock. We had the pattern and he bought the clock hardware and movement from an online clock store. He furnished the walnut wood. We cleaned up his workshop and got started on the project. His equipment wasn't the best but he was a master of the tools he had. We worked together for about a year. We enjoyed working together. The first clock was a success. Any slight flaws or minor mistakes were considered giving the piece "character". I worked with him on about 20 clocks and he made about 5 clocks on his own. He really enjoyed giving the clocks away to friends, neighbors and family. Unfortunately, he eventually had to quit the workshop because of dizzy spells and poor vision. Even though he was my Uncle, I considered him a good friend. I'll really miss him.

Greg Clementz - April 26, 2021 at 09:51 PM

KC

“ When I left the FSA office, Bob was the only Farmer in Tazewell Co that called to wish me well. It meant more to me than he ever knew. He was always so nice to everyone when I worked there. I truly admired him. I know how hard it is to lose a Dad. Treasure the memories...Larry & Karen Connett...

Karen & Larry Connett - April 26, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SS

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Robert Glen Talbott*



Steve and Kim Singley - April 26, 2021 at 03:24 PM