



## Robert L Hombaker

August 2, 1926 - December 20, 2014

Robert L. Hombaker passed away peacefully at home in Waukegan, IL on December 20, 2014 at age 88. Robert is survived by his wife, Phyllis R. Hombaker (nee Myers); his two sons, Robert L. Hombaker (Darlene Agena-Hombaker) of Round Lake Beach and William Kurt Hombaker (Tammara A. Hombaker) of Antioch, IL; four grandchildren, Jon M. Bevans of Round Lake Beach, Stephan K. Hombaker of Chicago, Christopher E. Hombaker of Antioch, Markus L. Hombaker of Antioch; and finally, one great-grandchild, Angel Marie DiMeo; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Robert was born August 2, 1926 to Archie Hombaker and Ann Hombaker in Streator, IL. He achieved a master's degree in education from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado in 1959. His undergraduate work was completed at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. He began his career in central Illinois, teaching in one room school houses which he credited his success in education. Robert took a position as an educator in Farmer City, Illinois where he met his future wife, Phyllis Ruth Myers. They were married on May 30, 1960 at the Sacred Heart Church in Farmer's City, Illinois, and celebrated 54 years of marriage as a couple, partners, and best friends. They moved to Waukegan, Illinois shortly after and both celebrated fulfilling careers as educators, with Robert teaching at Greenwood Elementary School and Phyllis teaching at McCall Elementary School until their retirement in 1987. Robert was a dedicated educator with special interest in natural science. His love for nature, plants, flowers, trees and wildlife was paramount in his life. He loved to work

with numbers, supplementing his position as an educator with positions in Cash Control at Six Flags Great America, as a tax preparer for H & R Block and managing the family farm partnership. Robert was a dedicated Roman Catholic, belonging to the Our Lady of Humility parish serving as a minister of communion. Among his numerous associations, Robert was a life member of Phi Delta Kappa since 1956, a 3rd Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, Waukegan Council 731 since 1973, a life member of the Illinois Education Association, Friends of the Waukegan Library and Illinois Retired Teacher's Association. Visitation will be held at Congdon Funeral Home, 3012 Sheridan Rd., Zion, IL, from 5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 2014. Funeral Services will be held at Our Lady of Humility Church, 10655 W. Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park, IL, on Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at the Hayes Room at Our Lady of Humility Church. Deacon Mike Mercure will officiate the ceremony at his request and Phyllis' wishes. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Robert's life. A prayer service will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at Murray Funeral Home, Humansville, Missouri with Father Jose Thundathil Antoney as celebrant followed by gravesite committal services at the Humansville Cemetery under the direction of Murray Funeral Home. Given Robert's love for nature and education, flowers or donations to your local library in his honor would be welcome. The family would like to thank Rolling Hills Manor, Home Instead, particularly Mary for her short but comforting presence and especially Robert's wonderful neighbors that he viewed as friends, and referred to as angels for their help, Rich and JoAnne Beaulieu. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.murrayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.murrayfuneralhomes.com).

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# Tribute Wall



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October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Robert L Hombaker*

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January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Phyllis, so sorry for your loss. My sympathy to you and your family.  
Kay Cedar County Historical Society*

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**Kay Snow** - December 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM