

Robert 'Bob' Dixon



Robert "Bob" Dixon, 85, of Grinnell died April 1, 2011, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A funeral mass was held Tuesday, April 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with Rev. Nick Adam officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel accompanied by the St. Mary's Choir. Vocalists were Allison Kramer and Jessica McLaughlin. Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Tim Dillard, Amy Carr, Brian, Stephanie, Eric and Spencer Dixon, Erin Carey, Ben Latimer, Greg Norris, Kelli Buescher, Dayna Ellis, Matt McLaughlin, Allison Kramer, Bridgett Lane and Jodie Link. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation was held Monday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family

present in the evening. A scripture service was also held at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Iowa Chapter; Grinnell Regional Hospice; Mayflower Human Needs Fund; or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Bob was born Dec. 7, 1925, in Shelbina, Mo., the son of George Delbert and Alberta Margaret Ayers Dixon. He was raised in Shelbina and was a graduate of Shelbina High School. He was a corporal in the United States Army during World War II and served in the Pacific Theater as a Morse code radioman.

On July 17, 1943, he was united in marriage to Sylvia "Sylva" Lorene Todd, in Shelbina. He was employed for several years as a lineotype operator for various newspapers and printing companies. The couple later moved to Grinnell and he worked for 25 years with ASI Signage Solutions as a typesetter and project manager.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; the Elks Lodge; and the American Legion.

Bob enjoyed sharing his time with family and friends, entertaining, and making people laugh, and he took an active interest in his family's talents. He loved playing the piano and sing-alongs with his wife Sylva performing at area clubs and nursing homes. He was an avid gardener, and enjoyed flowers, birds and barbecuing on his grill.

Survivors include his wife, Sylva of Grinnell; eight children, Cheryl Dillard of Mt. Sterling, Ill., Robert S. "Steve" Dixon of Plattsmouth, Neb., Dianne Latimer of Grinnell, Debbie Norris of Columbia, Mo., Dottie McLaughlin of Grinnell, Craig Dixon and Julie Link of Hannibal, Mo. and Chris Dixon of Grinnell; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Catherine McWilliams of Shelbina, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Stephen A. Dixon.

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A funeral mass is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 12 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday evening. A scripture service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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