



## Robert L. Hettich

November 20, 1933 - December 26, 2014

Robert L. Hettich, 81, of Towanda, Pa. passed away Friday morning, Dec. 26, 2014 at his home.

Robert was born in Sayre, Pa. on Nov. 20, 1933, the son of Robert and Margaret Bevan Hettich. He was a graduate of Troy High School where he excelled academically and in basketball, football and baseball. Robert continued his education at Lafayette College where he played football having received a football scholarship. He was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity. Robert later served in the U.S. Navy as a medic aboard the USS Forrestal. Following completion of his military service, Robert returned home and started his own business, Hettich Roofing & Siding which he operated for 47 years in Bradford County until his retirement. He also fully remodeled a number of homes. After returning home from the Navy, Robert played fast pitch softball for the Calkins-Vickery Team in Troy as the team pitcher. The team became both Pennsylvania and New York State Champions. He was also a member of the Blackhawk League Cal-Vic Basketball Team in Elmira, N.Y. for a number of years. Robert was a member of the Burlington United Methodist Church and was active in community affairs. He served as a member and President of the Troy Area School Board and was a member of the Towanda Area School Board for over 25 years, and was the President of the Bradford County Education Association that designed and constructed the Bradford County Vocational-Technical Institute in North Towanda.

Robert was the honored recipient of a certificate recognizing the accomplishment of having never missed voting in an election for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Donna Mattocks Hettich whom he married on July 7, 1962 in Springfield, Pa; children, Doreen Hettich-Atkins of Cortland, N.Y., Renee Hettich of Cortland, N.Y., Darin Hettich and wife Patty of Sarver, Pa., Denise Mitchell and husband Jeff of Avoca, N.Y.; grandchildren, Tyler Hettich, Rose Hettich, Jay T. Atkins, Sarah Hettich, Pearl Hettich, Robert Atkins, Marco Hettich and Peter Hettich; sisters, Nila Rumsey of Waverly, N.Y., Vonda Fero of Horseheads, N.Y.; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Ryan Hettich in 1978.

A memorial service with Rev. Anne Bey Canfield will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec.

31, 2014 at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave., Towanda, Pa. Interment will be held at a later date in Mountain Lake Cemetery, Burlington Township, Pa. The family will receive friends from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Ryan Hettich Memorial Award Fund, c/o Darin Hettich, 100 Meadowview Drive, Sarver, PA 16055, in Robert L. Hettich's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

## Visitation

DEC 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. Hettich*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Robert L. Hettich*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Robert L. Hettich*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Robert L. Hettich*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Robert L. Hettich*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

MF

“ *I was so sorry to hear from Donna about Bob's death. I was very fortunate to have played softball with Bob in the Elmira city league. Not only was Bob a great pitcher but also a very respected person. There was only Bob Hettich. So sorry for his family.*

*Respectfully,  
Mike Flaherty*

**Mike Flaherty** - December 31, 2014 at 04:36 PM

ML

“ *Mike N Lugene lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Hettich*



**Mike n Lugene** - December 31, 2014 at 07:01 AM

ML

“ Bob will be remembered by Lugene and Mike Mitchell-Hamilton, on Waterbury Hill, Avoca NY, for his love of home made ice cream at the Hettich-Mitchell picnic. He would always bring the makins' and encourage everyone to a least have a few stirs! For that we will miss him. God rest your soul Robert. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Mike n Lugene - December 31, 2014 at 07:00 AM

GR

“ My deepest sympathies to all of the Hettich family. I have many fond memories of playing softball with him. He was one of the best pitchers around. Gary Rockwell

Gary Rockwell - December 30, 2014 at 06:12 PM

RE

“ I knew Bob from a distance initially, as he was a student and athlete at Troy High School where I was an underclassman. Upon my return from the armed services, I entered college and needed summer jobs to help finance my education. I landed a job with Hettick Roofing. On summer days when the heat of the sun made roofing shingles easily tear; we would take a mid-day break so the roof would be cool enough to return to work. During those lengthy breaks we had lively and interesting discussions covering many and varied topics. During this time I got to know Bob on a whole different level. After college graduation our paths diverged ,but when they crossed we would stop and chat . I have always had great admiration for Bob. My life has been enriched by our acquaintance. My sympathy is with his family members for their loss of husband, brother, father and friend. Sincerely, Richard Eaton

Richard Eaton - December 29, 2014 at 09:30 PM