



Robert "Bob" White

August 7, 1922 - September 26, 2024

Robert (Bob) White age 102 of Towanda, PA passed away on Thursday evening, September 26, 2024 at home.

Born August 7th, 1922, in Elmira, NY, the son of Edward Francis White and Esther Elizabeth (Kinsman) White.

Bob Married Betty (Sick) White in 1942 and they shared 56 years together until her death.

In the early years, Bob quit school at age 14 to drive dump truck for his dad. Several years later, he would haul stone to the now Towanda airport where men would break up the large rocks with sledgehammers to create a gravel base for the runway.

While working on the airport project, he met Betty his future wife.

When he was 21, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army During World War II and was transported to Europe on the "Santa Maria" ship. That ship was bombed and sank the next day!

He served in Italy with the 53rd Ordnance Ammunition Company driving military trucks that carried ammunition and other critical supplies to the front lines of fighting.

Bob was honorably discharged on December 11th, 1945, and during his service he earned the Good Conduct Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

It is believed that Bob was possibly the oldest living World War II veteran in

Bradford County, PA at the time of his death.

When he returned home after military service, Bob started driving delivery truck for Bern Furniture in Towanda. After 6 months he became a salesman and within a year he was promoted to store Manager. He held that job until he retired after 45 years with Bern's. He was known for fairness and flexibility with customers. If you needed furniture and couldn't afford it, he would make it happen somehow with a discount and payment plan.

After retirement, he did a lot of fishing, boating, playing cards, cutting and splitting firewood for sale. He was a member of the Bradford County Boat Club and enjoyed camping, fishing, boating and fish fry parties there for many years.

He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, VFW and local Auxiliary Police.

He took many trips with his close friend Joe Tuttle up into upstate NY and Canada on fishing trips.

Bob Leaves behind a large family. Surviving are his children Regina Herr, Richard White, Daryl White, Dawn White and Raymond White.

Also 21 Grandchildren, 25 Great Grandchildren and 11 Great Great Grandchildren.

Besides his parents, Bob was predeceased by his wife Betty, a Brother Paul White, Sons Tommy White, Robert (Jerry) White and Dale White, and a Daughter Veronica White.

At the request of the family, there will be no calling hours.

There will be a celebration of life gathering at the convenience of the family.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

WS

“ Thoughts and prayers to family and friends of Mr. White. I loved his smile and laugh. You lived a good long life and shared your smile and wit with so many of us. May you rest in peace and enjoy playing cards...

Wendy Spentzas-Brennan - September 30, 2024 at 10:08 AM

TJ

“ My husband worked for Bob for years at the Bern Furniture Store. Bob was a wonderful man, like a father figure to Gene. He gave our first son his very 1st haircut on the counter in the store. Thoughts & prayers to the family. Gene & Terri Johnson

Terri Johnson - September 29, 2024 at 08:38 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Bob was one of a kind.

Judith A Burgess - September 29, 2024 at 04:59 AM

VS

“ Please accept our deepest condolences.

VFW Post 1536 Sayre - September 28, 2024 at 11:21 PM

GS

“ A wonderful kind man.He had a payment plan for me when I first started out in my own apt. Dance with your angels in Heaven Bob you are so deserving .



Genevieve Vincent Sikora - September 28, 2024 at 10:53 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family in your loss.
Amazing to be the oldest WWII Vet in Bradford County,
He was a sweet man.
RIP Bob*



Claire Holton-Lizon - September 27, 2024 at 03:39 PM