

## Robbins Edgerton Bailey

June 17, 1924 - April 20, 2021

Robbins “Bob” Bailey, age 96, of Drummond Island, Michigan, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2021 at Harbor View Assisted Living in DeTour Village, MI. Bob was born on June 17, 1924 to Frank and Myrtle Bailey and the family included siblings: Francis, Helen, Blaine, Warren, and Cornelia.

Bob was raised in both DeTour and Drummond Island and graduated from DeTour High School in 1942. In March of 1943, he joined the Navy and served as Machinist’s mate second class aboard the USS Trenton in the Pacific. After his discharge in March 1946, he returned to DeTour/Drummond area where he married Verna Anderson June 21, 1947. He attended Lake State College in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. After college, he went to Flint, Michigan with the intentions of becoming an engineer at the tank plant in Grand Blanc but reconsidered and got his carpenters union card and worked in construction until his retirement in 1987. His love and skill for construction was demonstrated with building the family home in Flint; a home on Drummond Island for his daughter, Janice and husband Bob Newell; a retirement home on Drummond Island for himself and Verna; a home in Racine, WI with his son, Frank and wife Terrie; a home in Williamsburg, MI for his daughter, Jolene and husband Mike Hine; and the last home he built was a retirement home on Drummond Island for Jolene and Mike.

Bob loved to work in his yard and garden as well as in the woodshop with his

son Frank building various cabinetry and furniture for family and friends; but his favorite activity was having pancake suppers or fish fries with family and friends, especially on the south shore of Drummond. He was an active member in the Lutheran Church, Lions Club and Moose Lodge on Drummond Island.

Bob is predeceased by his wife Verna; daughter, Jeannine and son-in-law Marshall Bailey; daughter, Jolene and son-in-law Mike Hine: and daughter-in-law Terrie Bailey.

Bob is survived by his children, Janice (Bob) Newell of Drummond Island and Frank 'Buz' (Linda) Bailey of Racine, WI.; grandchildren, Bob (Vanessa) Newell Jr. of Belleville, MI, Debbie (Jeff) Roberts of Big Rapids, MI, Matthew Bailey, Tim (Kayla) Bailey, and David (Zsanelle) Bailey all of Racine, WI; great-grandchildren, Anna, Luke, Emma, and Jenna Roberts, George and new baby boy Bailey due in August. He is also survived by his brother, Warren Bailey of Canadian Lakes and Drummond Island, MI.

A celebration of life will be held July 2, 2021, at 2:30 PM at the Drummond Island Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Harbor View Assisted Living of DeTour Village C/O SHSS; 1501 West 6th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; Drummond Island Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 225, Drummond Island, MI 49726 or DeTour Village Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 397, DeTour Village, MI 49725

# Cemetery Details

## Drummond Island Cemetery

34318 S Townline Road  
Drummond Island, MI 49726

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 2. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Robbins Edgerton Bailey

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Robbins Edgerton Bailey

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Robbins Edgerton Bailey

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Warren and Bob's family,

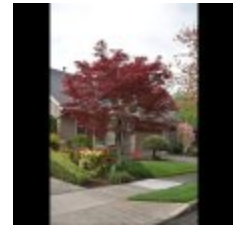
*My sympathy and condolences on the loss of your dear brother/father. Bob was a true gentleman and know that he will be missed today and even more as time passes. Holiday celebrations, weddings and birthdays will never be the same without him. May your many beautiful memories of times together help to assuage your grief today, and in the days to come. He and Verna are fondly remembered by me.*

*Ginny Dorrien*

Virginia Dorrien - April 25, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Robbins Edgerton Bailey.*



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April 25, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Uncle Bob was an amazing man and had so many talents! I love the memories of visiting them in Flint, jumping off the pool house into the pool, pancake breakfast or dinner at the A frame, water skiing and picnics at Scammon Cove and 4th of July parades sitting in Gramma and Papa's yard. He will be greatly missed by me and so many others. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this challenging time. ❤️*



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**Emily Skinner** - April 24, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *Bob, Janice, Buzz, Linda, and families, We're sorry for your loss. No matter how long we have our loved ones with us, it's never long enough. We hope knowing Uncle Bob had a long life and is now with Aunt Verna helps comfort you at this sad time. So sad DRUMMOND has lost another great community member. Cherish the memories,*



*Love to all,  
Mike & Diane*

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**M&D** - April 24, 2021 at 07:30 AM

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“ *Janice ,Bob and family So sorry for your loss. In our thoughts and prayers. Hallie (Gibbons) Gary Kott*

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**gary kott** - April 23, 2021 at 11:37 PM

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“ *Ashley Kott lit a candle in memory of Robbins Edgerton Bailey*



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**Ashley Kott** - April 23, 2021 at 10:16 PM