



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Robert "Bob" Staehler**

August 29, 1930 – May 2, 2024



MEMORIAL MASS
Saturday, August 24, 2024
12:00 Noon
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Kewaskum, Wisconsin

OFFICIATING
Father Patrick Magnor

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery
Kewaskum, Wisconsin



Robert A. (Bob) Staehler, age 93 of Kewaskum entered eternal life on May 2, 2024, at Kettle Gardens Assisted Living Facility where he had been a resident for a short time.

Bob was born August 29, 1930, in Kewaskum. He was the son of the late Alois and Margaret (Karinus) Staehler. Bob was a graduate of Kewaskum High School, with the class of 1948. He married Jeanne Ann Gill on May 9, 1953, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Parnell. He was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne. He is survived by his sister Kathy (Staehler) Boegel of Niles, IL, four children, Patrick (Dob) Staehler of Richtfield, Kerry (Barb) Staehler of Writtemberg, Christine Staehler of Granger, IN, and Jack Staehler (Wendy) of Deer Park, IL, grandchildren, Ryan (Pamela) Staehler, Adam (Leassy) Staehler, Scott (Tuesday) Staehler, Sarah (Jason) Fox, Brandon (Debra) Koh, Joey Staehler, Samantha Staehler and step-grandchildren Melissa (Matt) Britten, Matt (Kelly) Gray, and several great-grandchildren.

After high school he entered the Navy as a seaman and became member of VF-133 Fighter Squadron supporting the Military Air Transport of the Berlin Airlift, then a Flight Deck Director on the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier on tours across the Atlantic and into the Mediterranean. He was very proud of his naval service, and in 2018 along with his sons, walked with pride across the flight deck and throughout the entire USS Midway Museum in San Diego.

After four years in the Navy, Bob was literally a jack-of-all-trades and held various jobs, appliance and electronics repair, bartender, heating oil delivery, carpet layer. He was employed for over 20 years at Westler Engineering years and retired in 1992. He was very active in local fund raising for volunteer social clubs: American Legion, Lions and Kiwanis as well as a rescue squad lead on the Kewaskum Voluntary Fire Department. Since 1970, Bob was a very dedicated advocate for the advancement of the sport of snowmobiling in Wisconsin, having served as the founder, instructor and president of Kewaskum Snow-Chiefs and president of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. He also represented the sport as a member of the Wisconsin Governor's Council. He continued riding snowmobiles and ATVs until he was 91 years old!

In retirement he was an avid wood worker having built cradles, clocks and furniture and was a relentless problem solver, learner and deeply curious about mechanical and electronics. He attended deer hunting camp with generations of friends and family through 2023. He loved big band music so much he had his own Pandora station ready to go upon voice command – he loved that!

He continued to make new friends wherever he went and welcomed new members of his family with love. Of all the things Bob had undertaken over the course of his life, his greatest joy was spending time with people and was happy to tell everyone his most profound accomplishment is his family.

The family would like to thank the staff at Kettle Gardens Assisted Living in Kewaskum and Precipitor Hospice Care whose professionalism and compassion ensured Bob's last days.