

LT(JG) Robert O. Covey

Location - West-N: R5, C30

March 8, at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to National MS Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, 525 S. Monroe St., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60661; please state "In loving memory of Bonnie Bergstrom" on your donation.

For information, call the funeral home at 847-458-1700 or visit www.willowfh.com.

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ROBERT O. 'BOB' COVEY

Born: Jan. 21, 1921; in Oshkosh, Wis.
Died: March 5, 2013; in Crystal Lake

CRYSTAL LAKE – Robert O. "Bob" Covey, 92, of Crystal Lake, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2013, in Crystal Lake.

Born Jan. 21, 1921, in Oshkosh, Wis., he was the son of the late David L. and Bessie Viola (nee Otis) Covey. On June 3, 1943, in Madison, Wis., he was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Karlen.

Robert received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and a JD (Juris Doctor) from Northwestern University.

A proud member of the U.S. Navy, he served in the Pacific during World War II, attaining the rank of Lieutenant JG and served aboard the USS President Adams (part of the Unholy Four).

Mr. Covey was a partner in the law firm Covey, McKinney & Powers; partner in the law firm of Covey & Covey; president and chairman of the Board of First Federal Savings & Loan of Crystal Lake; vice president of First Federal of Chicago; and vice president of Citibank.

He also served as president of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce in 1951 and was a Chamber member for 63 years. He was an Ambassador's Club member, and the Business of the Year Award was established in Robert O. Covey's name in 2003.

In 1993, he received the Citizen of the Year Award and, in 2009, the Carl E. Wehde Award.

Robert was founding director and president of the Crystal Lake United Way; director and president of McHenry County United Way; and founding director and president of Crime Stoppers – 1983. A member of the McHenry County Board from 1985 to 1994, he served as vice chairman of the board and chairman of building project.

He was co-chairman and president of the Crystal Lake All American City Campaign. A 63-year member of the Crystal Lake

Lions Club, he served as president from 1964 to 1965, and received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, Distinguished Service Award and Member of the Year Award 2003 to 2004.

Robert was the school board president of School District 47 from 1951 to 1961; was Northern Division Committee chairman of Junior Achievement of Chicago from 1980 to 1981; member of the McHenry County Bar Association; member of the Crystal Lake Jaycees and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award; Nunda Masonic Lodge; 32 Degree Mason and Shriners 50-year Member Award; member of Napkin Ring for 40 years; and was honored as the grand marshal of Gala Fourth of July Parade in 2009.

Mr. Covey was a member of First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake where he served as chairman of the Board of Directors, chairman of the Governing Board and Sunday school teacher.

Robert is survived by his children, Karlen R. (Susie) Covey, Kathleen M. (John) Euler, Carol A. (Miles) Beard and Christopher G. Covey; grandchildren, Kelly (Eric) Breihan, Heather (Sam) Sorensen, Donald J. Donner, Regan (Jeremy) Bruski, John P. (Jennifer) Euler, Michael (Michele) Euler, Celeste Sollenberger, Dwight J. (Lauren) Beard and Clayton Beard; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Mary Elizabeth Covey; his parents, David L. and Bessie V. Covey; and brother, Paul Covey.

Bob was a real gentleman and loved his family, his community, his church, his friends, traveling with Mary, playing Bridge and loved the Wisconsin Badgers (he was a 50-year season ticket-holder). He loved to laugh, had an infectious smile and never could remember the punch line of a joke.

Robert's family would like to extend a special thanks to the nurses and staff at Fair Oaks Health Care Center in Crystal Lake for all the special care and kindness given to their father.

The visitation for Robert will be from 3 to 9 p.m. with a service at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. (Route 176), Crystal Lake. The Rev. Dr. Arn Schaper will officiate. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Lions Foundation of Crystal Lake, P.O. Box 48, Crystal Lake, IL 60039.

Online condolences may be sent to his family at www.davenport-family.com. For information, call the funeral home at 815-459-3411.

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ROBERT D. COVEY
HUSBAND OF MARY E. KARLEN
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LT JG USS PRES. ADAMS
WWII

Ensign Robert O. Covey, son of Mrs. D. L. Covey of this city, has just completed his eighth month of service with the amphibious forces of the navy in the south Pacific. Ensign Covey received his rating upon completion of the V-7 program at Notre Dame. His wife is employed in the personnel department of the Curtis-Wright Airplane Corporation, Buffalo, N. Y.

