



Robert B. Hendrix

April 4, 2010

Robert Bramblet Hendrix, 77, of Cape Girardeau died at home Tuesday, April 6, 2010, following a lengthy illness. Robert, known affectionately as Bob, was born Aug. 17, 1932, in Bowling Green, Mo., to Harvey Robert and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Bramblett Hendrix. He married the love of his life, Rosemary Holtmeyer, in Washington, Mo., Jan. 17, 1959. Bob is survived by Rosemary, his wife of 51 years; four children, Lisa (Mike) Simmons of Cape Girardeau, Lynn (John) Kelly of St. Louis, Lisbeth (Mark) Hostetler of Columbia, Mo., and Robert (Leann) Hendrix of Cape Girardeau. Bob and Rosemary were blessed with 18 grandchildren: Ryan, Laura and Caitlin Simmons; Benjamin, Brianna, Sean, Shannon and Mary Therese (deceased) Kelly; Michael, Katherine and Jacob Hostetler; Elaine, Robert, Matthew, Philip, Lydia, Annelise and Cecilia Hendrix. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter. After attending Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served honorably aboard the USS Eldorado during the Korean conflict. Following his military service, Hendrix became involved in his lifelong career, working for the chamber of commerce. After serving in chamber management positions in Washington, Hannibal and Springfield, Mo., Hendrix was appointed president and CEO of the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce in 1972. He held that position more than 20 years, retiring in 1993. Bob served 21 years on the board of directors of Saint Francis Medical Center. He served as secretary/treasurer from 1982 to 1984, vice chairman from 1984 to 1991 and chairman from 1991 to 1997. Hendrix was a current

board member of Saint Francis Health Development Services Inc. and a member of the Emeritus Board of Directors. Bob was committed to making Cape Girardeau an excellent place to live and served on numerous civic organizations and boards including Cape Lions Club, Vocational-Technical School Board of Directors, Diocesan Development Fund, Cape Business College, Greater Cape Girardeau Development Corp., Cape County Industrial Development Board, Community Industrial Development Fund, First Missouri Development Finance Corp., Southeast Missouri State Marketing Advisory Council, Small Business Administration, Southeast Missouri District Fair Advisory Board, Selective Service Board and AmeriFirst Bank Advisory Board. Bob was an active and longtime member of St. Mary Cathedral parish and was involved with Cursillo retreats, the marriage preparation program and many other activities. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home. Parish prayers will be at 7. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Cathedral. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Cathedral Building Fund or to Saint Francis Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Paul, Sherry, Shannon and Jared James

Sherry and Paul James and Comfort Keepers Staff - December 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ I offer my condolences to Rosemary and family. Bob was a great supporter and benefactor to the Cape community. We traveled Missouri and the world together and I enjoyed his spirit so much. The area is a much better place today because of Bob's contributions. I benefited so much from knowing and working with him.

Gary Eide - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Hendrix and family, I was saddened to hear of Mr. Hendrix's passing. My prayers are with you and your family at this time of grief. May God be with you. St. Mary Cathedral member.

Melody Loveless - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ DEAR HENDRIX FAMILY, I'M SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS. BOB HIRED ME IN 1985 AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU. I LOVED WORKING WITH HIM AND LOVED THE WAY HE CONDUCTED BUSINESS. THIS IS A HUGE LOSS FOR CAPE GIRARDEAU. SENDING PRAYERS AND BLESSING, JOYCE RAYFIELD PADUCAH KY 42001

JOYCE RAYFIELD - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Mrs Hendrix and family, I wanted to express my condolences to all of you for Bob's passing. As we all know Bob is in a much better place now and out of his pain. I enjoyed working with Bob when I first got here prior to his retirement. And then still enjoyed working with him on the various IDA and Greater Cape boards that he served on. His dedication to our community was unlimited. We have lost a great servant for the area. I have to be out of town Friday afternoon and on Saturday, so I will not be able to attend the services. Peace be with you all.

Mitch Robinson - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Rosemary, I am deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Hendrix. I have for many years have admired the both of you. Robert was always a shining example of what a good Christian Catholic man should be. May you be blessed with comfort from the Holy Spirit. Love and prayers, Julia Anne Grider St. Mary's Cathedral Parish member

Julia Anne Grider - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Rosemary and family, I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I worked for him at the Chamber office from '85 to '88. I always enjoyed working for him. He was a very caring and wonderful person and he loved you all dearly. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord give you comfort and peace.

Kim (DuBois) Pruett - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Dear Rosemary and family: We heard from the Hubers of Bob's passing away. We have fond memories of our association with the two of you. Our prayers are with you. Love, Bob and Mary

Bob and Mary Tobben - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Rosemary, Liz, and family, My friendships with Bob and the two of you remain important. My first encounter with Bob was on his first day on the job when we greeted a tour group of teachers. He certainly was a valuable member of the community! Peace be with you.

Martha Maxwell - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Rosemary and Family, We were so sad to hear of Bob's passing on to the Lord. It was however so like Our Savior to bring him home during the octave of His own Resurrection. Upon hearing of this the good times filled my memory box all the way back to Meyer Drive when we first became friends. These 45 plus years I have been so blessed to have all of you in our lives. Chris, Cathy, and Clay join me in our prayers for Bob and of course you and the children. Much Love to all of you...Bob

Bob & Marge Buehrle - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM