



## Robert John Eppich

February 2, 1926 - August 3, 2009

Robert John Eppich

83, of Richmond died unexpectedly Monday morning August 3, 2009 at home. He was born Tuesday, February 2, 1926, in Detroit the son of the late Andrew and Elizabeth (Schweigel) Eppich.

His marriage to Mary Ann Koehl was Saturday, November 3, 1951, in Detroit. Robert was a parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Richmond.

He served his country with the United States Army during WWII from 1944 to 1946.

He was employed in printing at the G.M. Tech Center, Warren, until his retirement in 1991. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Bruce Post #1146, St. Clair Shores, and was a member of its honor guard. He enjoyed bowling and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his wife Mary Ann of 57 years are their children and spouses, Tom and Pennell of Mt. Dora, FL, Kathleen and Donald Macioce of Macomb, Karen Hicks of Sarasota, FL, Patricia and Richard Staels of Harrison Twp., and Robert and Karin of Grosse Ile; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Sisters, Helen Killenberg and Betty Ann Buechel, preceded him in death.

His family honors the memory of Robert and invites you to visit and share Thursday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond, with rosary devotion/scripture services at 7:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Richmond, with 10:00 a.m.

visiting. Fr. John Bustamante, visiting pastor, will officiate.  
Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book  
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# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
68035 Main Street  
Richmond, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Patti lit a candle in memory of Robert John Eppich*



Patti - February 02, 2014 at 04:50 PM

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*Happy 88th Birthday Dad...love you & Michael!!!*

Patti - February 02, 2014 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Patti lit a candle in memory of Robert John Eppich*



patti - January 12, 2014 at 09:33 AM

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*This candle is lit in memory of my dad and also for Michael.*

patti - January 12, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ *Merry Christmas Dad, Merry Christmas Michael...thinking of the both of you today. Please give each other big hugs to each of you from me. Love you both!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

December 25, 2013 at 08:36 AM



“ Six months ago...I still shake my head wondering why!!! Please give Michael a big hug for me. Love you, love Michael. Thinking of you both...##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

December 10, 2013 at 08:13 PM



“ Happy Thanksgiving Dad & Michael!!! Thinking of you today...##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

November 28, 2013 at 09:54 AM



“ Dad: Thinking of you and Michael today, yesterday and especially on Saturday.

Love you both,

Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

November 11, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ Love you Dad, love you Michael...I think about you all the time!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

August 28, 2013 at 12:01 PM



“ Dad: Thought about you on Saturday...it's crazy that it's been 4 years already. I miss you...I miss Michael!! I love you...I love Michael!! Hugs to you and hugs to Michael!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you both everyday!!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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July 27, 2013 at 09:42 AM



“ Hey Dad...please give Michael a hug for me!!!

Thanks...love you guys!!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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July 13, 2013 at 07:49 AM



“ Still shaking my head!!! Still wondering why!!! Still trying to make sense of it all!!!

Love you Michael & Dad!!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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July 10, 2013 at 09:53 AM



“ There are no words to express how sad I am!!! I just sit here shaking my head wondering why...take good care of Michael Dad.##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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June 21, 2013 at 12:13 AM



“ Hi Dad:

Thinking of you and Michael...

Love Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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June 19, 2013 at 01:04 PM



“ Oh Dad...our hearts are just breaking...we lost Michael yesterday...but I take comfort in knowing that he is with you and Skittles now. And I KNOW that he loved seeing you. He talked about you so often. He missed seeing you and now he'll be with you for eternity. I loved Michael...I tried reaching out to him so many times...sometimes he would answer and sometimes he would not. And that's ok...at least he knew I was thinking of him. As we struggle with our grief, our sadness...please watch over Karen and the rest of us...please give Karen and the rest of us the strength and the comfort that we so need in this incredibly sad time of our lifes. Love and miss you Dad...##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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June 11, 2013 at 10:59 AM



“ Thinking and remembering you today. Happy Memorial Day Dad!!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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May 27, 2013 at 04:05 PM



“ Hey Dad:

Thanks for bringing so much fun into Mom's life these past couple of weeks.

Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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February 14, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ Thinking of you today...Happy Birthday Dad!!! I love you!###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##

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February 02, 2013 at 11:02 AM



“ Thinking of you, Merry Christmas Dad!!###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##

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December 25, 2012 at 01:39 PM



“ Thank you Dad...thinking of you...Happy Veteran's Day!!!!###imported-begin##Patti ###imported-end##

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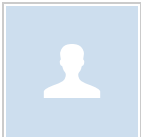
November 11, 2012 at 11:29 AM



“ Thinking of you Dad...###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 12:28 PM



“ Julie and my mom were going through old pictures to put into this collage frame, there were some really nice pictures of you and Grandma. One of them that really made me smile was at your 80th birthday, you had just got done blowing out the candles and had a smile on your face I will never forget. Miss you!###imported-begin##Andrew###imported-end##

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September 30, 2012 at 12:57 AM



“ Three years ago today...it's crazy...where does all the time go!! I can still remember spending time with you at Nora's party...and then, I still remember that dreaded phone call from Mom... :( Thinking of you today Dad!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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August 03, 2012 at 09:55 AM



“ 3 years ago. Miss ya.##imported-begin##Andrew##imported-end##

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August 03, 2012 at 12:26 AM



“ Thinking of you today Dad...Happy Father's Day!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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June 17, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ Dad:

*I thank you for all you had to sacrifice, for all you had to endure and for serving for our country...remembering you this Memorial Day.*

*Love,*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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May 28, 2012 at 12:16 PM



“ Hey Dad...as much I am very sad that we lost the Baylee girl today...I know that Baylee was very excited to see you just as much as you were excited to see her...you were, after all, her buddy. Please take care of her for me until I get there...love you and the Baylee girl!!!! BTW...she still loves all her treats.##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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May 22, 2012 at 06:20 PM



“ Thought about you yesterday Dad...hope you had a great Easter!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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April 09, 2012 at 08:32 AM



“ Dad:

*If ever there was a time that we need strength from up above...that time is now!*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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March 13, 2012 at 01:13 PM



“ Thinking of you on your special day...Happy Birthday Dad!!

Love,

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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February 02, 2012 at 09:10 AM



“ Merry Christmas Dad...I love you!!!##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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December 25, 2011 at 12:31 PM



“ miss ya##imported-begin##Andrew##imported-end##

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December 17, 2011 at 03:44 AM



“ Hey Dad:

*Today is Veteran's Day ...it is your day!! I thank you for your sacrifice...I cry for all that you had to endure. I know that you saw some terrible things...I know the army made you do things that you didn't want to do. I know that you saw fellow soldiers hurt or killed in action. One can only understand why you kept things bottled up inside of you. Who knows what the world would be like today without all the sacrifices that you and every World War II veteran gave.*

*Happy Veteran's Day Dad...I love you.*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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November 11, 2011 at 12:14 PM



“ Two years already, man time flys. Missing you always and especially today.##imported-begin##Andrew##imported-end##

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August 03, 2011 at 09:49 AM



“ Hi Dad:

*Two years...such a long time...:( :( :(*

*Remembering you today...tomorrow...and always.*

*Love,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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August 03, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ Hey Dad:

*It's so hard to believe that in two days you'll have been gone for two years. We just celebrated Nora's 3rd birthday yesterday...I can still remember the last time I saw you was at Nora's 1st birthday party. How time flies.*

*Remembering the fun times...*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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August 01, 2011 at 01:26 PM



“ Hi Dad:

*Happy belated Father's Day!!! I tried posting yesterday but this website would'nt allow me too. Just wanted to let you know that I was thinking of you and missing you!!*

*Love,*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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June 20, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ Hi Dad:

*Although I didn't come here and wish you a Happy Easter...I was thinking of you. I know that you were looking down on us...watching us, probably thinking the same as me...it is truly amazing how big our family is growing.*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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April 27, 2011 at 09:44 AM



“ Just wanted to say Hi Dad...and that I was thinking of you.##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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April 12, 2011 at 08:27 AM



“ Hi Dad:

*Just yesterday I was reminded again...actually twice, of how very uncertain life can be. Two very very sad and heartbreaking deaths. I ask of you yet again, to please, please watch over all of us...in all of our good times and especially during our bad times...when we need that extra strength from above.*

*Thinking of you...*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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March 15, 2011 at 04:03 PM



“ Hi Dad:

*One of Nick's little schoolmates was killed in a very tragic sledding accident the other day. It just brings to mind, once again, how very uncertain life can be. Please Dad...I ask of you...as our guardian angel...to watch over us...and to protect us in everything that we do.*

*Love always,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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February 13, 2011 at 02:20 PM



“ Hey Dad:

*Just wanted to say hi and to ask to please continue to watch over us in everything that we do.*

*Patti###imported-begin##patti###imported-end##*

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February 11, 2011 at 07:00 PM



“ Happy Birthday Grandpa! Was thinking of you! Had a nice dinner in your honor and went bowling.

*Miss ya###imported-begin##Andrew Eppich###imported-end##*

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February 03, 2011 at 01:23 AM



“ Happy Birthday Dad:

*I love you!!*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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February 02, 2011 at 05:47 AM



“ Thinking of you!###imported-begin##Andrew###imported-end##

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January 14, 2011 at 01:11 AM



“ Well...here we are starting out another year. May 2011 be kind to everyone in our family. Will you please continue to watch out for us, will you please continue to protect each and everyone of us. Happy New Year Dad, I love you!!

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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January 01, 2011 at 08:43 AM



“ Merry Christmas Dad!! We love you!###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##

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December 25, 2010 at 11:05 AM



“ Happy Thanksgiving Dad!!

*Love and miss ya!###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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November 25, 2010 at 08:52 AM



“ Happy Veteran's Day Grandpa. The honorable and selfless service that men like you have given our country is to often underappreciated, but I know I am thankful and proud. Wish you could see the tattoo I got in your memory, its especially important on a day like this.

*Love,  
Andrew###imported-begin##Andrew###imported-end##*

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November 11, 2010 at 04:10 PM



“ *From Earth to Heaven...Happy Veteran's Day Dad.*

*Love you,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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November 11, 2010 at 08:35 AM



“ *Thanks Dad!!! Mia was born yesterday without any added complications for Lisa. Can't wait to hold her and give her a great big kiss. Mom and I will be going this afternoon to see her. I'll give her a kiss for you.###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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September 10, 2010 at 11:09 AM



“ *Well Dad...in a very short time we will be welcoming another member to our family...baby Polidori...we sure could use some help in ensuring that Lisa's delivery of the baby goes as smoothly as possible...so that Lisa and her precious baby will be fine.*

*And as usual Dad, please continue to watch over Matt.*

*Thanks Dad,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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September 09, 2010 at 02:47 PM



“ There is one other thing I could use you're help with!!! There are those out there that insist on making negative remarks about the fact that I gave my car to MY child simply to ensure that he is SAFE driving to and from college. These comments are very hurtful and totally, totally uncalled for. I WANT and NEED them to stop. Any help you can give me with this will truly be appreciated.

Thanks Dad...##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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August 31, 2010 at 12:58 PM



“ Hi Dad:

Well...in another couple of days we will have another beautiful baby girl to welcome into our family. Will you please watch over Lisa and her precious baby? Will you please help in ensuring that the outcome of her pregnancy will be fine...that the baby will be born healthy, and that Lisa will not have any complications giving birth to her. Lisa's been through a rough time and sure could use some breaks.

Love you,

Patti

Oh...and please continue to watch over Matt as he's beginning a new chapter in his life.##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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August 31, 2010 at 11:49 AM



“ Well Dad...it's now out of my control...please watch over my child for me.

Love always, Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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August 25, 2010 at 04:28 PM



“ Hey Dad:

We sure could use a nice sunny day for tomorrow...do you think you could help us out with this?

Love ya,

Patti##imported-begin##patti##imported-end##

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August 13, 2010 at 06:21 PM



“ well Dad...I can remember Mom calling me one year ago today...around this same time to give me the sad news that you had passed away. So much has happened since you left...some good and some not good. But I know you know this...I know you are looking down on us...watching us...happy and thrilled about the good things and protecting us from the not so good things. We have asked for strength and you have given us strength. I know you are there for us...and will continue to be there for us, watching over and protecting us in every thing that we do. You are...our guardian angel. Tonight the family will be going to Outback Steakhouse...in honor of your memory.  
We love and miss you...

Patti##imported-begin##patti##imported-end##

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August 03, 2010 at 10:00 AM



“ I cant believe it has been a year today. Were going to get a nice steak in your honor and memory at Lou's or Outback. Im sure you'll be enjoying one too, wish it was with us though!  
Love you, miss you, and God Bless!

Andrew###imported-begin##Andrew###imported-end##

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August 03, 2010 at 12:27 AM



“ Hi Dad:

*It's hard to believe that a year has almost passed since you left us. I can still remember the last time we were all together at Nora's birthday party. Do you remember how cute she looked? I am so glad that we had that one last chance to be together.*

*Thinking of you...*

Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##

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July 12, 2010 at 05:30 PM



“ Happy Father's Day Dad:

*Our first Father's Day without you...there will definitely be an "empty" feeling as we go through the day today...a feeling like something or someone is missing...like something or someone is being forgotten...and that is, of course, because you are not here to celebrate the day with us. We have been going through pictures of our family's functions for Matt's graduation party and we've come across many pictures of you...these pictures are bringing back many happy memories of times shared with you. These happy memories will carry us through the day. Please know that just as you're looking down on us sending us you're love, we, too, are looking up sending our love to you.*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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June 20, 2010 at 08:20 AM



“ Hey Dad:

*Still needing that strength from up above...*

*Thanks,*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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June 07, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ Hi Dad:

*Please join with our Father...up in Heaven...please ask him to continue to give strength to both Matt and Lisa...and the rest of our family. Please ask him to watch over and protect us in everything that we do.*

*We love and miss you,*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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May 09, 2010 at 09:47 AM



“ Hey Grandpa, Brian and Lisa just got engaged the other night! I finished my first year of college, Matt's about to finish highschool! Grandma, my mom, and dad won second place in the Strikers league! I'm still into baseball playing in a league and I'm the assistant coach at the high school I went to. Times flying by but it's not the same without you here.  
*Miss and Love you!##imported-begin##Andrew Eppich##imported-end##*

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May 08, 2010 at 03:18 AM



“ Hi Dad:

*That strength I was asking for yesterday...from up above...well, we're gonna need it now more than ever. And for some time to come. Please have God give strength to both Matt and Lisa. Please have him watch over and protect both of them in everything that they do.*

*Thanks Dad,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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April 15, 2010 at 03:56 PM



“ Hey Dad:

*We could really use some strength from up above right now...could you please see what you can do....*

*Missing you always,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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April 14, 2010 at 02:43 PM



“ *He was getting old and paunchy,  
And his hair was falling fast.  
He sat around the VFW,  
Telling stories of the past.*

*Of a war that he once fought in,  
And the deeds that he had done.  
In his exploits with his buddies;  
They were heroes, every one.*

*And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors,  
His tales became a joke;  
All his buddies listened quietly,  
For they knew where of he spoke.*

*But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For ol' Bob has passed away.  
And the world's a little poorer,  
For a Soldier died today.*

*He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Very quiet sort of life.*

*He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way.  
And the world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Soldier died today.*

*When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state.  
While thousands note their passing,  
And proclaim that they were great.*

*Papers tell of their life stories,*

*From the time that they were young.  
But the passing of a Soldier,  
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.*

*Is the greatest contribution,  
To the welfare of our land;  
Some jerk who breaks his promise,  
And cons his fellow man?*

*Or the ordinary fellow,  
Who in times of war and strife;  
Goes off to serve his country,  
And offers up his life?*

*The politician's stipend,  
And the style in which he lives;  
Are often disproportionate,  
To the service that he gives*

*While the ordinary Soldier,  
Who offered up his all;  
Is paid off with a medal,  
And perhaps a pension, small.*

*It's so easy to forget them,  
For it is so many times;  
That our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys,  
Went to battle, but we know...*

*It is not the politicians,  
With their compromise and ploys;  
Who won for us the freedom,  
That our country now enjoys*

*Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand;  
Would you really want some cop-out,*

*With his ever waffling stand?*

*Or would you want a Soldier,  
His home, his country, his kin?  
Just a common Soldier,  
Who would fight until the end.*

*He was just a common Soldier,  
And his ranks are growing thin.  
But his presence should remind us,  
We may need his like again.*

*For when countries are in conflict,  
We find the Soldier's part;  
Is to clean up all the troubles,  
That the politicians start.*

*If we cannot do him honor,  
While he's here to hear the praise;  
Then at least let's give him homage,  
At the ending of his days.*

*Perhaps just a simple headline,  
In the paper that might say:  
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."##imported-begin##Andrew  
Eppich##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2010 at 01:38 PM



“ My mom made your favorite dish the other day, devilled eggs. I dont really like them that much but I had one for you.

*miss you##imported-begin##andrew eppich##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2010 at 12:54 PM



“ Happy Easter Dad!!!

*We'll be thinking of you today.*

*Love ya,*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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April 04, 2010 at 06:53 AM



“ Hey Dad:

*Just wanted to let you know that you are and have been in my thoughts...a lot lately.*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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March 21, 2010 at 04:04 PM



“ Hey Dad:

*I've been thinking alot about you lately. Please continue to watch over and protect every member of our family.  
Know you are never far from our thoughts.*

*Love always,*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##*

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February 25, 2010 at 12:14 PM



“ Sorry I'm late but happy 84th birthday grandpa. Wish we could have spent it with you, but I know you had a good one. You are loved and missed.

Always,  
Andrew###imported-begin###Andrew Eppich###imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 08:09 PM



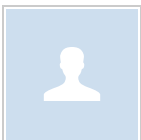
“ Happy Birthday Dad!!! So...you will be celebrating you're 84th birthday up in heaven with God today. I am sure he is throwing you the biggest party ever with hundreds and hundreds of angels attending. Maybe if I listen real carefully I will be able to hear the angels singing Happy Birthday to you since they always sing joyfully, forcefully and with a crescendo of sound. Be sure to look for our present to you. You won't be able to miss it. It will be the one shining the brightest...the one with all of our love wrapped inside of it. Enjoy your day...Happy Birthday again!

Love,

Patti###imported-begin###Patti Staels###imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 10:39 AM



“ Hey Dad:

I just realized that it has been 5 long months since we last saw you. Know that you are never far from our thoughts.

Love Patti###imported-begin###Patti###imported-end##

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January 03, 2010 at 09:40 PM



“ Happy New Year Grandpa, 2009 was definitely the best and worst of times. Im so thankful for the moments we had this year, wouldnt trade them for the world. I just finished my first semester of college and did pretty well, a 3.55 gpa. Grandma was very proud and I know you are too. I hope this year will bring great things for our family, but more then all I wish you were here with us. I happened to watch Gran Torino starring Clint Eastwood today, and his character Walter reminded me alot of you. He was an honorable man and had a stern and patriotic love for America just like you. It made me smile. Anyways everyone had a good Christmas, but it obviously wasn't the same without you. The kids are growing up so fast, Matt is about to graduate highschool, Nikki is about to graduate college, Brian and Lisa bought a new house, and Julie got a new home as well. I just wanted you to know that none of this wouldve been possible without you, and I know you have a big smile right now thinking about it.

Love you.##imported-begin##Andrew Eppich##imported-end##

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January 02, 2010 at 02:27 AM



“ Happy New Year Dad!!

We are thinking of you!!! We love you!! Yesterday, today, tomorrow and always.

Patti##imported-begin##Patti##imported-end##

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January 01, 2010 at 03:21 PM



“ Merry Christmas Dad:

*Wish you could be here with us today. They say that heaven is postively beautiful at this time of the year and that when the angels sing, it is really something to behold!! I am glad. I am sure that you are throughly enjoying yourself with grandpa and grandma and you're sisters while at the same time missing everyone down here on earth. We miss you too!!! Although this is a very sad time for Mom, she is hanging in there. She spent last night at Kathy's and will again tonight. I know you will be looking down on us today and sending your love just as we send you our love!!*

*Thinking of you,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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December 25, 2009 at 01:31 PM



“ Hi Dad:

*Happy Thanksgiving Day!!! This is our first holiday without you. We're having some of your favorites today. Green Bean Casserole and Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream for the top. I'm not sure if you liked brussel sprouts but they'll be mixed with roasted chestnuts, and I know that's one of your favorites. You will be in our thoughts a lot today. You will be missed Dad!!!*

*With all my love,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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November 26, 2009 at 12:31 PM



“ Thanksgiving is tommorow and I would like to thank you and Grandma for the wonderful family you started. We will all be missing you tommorow but we will be comforted in each others presence. God Bless###imported-begin###Andrew Eppich###imported-end##

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November 25, 2009 at 03:38 PM



“ Happy Vetrans Day Grandpa! This was a sad day for me thinking about you. I don't really know what else to say but, I miss you alot.###imported-begin###Andrew Eppich###imported-end##

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November 12, 2009 at 12:25 AM



“ Hi Dad:

*Today is Veteran's Day...It is your day!!! So many WWII Veterans like yourself sacrificed so much for our country. Who knows what the United States would be like without our greatest generation's contribution that was made towards our freedom.*

*I thank you for your sacrifice, I thank you for your contribution.*

*With all my love,*

*Patti###imported-begin###Patti Staels###imported-end##*

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November 11, 2009 at 03:35 PM



“ Hey Dad:

*I have been thinking alot about you today. A student at L'anse Creuse High School was hit by a car when walking home from school yesterday. He was hurt very bad. If he does live, he has a long road ahead of him. It is so frightening to realize just how uncertain life can be. Please continue to be our guardian angel, to watch over and protect every member of our family in everything that we do.*

*Love always,*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti###imported-end##*

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September 24, 2009 at 04:42 PM



“ Hi Dad:

*It hardly seems possible that it's been a month since you left us. In some ways it feels so much longer yet in some ways it's still so hard to believe that you're gone. I know that you are indeed our Guardian Angel. Thank you for ensuring that Nikki and Brian were both safe in their mishaps when the end results could have been very devastating. We miss you!! You are in our thoughts daily!!!*

*Love, Patti###imported-begin##Patti Staels###imported-end##*

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September 03, 2009 at 06:46 PM



“ May God be with all of the family at this time, bringing comfort & strength.##imported-begin##Cheryl Petroski###imported-end##

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August 19, 2009 at 12:17 PM



“ Hey Dad:

*Yesterday we had Mom over for dinner. When she got there, Baylee did greet her but then immediately went looking for you. She sat at the back door looking and watching and waiting for you to come see her. She'd looked back at us as if asking where you were. You were her Buddy!! The Baylee girl will miss you alot Dad!!!!##imported-begin##Patti Staels##imported-end##*

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August 17, 2009 at 03:09 PM



“ Hi Dad:

*Just wanted to let you know that I'm thinking of you!!*

*Love Patti##imported-begin##Patti Staels##imported-end##*

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August 13, 2009 at 10:54 AM



“ Dad:

*It's so hard to believe that it's been a week since you left us. How I wish that I could "undo" that day. It'll be hard going to your house today. I know that I will keep looking down the hallway expecting to see you come out of the back room. Please know that each and every member of our family will take good care of Mom. Love Patti##imported-begin##Patti Staels##imported-end##*

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August 10, 2009 at 04:16 PM



“ Grandpa, this has been the most difficult week of my life. Being at your house and being with our family, and you not being there, felt so empty. Here is the speech I wrote about you so you can always read the words.

*I recall a few years ago, me writing a speech before my 8th grade field trip for Washington, DC. It was why I should lay the wreath at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldiers. I wrote about my hero, and the fact that he was a WWII Veteran I know he would be proud of me for doing that. Since then there are even more reasons I can look upon my grandpa as my hero. After recently turning 18, the thought of little young me fighting in a foreign land is horrifying. This courage and carisma he had for his country never faded and became instilled into the life of our family. Grandpa cared about all of us and although he may not have said the words, he showed his love for us through his caring personality, always making sure you got home safe, or if your car is running right. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather and nothing made him happier then seeing his family. He was a true American, a real family man, and most importantly a man who I will forever be grateful and proud of. I hope as he looks down on me, I can make him as proud of me, as I am of him.*

*I love you Grandpa, and I'll always miss you.##imported-begin##Andrew Eppich##imported-end##*

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August 09, 2009 at 10:45 PM



“ Dad,

*After having more time to reflect these past few days, I have decided that my last two memories of you will also be my fondest. The first was on Saturday at Nora's 1st birthday party. As we were having a conversation on the deck you asked me how business was going. After responding to you that business was going well you said to me, "Bob, I am proud of you and what you have accomplished with your business". This meant alot to me because there is no greater reward for a son than to hear that he has made his dad proud of him. Later in our conversation I told you of some minor health issues that I was experiencing which leads to the second and last living memory that I have of you. The very next day you called to ask me, "Bob, how are you feeling, Are you ok". I responded, "yes dad, I am doing fine, don't worry, I'll be ok". In least than 24 hours of this conversation you were gone. Dad, your legacy is your family and how well that they turned out with help from your examples of kindness and concern, along with many other traits that you have passed on to us. I have either witnessed or have been the recipient of many acts of kindness from my brother and sisters to myself and others. I feel that examples that you have set have greatly contributed to the way your childern have turned out. Good job dad! Rest in peace knowing that these values will live on in your childern and will be past on for generations to come.*

*Your loving son,*

*Bob###imported-begin###Robert A. Eppich###imported-end##*

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August 09, 2009 at 12:04 PM



“ Well Dad, Today is moving day for Nikki. She is so excited. I am very happy for her, but also at the same time, feeling sad!! Although I will get to see her almost everyday, it just isn't the same. Nothing is the same anymore. I am though, at ease, knowing that now she has you as her guardian angel. You will be there to protect her and watch over her in her new adventure. Rest in peace Dad,  
Patti###imported-begin##Patti Staels###imported-end##

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August 09, 2009 at 11:00 AM



“ Dad,

Today you went to your final resting place. I am sure that you're Mother, Father and sisters were waiting to welcome you with open arms. I take comfort in knowing that you were not alone. You had a full Military Ceremony Ritual with firing squad, and a bugler that played Taps. The flag that covered you're casket was folded by two members of the Ritual Team and was handed to Mom. You would have been so proud!! I know that your spirit will remain here on earth living on in the hearts of those that you have touched. Fly free with the Angels Dad!! Although I miss you very much I know that you are in a much better place.

With all my love, Pattizwvt###imported-begin##Patti  
Staels###imported-end##

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August 07, 2009 at 09:14 PM



“Dad - I know you are now where you have wanted to be for quite some time. I wish you everlasting peace and contentment. Say hi to Aunt Helen and Aunt Betty for us.

*As we gathered pictures to display at your visitation yesterday, it was a comfort to revisit memories of you smiling and enjoying many family functions. The picture taken last Christmas has 24 of us in it and didn't even include everyone - and you and Mom are the common link that started it all and brought everyone together. All that love in one room - you can be very proud of that accomplishment.*

*I know you never wanted to talk about your WWII experiences, but know we are proud of what you did for all of us to keep our country free. I can't image how difficult it was and I wonder whether I would have been able to do the same thing.*

*From all the pictures, my favorite one is you and I sitting in the spa tub at Stuart Lake. We both had big wide smiles and were clearly enjoying the day. I will cherish it for years to come.*

*Godspeed, Dad. I love you.##imported-begin##Tom  
Eppich##imported-end##*

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August 07, 2009 at 07:27 AM



“ Dad,  
You were the ultimate family man. Always worried, concerned and supportive of all of us. May you have eternal peace in the knowledge that your family values have been passed on to each of us and that your memory will forever live on in our hearts. We miss you dearly.  
Love,  
Bob and Karin###imported-begin###Robert A. Eppich###imported-end##

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August 07, 2009 at 07:19 AM



“ Dad,  
I love being able to call you Dad! Thank you!! You welcomed me into your beautiful family with open arms and I can't tell you now much that means to me. I will miss your smile, your twinkle and your hugs, but I am knowing you are still with us, and will always be. Your viewing today was beautiful, filled with friends, family and flowers! And I am so proud to be a part of that. I love you Dad!###imported-begin###Pennell Eppich###imported-end##

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August 06, 2009 at 09:29 PM



“ Tom - On behalf of everyone at Long & Scott, I want to say how sorry we are for the loss of your father. He sounds like a man who lived a long and prosperous life and was surrounded by many people he loved and who loved him. As another member of our "Greatest Generation" passes on, we mourn their loss and are grateful for the contribution and sacrifices they made towards our freedom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours during this time. Hank Scott###imported-begin###Hank Scott###imported-end##

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August 06, 2009 at 04:49 PM



“ Grandpa,

*This is a very sad time for us, yet I take comfort in knowing that you have been reunited with your family up in Heaven. Thank you for always supporting me in everything that I have done. Please continue to look out for me. I will miss you!!*

*Love Matt##imported-begin##Matt Staels##imported-end##*

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August 06, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ Our prayers are with the family in the loss of Mr. Eppich. May you rejoice in all the good he did in his lifetime.##imported-begin##Jeffrey & Paulette Clee##imported-end##

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August 06, 2009 at 10:06 AM



“ A PARABLE OF IMMORTALITY

*I am standing upon the seashore. A Ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, "There she goes".*

*Gone where? Gone from my sight....that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There she goes..." there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout*

*"Here she comes..."###imported-begin##Jim and Judy Bibbings###imported-end##*

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August 06, 2009 at 01:03 AM



“ *Grandpa, it's hard to put into words exactly what I am feeling, I am going to miss you very much. I take peace in knowing that you are now in a safe place. Please don't worry about us, we will all take care of each other and Grandma. I love you and miss you! - Nikki###imported-begin##Nikki Staels###imported-end##*

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August 05, 2009 at 11:33 PM



“ Grandpa - You were one of a kind and will be missed by everyone who knew you. We all take comfort in the fact that you are now in heaven and at peace.  
Love Always - Lori###imported-begin##Lori Salyer###imported-end##

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August 05, 2009 at 02:03 PM



“ "Dad" You must have felt like a "rich" man as you had such a wonderful family with your 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and I love being a part of the family you started! I would also like to say "thank you" for your service to our wonderful country as a WWII veteran and I hope your grandchildren, great-grandchildren and future generations will always remember the part you and all our servicemen play in making our country the wonderful place it is to live. May you rest in peace.###imported-begin##Don Macioce###imported-end##

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August 05, 2009 at 12:30 PM



“ Grandpa, i just want you to know that i love you and you will be missed. Luca has taken comfort in knowing that angels have carried you to heaven. That gives me peace is such a sad time. Dont worry about grandma, we will all take care of her. Your only job now is to be with God and fly with the angels.###imported-begin##Lisa Polidori###imported-end##

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August 05, 2009 at 08:30 AM



“ *Bob, you will be missed. You were always concerned with the well being of my family and I love you for that.*

*You are at peace now.....*

*From your seat next to God, Please keep a watchful eye on Nikki, Matt and Patti.##imported-begin##Rich##imported-end##*

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August 04, 2009 at 09:10 PM



“ *Sweet dreams Dad!! Now you can rest in eternal peace. Kathy is right in saying that now there are no more worries. I will miss you're phone calls making sure that I had got home okay. I take great comfort in knowing that now you will watch over not just me but every member of our family from God's Heaven. I love you and I will miss you.*

*Patti##imported-begin##Patti Staels##imported-end##*

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August 04, 2009 at 05:19 PM



“ *No more worries Dad. You are now at peace and entrusted to God's care.*

*Love,  
Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Macioce##imported-end##*

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August 04, 2009 at 01:42 PM