



## Robert C. Heydens

January 9, 1930 - November 9, 2017

“Ya-But” now is silent.  
The fish can finally rest.  
The Good Lord has surely proven,  
among fishermen, He has taken the best!

Robert (Bob) C. Heydens, 87, peacefully passed away Thursday, November 9th. He was born January 9, 1930 to the late Paul and Georgina (Bourgeois) Heydens, in Norway, MI (U.P.). He moved down to the Detroit area at the age of 16, where he met and married Rita (Wojtysiak) the day after her 18th birthday, on February 3, 1951. He lost, Rita, his bride of 64 years, in May of 2015.

Together they began Bob’s Army life moving to Fort Sill, OK, while he proudly served his country. Their first child was born there in 1954. Upon honorable discharge, they settled in Detroit for Bob to continue his work at Chrysler Corporation, from which he retired (Marysville Parts Depot), in May of 1985. While in the Detroit area, they were blessed with three more children, before relocating to St. Clair in 1965.

Bob was also preceded in death by four siblings and his son, Paul R. Heydens (2005) and daughter, Judith M. Raymond (2010).

Bob is survived by his children, Sue (Bill) Karas and Nick (Tina) Heydens, son-in-law Mike Raymond and daughter-in-law Paula McDade-Lesinski. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, all of whom he loved to spoil.

His family would like to thank River Bend Assisted Living, which made them feel like family

from the day Bob moved there this past August. A very special thank you goes out to Bob's "boss" Stacey and the rest of the "girls" Harmony, Nancy, Donna and Tina, and all others who helped in the past. Their love, compassion and support was invaluable to his family. Thank you's are not complete without letting Bob's dear buddy, Bill "Billy" Westrick (who never let him go without his chili dogs or a ride up to the lake) know how much we appreciated the time he and others gave for him. God bless you all!

Visitation will be at L.C. Friederichs and Son Funeral Home, St. Clair on Sunday November 12th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Monday, November 13, 2017 at 10 a.m. with services at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bill Beaudua Memorial Marble Eye Tournament Fund, a tournament in which Bob still holds the record for the largest walleye caught (in 2005) at 10 lbs 5 oz and 31-1/2 inches long.



# Cemetery

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## St. Mary's Cemetery

2500 Clinton

St. Clair, MI, 48079

# Events

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**NOV 12 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM**

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L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home  
214 Trumbull, St. Clair, MI, US

**NOV 13 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home  
214 Trumbull, St. Clair, MI, US

# Comments

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“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to all the family of Bob Heydens. To Nick...and all...I loved your dad...what an awesome gentleman who loved life, his family and, of course, fishing. I learned a lot from him - and not just about fishing! It was my pleasure to visit him weekly when I lived in St. Clair and we would have our chats. What a joy it was to know Bob and to have the privilege of fishing on the water with him. Now, I'm sure he's doing the great "fall run" up there with Rita. You were the best, Bob...

Lon Luty  
Carolina Lakes, North Carolina



Lon Luty - November 10, 2017 at 09:08 AM

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“ Condolences to the Heyden family. Nick, Sue, your dad was a great guy. I believe he was the best walleye fisherman on the SCR. I'm so glad to have known him, fished with him, and even had a beer or two with him. It hasn't been the same out there without Bob, Bill, and Joe. Please forgive me, as I am unable to pay my respects in person. Bob, and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dave Allen - November 09, 2017 at 07:08 PM