



Robert (Bob) George Crossley

December 10, 1924 - August 21, 2018

Robert (Bob) George Crossley, born December 10, 1924, in Royal Oak, MI, passed on August 21, 2018 in Bradenton, FL.

Survived by life partner Kathleen Pleshaw, children Valerie Cadigan, Brice and Julia Crossley, Britt Crossley, and grandson Michael Cadigan. Bob survived his late wife Dolores.

Bob enlisted in the US Marine Corps during World War II and earned 2 purple hearts, first during Bougainville and again in Iwo Jima.

After the war, Bob earned his BA at Western Michigan and Masters at University of Michigan. He worked for the Department of Defense in Germany for 30 years, first as a high school English teacher and then in the US Army Public Affairs office becoming the chief of the Visual Information Division of USAREUR. He joined the US Army Reserves while in Germany serving 26 years retiring as a Lt. Colonel. After retiring, he and his wife Dolores moved to Venice, FL.

Bob enjoyed skiing, sailing, photography and traveling the world. Since his childhood, he loved spending his summers at Ipperwash Beach on Lake Huron, Canada. A visitation will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018, 11:00am until 12:00pm, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel, 140 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285. A funeral service will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 12:00pm, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel, 140 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285. Burial will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018, at 2:00pm at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Rd.

72, Sarasota, FL 34241.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I have known Bob a very short time but he left a big impression on me.

Rest in peace Bob . Memory eternal!

Mila Bednarz - August 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Always enjoyed sailing with Bob in Florida, It was an honor knowing him. He will be missed

Richard Gresen - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ "Roberto Crossilini" was a good friend in Europe and fun skier. Bob was always positive and Heidelberg was a better place because he was there.

Sam Bruce - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always. Rest in peace!

Simone Robinson - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM