

Robert W. Kohlbrenner (Captain Bob)

YORKVILLE — Robert W. Kohlbrenner passed Friday, March 9, 2007, peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by his family.



He was born, June 14, 1933, in Rochester, NY, to Leonard and Frances Kohlbrenner. He was predeceased by them, and one brother, Leonard E. Kohlbrenner.

Robert married Mary Jane Pflanz on September 24, 1955. He leaves behind his beloved family: his wife, Mary Jane; daughter Marianne and her husband, Daniel Baker; son Mark and his wife Laurie Kohlbrenner; son Timothy and his wife Donna Kohlbrenner; and daughter, Ann Marie and her husband William Bowen; and his grandchildren, Kylie, Gabhriel, and Robert Kohlbrenner, James Baker, and Jerri and Joshua Kohlbrenner.

Robert graduated from Saint Mary's in 1948, and Utica Free Academy in 1952. He joined the United States Naval Reserve while in High School, and was on Active Duty with the Navy from January

12, 1953 to December 13, 1954. Robert was a Past Commander and Life member of the American Legion, Utica Post #229.

Robert worked for New York Telephone Company and AT&T Computer Systems from November 1959 until his retirement in 1991. On his retirement he started B M Crafters Telephone Service, and was Telephone Contractor to St. Luke's Hospital, until 2005.

Captain Bob recently celebrated 50 years of service to his community with the Yorkville Fire & Hose Company. Captain Bob was active as a firefighter and EMT. He served in all Executive Offices, and Line Offices, to the rank of Captain. He served as Secretary to the Oneida County Volunteer Firemen's Association from 1997 to 2006. He was recently honored by having the Annual Oneida County Volunteer Firemen's Association Children's Life and Safety Expo named after him. He was instrumental in starting the Expo, 16 years ago, and has worked every one since. He served the Oneida County Fire Advisory Board from 1976 to 2006, and was secretary from 2005-2006.

Funeral services will be Monday, 9:00 a.m. from the Dimbleby, Friedel, Williams & Edmunds Funeral Home, Forty Main St., Whitesboro, and 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, where the Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Interment will be in St. Stanislaus and St. Casimir Cemetery, Whitestown. Calling hours are Sunday, from 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Utica Post#229 American Legion will meet Sunday at 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Robert requested donations be made to: The Yorkville Fire & Hose Company EMS Fund, Oneida County Volunteer Firemen's Association Scholarship Fund, or Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

For online expressions of sympathy, please go to www.dimblebyfriedelfuneralhomes.com.