



## Russel Roback

January 7, 1920 - July 30, 2009

SPARTA, MI - Russel W. Roback, age 89, formerly of Adrian, passed away, Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Meadowlark Home in Sparta, Michigan.

Russel was born January 7, 1920, in Beaverton, MI, the son of Harry and Sophia (McKimmy) Roback. During World War II, he served his country in the United States Army Air Force.

On November 11, 1950, Russel married Lillian 'Bobbi' Rowley in Angola, Indiana. Russel and Bobbi celebrated 49 years of marriage prior to her death in 1999.

Russel retired from the General Motors plant in Tecumseh in 1985. He served as a Lenawee County Commissioner for ten years and also as a Lenawee County Road Commissioner for six years.

Russel was very active with the UAW, serving as the International Representative, the President in Ypsilanti at the Willow Run Plant, and Chairman of the Tecumseh GM Plant where he later retired. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner, and a lifetime member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. He was also a member of the Eagles, the VFW, Annis Fint Post #1584 and the American Legion. Russel served on the Lenawee United Way board for many years and also the National Council of Senior Citizens.

Russel is survived by his daughter, Jackie (Jim) Davis of Greenville, MI; a grandson, Jack L. Remmele, Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Bobbi, he was preceded in death by his second wife, Donna; two sisters, Colleen Cech and Vivian Knapp and two brothers, Howard Roback and Lauren Rohrbach.

The funeral service for Russel will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2009 at Wagley Funeral Home with Pastor Lawrence LaFollette officiating and military honors conducted by VFW Annis Fint Post #1584. Burial will be private. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Contributions in memory of Russel may be made to Moslem Temple Shriners Hospital or Multiple Sclerosis Life Lines. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ I work at a Goodwill and his Shriner hat just crossed my desk. I wanted to know more and he seemed like a hell of a guy. Glad I got to learn about him. I hope yall are doing alright.



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Wren Drilling - July 08, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Russel Roback

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Jackie,  
So sorry for you loss of your dad.  
He will be very missed. Alot of memories in just the year I was with him @ meadowlark. Will miss him winking @ me.##imported-begin##Lisa Smith (Meadowlark)##imported-end##

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August 03, 2009 at 09:38 AM



“ Jackie and family, my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your father was a true leader in helping anyone in need. He knew many people that were not only contacts, they were his friends. Fisher Body would not have been what it was if not for your Dad in many ways. Maybe we didn't all agree on the methods etc., but once the decision was made, we all worked together. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Linda (Ondrovick) Hawkins##imported-end##

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August 03, 2009 at 07:36 AM



“ Jackie sorry to here of your dad's passing.He was liked by so many and will be missed.Doyal & Susie##imported-begin##Doyal&Susie Hannibal##imported-end##

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August 02, 2009 at 01:56 PM



“ To the Family of Russ  
we are so sorry for the loss of Uncle Russ.  
He is in Heaven with mom Coleen.  
we regret we will be unable to make the trip,Are prayers are with you.  
May god Bless you and your family at this time of sorrow.we are there in thought & prayers.  
Uncle Russ will always be remembered.  
With Love Always  
Michelle & Lonny Cech  
Cathy Cech & Family##imported-begin##Michelle Cech##imported-end##

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August 01, 2009 at 08:20 PM



“ Sharing His ability to see the need to help! I learned a great deal when I met Russ at Fisher Body - Tecumseh. One memory of many that helped me personally learn to listen and help the best you could, was when Russ and I went to Washington D.C. to visit REP. John Dingel ( who at the time , early 80's) was our congressman. One phone call from Russ, and we were in John Dingel's office . Just the 3 of us. Congressman with his feet up on his desk and Russ and I pleading with the congressman call GM in New York/ Detroit. The Congressman did and we heard the speaker phone call live. Our concern was for the Fisher Body folks in Tecumseh and the plant closing, well the Congressman talked directly to the chairman of GM and we at Tecumseh were already doomed by the world market and it was not anything to do with quality or quantity! It was economics. The time 1982. Our plant closed in 1985, but we became part of the great new legislation to prevent it without notice and GM was obligated to assist all our folks to settle there stresses. Russ Roback led the charge to help us maintain self. GM/UAW worked hand and hand to help us continue on life's journey. I will miss your effort and teaching old friend! Thanks So Very Much!

The Hat###imported-begin##Jim " The Hat " Palmer###imported-end##

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August 01, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ Uncle Russ you have been called home and now you are at peace. We love you and will miss you!###imported-begin##Sam & Lori Rohrbach###imported-end##

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August 01, 2009 at 04:40 PM



“ Dear Jackie, Jim & Jr. So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We didn't know him very long but always enjoyed having him come to our home for Xmas & Thanksgiving with you. He was a very nice man & a very accomplished man. I'm sure he will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Pat & Jerry Davis##imported-end##

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August 01, 2009 at 01:56 PM



“ Jackie, I will always remember your father, and am sorry for your loss. I was one of is supervisors at the Tecumseh Plant in the Maint. Dept. You can be proud of him as a person.##imported-begin##Carl Goins##imported-end##

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August 01, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ Dear Jackie and family:  
Sorry to hear about your father's loss. He was a special and great man, with full honor and integrity. He will greatly be missed.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May his memory be eternal..  
Love  
Dr. Inad and Liliane Haddad##imported-begin##Dr. Inad and Liliane Haddad##imported-end##

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July 31, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ Jackie, sorry to hear about you lose. Your dad was a great man and will be missed.##imported-begin##Claude & JoAnn Fisher##imported-end##

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July 31, 2009 at 01:45 PM