



Herbert L. Tatroe

May 14, 1924 - May 26, 2021

Age 97, of Braidwood, IL passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at his home, surrounded by those who loved him. Born May 14, 1924 in Joliet, IL to the late George and Elsie (nee Lembke) Tatroe. Herb served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943-1945 in the Pacific Theater of World War II in the Fifth Division. He then married June Bertucci on June 26, 1948 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale, IL. He was very proud of serving others all his life. Herb was the former Assistant Band Director for Lockport Township High School, where he lead the marching band to win first place in the nation, earning the Music Man award in 1962. He was also the band director at Rockdale Jr. High School, eventually retiring from the Rockdale Grade school. Herb was a part time police officer in the early 1950's, he also worked part time for the Street Department in Rockdale, was a former bus driver for Joliet Township High School, worked at Wedgewood Golf Course in Plainfield, and served as Rockdale Village Trustee. Herb also spent his time serving for the Rockdale Fire Department as a Fireman, Fire Protection District Trustee, and was the Fire Chief for over twenty years. In his limited free time, he loved to be with his family watching his grandchildren grow. Occasionally you could find Herbie on the golf course. Although he enjoyed golf, he was passionate about looking for the lost golf balls! Surviving are four children, Carol (Hector) Cerrillo, Ernest "Butch" (Felicia) Tatroe, Linda (Jeff Pearson) Adams, and Charlie (Mary) Tatroe; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Tatroe; and many nieces and

nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, June Tatroe on November 22, 2008; one brother, George (Pat) Tatroe; and one sister, Evelyn Ahlvin. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held. Inurnment with military honors will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to Lightways Hospice, the former Joliet Area Community Hospice. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I am Judy Simmermon/Gotschika/McClure and I was in the LTHS Music Man Band from 1961-1964. Herb was a man chock full of personality and many talents who gave us lots of laughs in high school but was dead serious when it came to marching and preparing for contests. What a dynamic duo he and Ernie Caneva made in those years! Ernie fostered my musical development in many ways also and I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to study under them back then.

I actually credit Herb with launching my very own music teaching career when he asked me if I would like to teach the clarinet and saxophone students in his Rockdale band starting when I was just 15 years old! I went on to graduate from the Joliet Conservatory of Music at 18 with a Teacher's Certificate, taught for them until the building burnt down, and although my primary instruments are the piano and organ, I have taught all 4 instruments throughout my life. I was sorry to discover his passing today and wanted you to know he will be part of my life story that I am currently writing and very appreciated and loved!

Judy McClure 11-6-2021 bearheaven88@gmail.com



Judy McClure - November 06, 2021 at 03:08 PM

FR

“ Hello,

First, again my sincere condolences on your loss of Mr. Tatroe and also you,r including my late dad as his friend years ago when they were classmates at Lockport H.S.

Very sincerely, Fred Mumaugh

Fred - June 15, 2021 at 01:52 PM

GT

“ We were very sorry to hear of Uncle Herb's passing.

George & Sally Tatroe

George Tatroe - June 03, 2021 at 07:07 PM

MZ

“ I was saddened to hear of Herb's passing. About four years ago, Herb attended our Veteran's Night at Lockport High School. A WWII veteran, it was an honor to speak with him and get to know him that evening. A genuinely nice man and outstanding golfer, please know our condolences are with all of his friends and family members.

Sincerely,

Mike Zaworski

Mike Zaworski - May 31, 2021 at 07:13 PM

LD

“ Lori Dede lit a candle in memory of Herbert L. Tatroe



Lori Dede - May 31, 2021 at 08:42 AM

RS

“ *Tatroe Family. I am si sorry to see that Mr. Tatroe has passed away. I have found memories of him. He was an extremely passionate man, and truly loved each of us at Rockdale grade school. Robert Stewart*

Robert Stewart - May 30, 2021 at 11:16 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Hickey lit a candle in memory of Herbert L. Tatroe*



Shirley Hickey - May 30, 2021 at 06:35 PM

CB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cal Brainard - May 29, 2021 at 05:52 PM

LB

“ *Linda (Lopez) Brodnicki lit a candle in memory of Herbert L. Tatroe*



Linda (Lopez) Brodnicki - May 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM

LC

“ *Herb was the assistant band director at Lockport High School during my four years in band. 1967-1971. He was a kind person and always worked so hard. It was a pleasure to have known him Laurel Campbell*

Laurel Campbell - May 28, 2021 at 09:12 PM

BJ

“ *It was an honor to meet you and share quality time with you when we went to the Veterans picnic in Coal City God bless you and your family Semper Fi Brother rest in peace*

Bob Jarchow - May 28, 2021 at 07:33 PM

DD

“ *Charlie, so sorry for you and your families loss! Always loved talking to Herb at the Dwight golf course! Reading his story I can see he lived a full life!
May he Rest In Peace, he will be truly missed!
Dan Dransfeldt*

Dan Dransfeldt - May 28, 2021 at 03:00 PM

JR

“ *Jason & Amanda Richards lit a candle in memory of Herbert L. Tatroe*



Jason & Amanda Richards - May 28, 2021 at 11:50 AM

MW

“ Sorry for you loss



Mark and Diane Webber - May 28, 2021 at 11:07 AM

SS

“ Loved golfing with Herb at the senior scrambles in Dwight, he was a true gentleman. As my granddaughter will be joining the Marine Corp Band in October. I will think of Herb lovingly as a music lover and marine. Rest in Peace Herb. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Sue Suddick

Sue Suddick - May 28, 2021 at 10:06 AM

JE

“ Herb was my Chief and friend! He tried for quite a while to get me on the Department, but I lived in another district so I kept telling him no. The day I moved into Rockdale, Herb saw me unloading my stuff and made me go to the station and become a Rockdale Volunteer! Rest in Peace, Chief!!

Jon Ellis - May 28, 2021 at 01:16 AM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Herbert L. Tatroe



Carol - May 28, 2021 at 12:49 AM

DS

“ *First and best fire chief I ever had, thanks for everything, rest in peace!*

Dennis Schmitz - May 27, 2021 at 09:14 PM

CB

“ *I will forever remember Herb, especially the sweet golf swing that he continued to impress with at the age of 96! Thank you for the years of friendship. Prayers and condolences to the entire Tatroe Family.*

Cal & Mary Brainard - May 27, 2021 at 07:58 PM

WV

“ *Charlie, so sorry to hear about your dad., Wilma Votta, your neighbor from Eureka St. and the golf course.*

wilma Votta - May 27, 2021 at 06:22 PM

JD

“ *Thanks for the memories Herb great band director and lunchroom guy I ever met. Took me to the parade in the Mardi Gras in grade school Sorry for the Loss to the family You will truly be missed. John Dieter...*

John Dieter - May 27, 2021 at 06:15 PM

BO

RIP Mr. Tatroe. I'm sorry I missed saying hello to you at the last band reunion. I played 1st flute & piccolo in that Music Man band. So proud to share that honor with you & Ernie Caneva. What a rich long life you had & deserved. Deepest sympathy to your family. Bonny Wrobel Schumacher in Newport Beach, Ca.

Bonny - May 29, 2021 at 12:03 AM

DJ

Herb was a wonderful man, and a great neighbor. Always had a smile and a great story to tell. Rest in Peace.

Debbie Jackson - June 02, 2021 at 10:33 AM

LB

Mr. Tatroe was a true gentleman. I knew him as a strict but compassionate band director, a caring and gentle fireman/paramedic(he helped my mom more than a few times)and such a wonderful neighbor and friend to Irene Zupancic.

May God bless him and his loving family.

Lynn (Bixenmann) Blaser

Lynn Blaser - June 05, 2021 at 02:28 PM