



## Robert E. Rowles Sr.

January 26, 1930 - July 17, 2019

HAMLET-Robert Eugene Rowles Sr., 89, passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in his home.

Bob was born at home on January 26, 1930 in Rochester, IN to the late Estil C. Rowles and Mildred (Beck) Laramore and lived in Hamlet for 87 years.

Bob is survived by his wife, Susan (Golding) Rowles. They were married almost 69 years. Other survivors include children, Robert E. Rowles Jr. of Valparaiso, IN, Debbie (Tom) Boudreau of Bloomington, IN, Greg Rowles of Three Oaks, MI and Susie Rowles of Mooresville, NC; eight grandchildren and their spouses; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Bob loved automobiles and worked for his step-father at the Laramore Garage as a mechanic until 1964. He then moved into sales for Thompson Smith Company in Hamlet selling hydraulic cylinders to steel mills, later becoming part owner until it's closure in 1989. Bob continued as a steel mill consultant until his retirement in 1995, after which he began enjoying winters in Sebring, FL. Bob loved playing softball, bowling and was an avid golfer with a zero handicap while being a member of the Dunes Golf Association and the Hamlet Golf Course. One of his greatest loves was local stock car racing in Plymouth where he was the mechanic and also loved NASCAR.

Bob served on the Hamlet Town Board for 12 years and was very involved in the Starke County Republican Party. He loved his family and had a smile for everyone.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. CDT at Rannells

Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will follow at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet. Visitation will be Saturday at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CDT.

A special thanks to Alice Abraham from Help at Home who has been part of our family the last 16 months. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VNA Hospice, 501 Marquette Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383.

# Cemetery Details

## Fletcher Cemetery

700 E  
Hamlet, IN 46532

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel  
102 W. Davis Street  
Hamlet, IN 46532  
(574) 867-3321  
rannellsfh@mchsi.com  
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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Rowles family. So very sorry for your loss.* ”

**Beth Czerniak** - August 01, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert E. Rowles Sr..* ”



July 20, 2019 at 08:52 AM

MK

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.* ”

**Michael Kwast** - July 19, 2019 at 08:29 PM

MS

*So sorry about you loss. We send our love and prayers. Teresa Beck n Mary* ❤️

**Mary Spalding** - July 20, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert E. Rowles Sr..* ”



July 19, 2019 at 02:19 PM

SC

“ Stacy Coleman purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Robert E. Rowles  
Sr..



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**Stacy Coleman** - July 19, 2019 at 12:55 PM

PS

“ Susie,  
So sorry for your loss. I can remember all the times staying over at  
your  
house and your dad would always joke with us. May he rest in  
peace and my  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Penny Sweeney*

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**Penny Sweeney** - July 19, 2019 at 07:51 AM

BE

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a special man, quick to laugh.  
We are thankful for the times we spent together. He'll be missed.  
Fondly, Bonnie & Les Eppers

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**Bonnie Eppers** - July 18, 2019 at 06:44 PM

SR

“ I Love you Dad,  
Susie



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**Susan Rowles** - July 18, 2019 at 02:06 PM

DB

*When I was a kid we lived just down the street from Bob and Susan. In my teen years I would baby sit for them. Loved the kids and Bob and Sue, So sorry for your loss. From Donna Hanselman Bailey.*

**Donna Hanselman Bailey** - July 18, 2019 at 04:01 PM



*Sorry susie your dad was a sweet and funny man Penny Cormican Maloney*

**Penny Maloney** - July 18, 2019 at 04:59 PM

BH

*Deb; so sorry for your loss, I know he was very special to you.*

**Bob Hill** - July 19, 2019 at 08:42 AM

KG

*Deb, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the Lord comfort you as only He can. With much sympathy, LeRoy and Kay Gudeman.*

**Kay Gudeman** - July 19, 2019 at 12:21 PM