

## B. Robert Rosenberg



Rosenberg, B. Robert

Penfield: On Saturday, May 28, 2011 we lost an outstanding member of the community, B. Robert Rosenberg.

Born in Rochester on February 25, 1922. Bob was the son of Judge Harry Rosenberg and Julia Meyer Rosenberg and great grandson of Abram Adler, a German immigrant who arrived in Rochester circa 1830 as one of Rochester's first Jewish settlers, and a founder of Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rochester's first synagogue.

Bob was educated in Rochester public schools and was a three-letter athlete at Monroe High School. He attended Syracuse University for two and one-half years.

He enlisted in the [U.S. Navy](#) as an Apprentice Seaman on December 8, 1941, immediately following the Pearl Harbor attack, and was sworn in on January 3, 1942. Bob served on active duty for five and one-half years and was released to inactive Reserve Duty in 1947 with the rank of Ensign. He served in Naval Reserve until age 60 and retired with the rank of Lt. Commander after 40 years of federal service.

During active duty Bob served in the South Pacific aboard a landing craft, taking part in several invasions in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea, and also aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte (CV 32). Bob's decorations include The Surface Combat Ribbon, Pacific Theater Medal with two battle stars, American Theater Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Naval Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Enlisted Good Conduct Medal and Cold War Certificate of Recognition.

Following active service Bob attended Albany Law School, graduating and being admitted to the Bar in 1950. He was associated with the firm Nixon, Hargrave, Devans and Dey for several years. He was then employed by The New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, Fourth Department where he served for twenty years. Upon State retirement, he joined his brother, S. William Rosenberg (now deceased) as "Of Counsel" to the firm of Laverne Sortino and Hanks. At the time of his retirement in 2008 he shared office space with his longtime friend and associate, John J. Costello.

In 1949 Bob was married to Betty Jean Cohen who died in 1968.

He is survived by his wife Angela (Ann) Petrone Battley Rosenberg. They were married in 1970 and enjoyed 40 beautiful years together.

Bob is also survived by four children: Beth (Charles) Lane of Boston, Barbara Rosenberg, Susan B. (Richard) Williams, both of Penfield, and Thomas E. Battley of Rochester, two grandchildren, Sean (Shannon) and Eric Lane, and sister-in-law Helen Rosenberg.

Bob was a past President and Honorary Board Member of Rochester Childrens Network, Former Board Member of Parkplace Southwest Adult Day Care Center, Volunteer at Lifespan Senior Adult Services, past President Albany Law School Alumni of Rochester, and Past President Rochester Title Attorneys Association.

Bob was Past Post Commander and Past County Vice Commander of American Legion, fifty year member of Monroe County Bar Association, and member # 1 of USS Leyte CV 32 Association.

He was a member of Penfield Rotary, The Retired Officers' Association; Fleet Reserve Association, Naval Reserve Association, Jewish War [Veterans](#), Young Lawyers Guild (formerly Tim Sullivan Bar Association), Rochester Naval Reserve Officers Mess, and the Jewish Community Center.

Bob loved reading and enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing, and most of all, time spent with family.

Bob was an absolutely honest man. His word was gold. His promise was fulfillment. His life was full of honor, of kindness, of hope and helpful deeds.

Friends may call Tuesday, 5-7 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.) where a Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, 11 AM. Bob will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial donations may be directed to a charity of your choice. To share a memory or photo of Bob visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com).



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