



## Robert F. Bracken, Jr.

February 2, 1930 - March 26, 2016

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Bob died quietly in his Oregon home at the age of 86 after a brief Hospice period.

Born in Kansas, Bob later moved with his family to Illinois. After graduating from McLeansboro High School, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the submarine USS Pomodon during the Korean War and was awarded an honorable discharge at the San Francisco Receiving Station in 1953 with the rank of ET 1 SS.

Bob stayed in Bay Area to begin his professional carrier in the electronics industry. He was employed by Eimac Tubes, Litton Industries, and R&W Products, and then started his own business, Service Industries. He retired after being self-employed for 25 years. Bob was a member of the Northern California Chapter of Electronic Representatives Association (ERA) and served a term as the chapter President.

During retirement, Bob's accomplishments included the invention of "Petie the Raindrop". He wrote and illustrated 43 children's books telling tales of Petie's

adventures around the United States.

Bob is survived by Ruth, his long-time friend and wife of 8 years, and her children; Cyndie and Alan Gill, Corvallis, OR, Rob, Angie; grandson, Raiden Atwood, Centennial, CO; and Bob's sister, Bernice Ellis of McLeansboro, IL.

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Bob is survived by his three children, Robbie, Tony, and Donald. Three grandchildren, Sarah, Darren, and Desiree and a beautiful great granddaughter, Zetta. RIP*

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**Robbie Buckley** - September 11, 2016 at 11:57 PM

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**Robbie Buckley** - September 11, 2016 at 01:55 PM

PB

“ *We shared many good times as school-mates in McLeansboro. RIP Bob. My sympathy to his family.*

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**Paul Boyer** - May 20, 2016 at 12:16 PM

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“ *Our condolences from the gang at B&H Technical Ceramics to the Bracken family. Robert was a good friend and associate to us for the past 40 years we have been in business. God Bless, from Gunther Horn, Helmut Koehler, and Gary Horn*

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**Gary Horn** - April 04, 2016 at 03:58 PM