



## Robert Fort

January 24, 1931 - March 7, 2013

The funeral service for Robert “Bob” Fort will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2013, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Marli Danielson officiating. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service.

Bob of Dunedin, FL, formerly of Wadena, MN passed away on March 7, 2013. He was 82 years old.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on January 24, 1931 to Louis and Florence Fort, Robert graduated from Washburn high school in 1949 and enrolled at the University of Minnesota. In 1951, Bob joined the U.S. Navy due to the Korean War and served on the U.S.S. Denebola. During his service, Bob received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal and the Navy Occupation Medal. Following his discharge in January, 1955, Robert finished his studies at the University of Minnesota with a degree in History.

Robert met the love of his life, Patricia “Pat” Kirscht and they married October 26, 1957. They began their life together in Minneapolis, MN. Robert started his career at Dayton’s Department Store as Draperies Manager. After moving to Wadena, MN in 1973, Robert and Pat opened the Magic Stitch. Robert proudly served as the Wadena County Auditor from 1982 to 1994 and was an active member and treasurer of First Congregational Church of Wadena. He

was also a member of the VFW, Elks, American Legion and was a Shriner.

Robert enjoyed golf, traveling the world with Pat, fishing and being with his children and grandchildren.

Robert served as president of the Wadena Rotary, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Master of the Wadena Masonic Temple. Robert was instrumental in the development of the Pembina Trail Group Home, now known as Share-A-Home. He served as the Chairman of the board of directors.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents Louis and Florence Fort, wife Pat Fort, son Ross Fort, and sister, Felicia "Ann" Nelson. Robert is survived by brother, Lewis (Helen) Fort, son Robb (Robin) Fort of Littleton, CO; son Brian (Lisa) Fort of Littleton, CO; daughter Jill (Peter) Masterson of Rogers, MN; and grandchildren Megan, Erin (Brian) Fort, Patrick, Hannah (Robb) Fort, Jack, Cole (Jill) Masterson.

Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Pallbearers will be Robb Fort, Brian Fort, Patrick Fort, Peter Masterson, Jack Masterson and Cole Masterson.

Robert will be buried next to his wife in Wadena Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Shriners Hospital of Minnesota, 2025 East River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes in Wadena. ([www.SchullerFamilyFH.com](http://www.SchullerFamilyFH.com))



# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Fort*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Helen F. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert Fort.*



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**Helen F.** - March 18, 2013 at 02:27 PM

JH

“ *Bob was a manager over me as a youth in town. He was a very humble and ambitious person, someone you could look up to and depend on. My condolences to the family.*

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**Jay Hutson** - March 18, 2013 at 11:43 AM

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“ Bob was a very important part of my childhood as he lived next door. He was like an older brother to all the "gang" of kids on the block and acted as a group leader to organize games (the old traditionals) especially on summer evenings when our parents shooed us out of the house. In those days it was very safe to roam the neighborhood. His leadership was so great as he made sure everyone was included and treated fairly, which eliminated our tendency to form cliques that excluded some chosen outsiders. We all looked up to him. I had completely lost track of him and it is wonderful to know that he continued his positive leadership qualities throughout a long life. Condolences to his children. I can only imagine what a wonderful father he has been to you.

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**Charlotte Timmons Kerelko** - March 18, 2013 at 07:55 AM

JS

“ Jim Stoneman sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Fort



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**jim stoneman** - March 16, 2013 at 08:24 AM

JS

“ Haven't talked to bob since he moved to Florida, but still remember him as being a good and honorable man. Always enjoyed his conversation either at the court house or in church. You have my sincere condolences.

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**jim stoneman** - March 16, 2013 at 08:23 AM