



## Deacon Robert J. Dybo

January 12, 1943 - March 9, 2024

Deacon Robert J. Dybo, age 81, of Carlisle Township, passed away peacefully at the Lifecare Center of Elyria during the early morning hours of Saturday March 9, 2024. Born in Wellington on January 12, 1943 he was a 1961 graduate of Wellington High School where he was a member and varsity letterman on the school's football team.

In 1966 he joined the Elyria Police Department and embarked on a career in law enforcement that spanned a quarter century with the municipality; in addition to his daily departmental duties, Bob served as the coordinator of the city's Safety Town Program for fifteen years and was a long-time volunteer for the county-wide Operation Open Heart. When off duty, he worked as a security and loss prevention specialist for the Sears and Roebuck Company at Midway Mall. He officially retired from his career in law enforcement holding the rank of Sergeant in 1991.

Following retirement, he joined Lifecare Ambulance Service in Elyria where he first served as dispatcher. Later, he was promoted to the role of supervisor of the firm's wheelchair division.

Bob was a man of great faith and entered the Diaconate Program of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. Upon graduation, he was ordained and installed as a Permanent Deacon during ceremonies conducted in the Cathedral of St.

John the Evangelist on May 21, 1988. He initially was assigned to St. Mary Catholic Church in Elyria; in 1995 he was re-assigned to Nativity BVM Catholic Church in Lorain where he served the majority of his ministry. In addition, he was a regular assistant to the Bishop and Auxiliary Bishops during the Rite of Confirmation bestowed throughout Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties. He was also the long-time Chaplain of the Lorain County Sheriff's Department.

Bob was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the United Polish Club of Elyria. Known for the catch phrase "Got a minute?", he was always willing to share a joke, or story with anyone he met.

Bob was an avid reader who enjoyed science fiction as well as the adventure novels of Clive Cussler. In his free time he enjoyed maintaining his yard and riding his tractor. He also looked forward to him and his wife's annual trips to Walt Disney World. "Been there. Done that. Goin' back".

He leaves his wife of more than fifty years Linda (nee Marciniak) , daughter Leesa Shope (Chip) of Elyria, and sons David Kern (Jennifer) of North Royalton and Robert L. Dybo (Cynthia) of Davenport, Florida. Additional survivors include ten grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Ralph Dybo and mother J. Muriel Dybo (nee Rickel).

Visitation will be conducted Friday March 15th, 2024 in Nativity BVM Catholic Church – 1454 Lexington Avenue, Lorain. The observance will begin with Vespers at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will commence immediately thereafter and will continue until 8:00 p.m. His Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday March 16th in the church. Inurnment will take place privately in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory are encouraged to Nativity BVM Catholic Church C/O 418 West 15th Street – Lorain, OH 44052, the Elyria Police Department, or a charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd  
Lorain, OH 44053  
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

# Previous Events

## Vesper Services

**MAR 15.** 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Nativity BVM Catholic Church  
1454 Lexington Avenue  
Lorain, OH 44052

## Visitation

**MAR 15.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Nativity BVM Catholic Church  
1454 Lexington Avenue  
Lorain, OH 44052

## Funeral Mass

**MAR 16.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Nativity BVM Catholic Church  
1454 Lexington Avenue  
Lorain, OH 44052



# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Linda and family, our prayers are with you today and always. We will miss Bob and his always friendly smile and greeting. Please take care Linda. We will miss cousin Bob and remember the good and trying times growing up! He was there for Mom (Aunt Pearl) and we will never forget that. May God Bless - Hal and Cathy

Harold Lang - March 15, 2024 at 02:41 PM

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“ Deacon Bob was a great man who touched my life deeply. I will always remember him and thank him for supporting my journey in the Faith. God Bless you Deacon Bob, rest in peace. And God Bless your wonderful wife Linda. -Ed Michalski-

Ed M - March 14, 2024 at 09:33 PM

JV

“ So sorry for your loss Linda prayers for you and your family he will be greatly missed Jean vincent and family

Jean vincent - March 13, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of his passing. He was such a good man. Linda, sorry for your loss. Marcy MacKay ( Kowalski)

m - March 12, 2024 at 11:36 AM