

## ROBERT R. "BOB" DICKSON NOVEMBER 7, 1934 TO JANUARY 31, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert R. "Bob" Dickson of Alexandria, Indiana, age 90, on January 31, 2025, following a sudden illness. Bob was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend whose warm spirit touched the lives of so many.

Bob graduated from Fairview High School in 1952 before pursuing higher education at Ball State University, where he graduated in 1958. On May 28, 1967, Bob married the love of his life, Marge (Pollitt) Dickson, sharing a beautiful partnership that lasted for 57 wonderful years. They were the proud parents of daughter Patricia and son James, and devoted grandparents to Andrew and Stella Dickson, Madi Niswonger, and David Novak.

Bob had a profound sense of duty and honor, proudly serving in the United States Army. His commitment to service extended into his career and community involvement. Bob dedicated many years to the Alexandria-Monroe School Corporation as a teacher, Athletic Director, and coach, inspiring countless young athletes through his passion for sports. His love for writing was evident in his tenure as a sportswriter for the Alexandria Times-Tribune, where his column, "Dixie Quotes," became a staple in the community from 1958 to 1967 and from 1993 to 2009.

In the world of youth baseball, Bob's impact was profound. He dedicated over 60 years to Babe Ruth League, Inc. as a local League President, District, Area, and Assistant Regional Commissioner. He was elected to the Babe Ruth League International Board of Directors in 1981 where he served as Ohio Valley Regional Commissioner for 27 years, and then as an At-Large Member. He chaired several Board Committees, including the Rules, Constitution & By-Laws, Finance, Planning, Audit, and Executive Committees. In addition, he volunteered to work on many Babe Ruth World Series Task Forces and as a World Series Director. Bob was inducted into the International Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame in 2011. Other accolades included earning the honorary title of the Sagamore of the Wabash and Kentucky Colonel for his distinguished service, and most recently, being honored as the first-ever Board Member Emeritus in Babe Ruth history, as a testimony to his unwavering dedication and passionate leadership.

An active member of his community, Bob was involved with several organizations, including the First Christian Church in Alexandria, Lambda Chi Fraternity, Elks Lodge #478, Eagle Lodge Aeries 1771, and the American Legion. He devoted countless hours volunteering at the Community Hospital and with the Indiana State Hospital Auxiliary, where his leadership shone through as the Eastern Area Regional Chair and a state officer.

Though he has stepped off the field, Bob leaves behind an admirable legacy that will live on in every volunteer and child involved with the Babe Ruth League program.



