



## Robert "Gofer" Messinger

August 4, 1947 - December 8, 2014

Robert "Gofer" Messinger, 67 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, December 8, 2014 at his home in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Burial will take place at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Tuesday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Bob was born on August 4, 1947 in Easton, Pennsylvania to Betty Messinger. He graduated from Nazareth Pennsylvania High School and then entered into the United States Army on July 28, 1965. While stationed in Germany, he married Irmgard Trinkle. One son, Marc was born; they later divorced. On his last tour in Germany, he met and subsequently married Beverly Chromey on September 7, 1978 in Bel Air, Maryland. Three children were born; Amanda, Benjamin and Courtney. Robert's duty assignments included multiple rotations to Germany, Fort Hood, TX, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, Vietnam, and Fort Carson, CO before retiring in Little Falls on July 31, 1985. Robert then worked at WCI, in St. Cloud; Earl LeMieur Bus Company (where he was given the nickname "Gofer", and Larson Boats. Robert was an excellent mechanic, and a caring, generous and thoughtful person. He enjoyed watching NASCAR; he always could come up with a solution on fixing just about

anything. But most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. His favorite saying was, "I did it my way". And he definitely could get the crowd laughing.

Robert is survived by his wife of 36 years, Beverly of Little Falls, MN; sons, Marc (Jen) Messinger of Moosup, CT, and Ben Messinger (fiancé, Theresa Sumner) of Little Falls, MN; daughters, Amanda (Jim) Dawson of Little Falls, MN; and Courtney Messinger of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Evelyn and Nathan Messinger of Moosup, CT; Bailey and Abigail Dawson of Little Falls, MN; and 3 brothers and 3 sisters in Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dallas Sr. and Betty Strohl; siblings, Brian Strohl and Kathy Strohl; Father and Mother-in-law, Norbert Chromey and Lucille Chromey-Ehrenberg; step father-in-law, Art Ehrenberg; sister-in-laws, Janet Mallak, Holly Chromey and her children, Katie and Jerrod Zapzalka, and Colleen Henrich.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 12, 2014 at 08:46 AM



“ *Robert "Gofer" Messinger*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Bev. God grant you and your family peace and comfort in your time of loss.*

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**David Scheuman** - December 12, 2014 at 06:51 PM



“ *Jacki And Kayla Retka lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger*



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**Jacki and Kayla Retka** - December 11, 2014 at 11:25 AM

DW

“ Denise Wille lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



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**Denise Wille** - December 10, 2014 at 09:25 PM

SB

“ Bev and family, thoughts and prayers are high you guys during these tough days. Losing a loved one is never easy, but rest assure that he is looking down on you guys and will provide oversight in your journey forward. Until you all regroup in heavy, R.I.P Soldier!

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**SFC Daniel Bronk** - December 10, 2014 at 09:22 PM

TG

“ Bob was a great neighbor to me. A few years ago he helped me rip some shrubs out of our yard with his truck, which was a heck of a lot easier than digging them out with a shovel. When my wife and I had our daughter and a snowstorm hit, Bob came and cleared our driveway for us when we were still in the hospital. He helped me out on a lot of little projects and was always willing to lend a hand. But..my best memories of Bob will always be the conversations we had over our backyard fence, with the last ones being when he'd comment on how big our daughter was getting and then going get their dog Dat to show her and make her smile. I was very sad to hear that he had passed but was certainly glad to know him. What a great guy he was to me and my family.

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**Ty Gangelhoff** - December 10, 2014 at 08:05 PM

Sandra  
Schmidt  
Ebsen

“ So sorry for your loss. Tight hugs Bev, Amanda, Ben and Courtney. May God lay his healing hands on your heavy hearts.



Sandra Schmidt Ebsen - December 10, 2014 at 07:56 PM

AJ

“ I've had the privilege of knowing Robert through one of his daughters for several years now. My most memorable memory was when Courtney and I did the color run. We came back for the Twin Cities that day and walked into the house. He had told me I better not get pulled over, cops wouldn't know what to call me since I was covered from head to toe with blue dye. Although this moment took all of a few minutes, I have never forgotten it and never will. Every time I look at pictures from that day, I have thought of what Robert told me and laugh! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Robert's family and friends in this difficult time.



Angela Jelinski - December 09, 2014 at 08:51 PM

BB

“ Bemidji Bus lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Bemidji Bus - December 09, 2014 at 12:14 PM

BL

“ Bemidji Bus Line lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Bemidji Bus Line - December 09, 2014 at 12:13 PM

SR

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Gopher. I know how much he loved his family and how proud he was of you. Please accept our sympathy. Rick & Sharon Radl

Sharon Radl - December 09, 2014 at 09:39 AM

WZ

“ Wendy Zylka lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Wendy Zylka - December 09, 2014 at 09:31 AM

SK

“ I am grateful for the little visit that I had with Bob not so long ago. Little did I know that it was the last and only time we would connect. May everlasting happiness be his and peace for his family. With caring thoughts, Shirley Konsor

shirley konsor - December 09, 2014 at 09:11 AM

BF

“ *May God wrap his arms around you and help you all get through your sorrow. Know that you and your family are all in our thoughts and prayers*

**Barb Krebs & Family** - December 09, 2014 at 08:20 AM

NT

“ *Nicki (Jutz) Tillman lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger*



**Nicki (Jutz) Tillman** - December 08, 2014 at 08:37 PM

LF

“ *Lee And Kelly Olson Family lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger*



**Lee and Kelly Olson Family** - December 08, 2014 at 07:04 PM

LF

*Our sympathy to The Messinger Family. So sorry for your loss you are in our thoughts and prayers!*

**Lee and Kelly Olson Family** - December 08, 2014 at 07:05 PM

CL

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one...charlie and dianne (ledbetter)



Charlie and Dianne Ledbettet - December 08, 2014 at 06:01 PM

DW

“ Dwight & Celeste Wiersgalla lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Dwight & Celeste Wiersgalla - December 08, 2014 at 04:59 PM

DT

“ Bev, Amanda, Ben and Courtney, we are so very sorry for your loss. We will definitely miss "Gopher's" sense of humor. He always had a smile on his face and something to tease us about. We will keep your family in our prayers.



Diane Zalasin & Tyler - December 08, 2014 at 04:29 PM

PM

“ Patty & Joe Mallak lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Patty & Joe Mallak - December 08, 2014 at 03:07 PM

LL

“ Louise LeMieur lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Louise LeMieur - December 08, 2014 at 03:05 PM

DL

“ Dout & Rita LeMieur lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Dout & Rita LeMieur - December 08, 2014 at 02:33 PM

JM

“ Jill MacKissock lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Jill MacKissock - December 08, 2014 at 01:55 PM

TF

“ Tony, Sherry And Family lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger



Tony, Sherry and Family - December 08, 2014 at 12:30 PM

Stacie  
Hatten

“ *Stacie Hatten sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger*



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**Stacie Hatten** - December 08, 2014 at 10:36 AM

Stacie  
Hatten

*Uncle Bob, you've gone too soon from this Earth. May you be at peace now. My deepest condolences to Bev and family.*

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**Stacie Hatten** - December 08, 2014 at 10:38 AM

FT

“ *Fred Tabatt lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger*



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**Fred Tabatt** - December 08, 2014 at 09:44 AM

JP

“ *Joe And Maggie Plante lit a candle in memory of Robert "Gofer" Messinger*



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**Joe and Maggie Plante** - December 08, 2014 at 09:25 AM