

Robert Louis Scranton, Brighton Mich, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. He was the son of Melvin V. and Charlotte M. (Nunn)Scranton born in Paw Paw, on Nov. 8, 1918.



He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mildred M. Scranton of Brighton; son, Clare A. (Cas) Scranton of Pinckney, one daughter, Karen Lou (Chet) Kierpaul of Westland; five grandchildren, Eric Scranton of Pinckney, Aaron Kierpaul of Westland, Kassandra L. Kierpaul of Westland, Darren Jones of Greenville and David Jones of Detroit; one sister, Geraldine R. (George) Jacher of Paw Paw; one sister-in-law, Gail (Clyde) Coleman of Berrien Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bob graduated from Western Michigan University and received his master's degree from the University of Michigan. After teaching one year at Byron Center, Mich., he joined the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in the 106th Infantry Unit and was a P.O.W. captured in Germany during the famed "Battle of the Bulge."

He remained very active in the military years, was a member of the American Legion for more than 50 years and serving as commander of the Brighton Post 235, was a Charter member of the 106th Infantry Division Association which meets annually. He served as Adjutant of the Division for 12 years, was past president and is a Life Member.

He taught at Hartford Public Schools for 4-1/2 years. He began teaching/coaching at Brighton Area Schools in 1952, was Athletic Director, Principal of Brighton Middle School. After 25 years of outstanding services the B.A.S. Board of Education named the school in his honor "Robert L. Scranton" Middle School. When the middle school was built on Maltby Road in 1993 the name was transferred to the school.

One of the gifts received at the naming of the school in 1977 was a Life Membership to the University of Michigan "M" Club in Ann Arbor. He ultimately served on the Board in various capacities including secretary-treasurer.

As head of the Brighton Recreation in the 1960s, he had summers of Little League, American Legion baseball and taught hundreds of children and adults to swim, life-saving classes. Bob was active in Brighton Rotary Club serving as president. He received the prestigious "Paul Harris Fellow" Award from the club, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

As a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton since April 11, 1957, he served both as Deacon and Elder. Bob had a strong faith and lived it. He loved Brighton and has many friends here.

Sports were his prime interest after family ushering at U of M football and basketball for many years, was a member of the Representative Council 1970-1983. He loved his family, church, U of M, sports and travel.

Visitation, today, 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home, Brighton. Funeral, Saturday, 12 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Brighton. Burial will follow in Brighton Hills Cemetery. Memorials suggested to: Robert L. Scranton Academic/Athletic Fund or the First United Presbyterian Church. Contributions may be made to: Robert L. Scranton, 9441 Old Lee Road, Brighton, Mich. 48116.

NOTE: From 1946-1952, Robert was a teacher-coach at Hartford High School. He married Mildred (Clover) Scranton, a 1943 Hartford High School graduate. Click [here](#) to read an incredible story about Robert, who was a POW during WW-II prior to his teaching-coaching experience in Hartford.