



Samuel Robert "Bob" Ault

July 21, 1933 - September 10, 2022

Samuel Robert "Bob" Ault, 89, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 12:55 P.M. Saturday September 10, 2022, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Bob was born July 21, 1933, at Rossville, IL, in a small house surrounded by a creek and woods. He was the son of Frank and Nova (Bennett) Ault. He had six sisters and one brother, all preceding him in death. He was raised on a farm and attended rural schools, graduating from Armstrong High School in 1951.

Bob married Sarah Ann Taylor on September 24, 1952, and she preceded him in death on May 28, 1994. Together they had four children: Cindy (Dave) Bell of Watseka, IL; Shelley Miller (deceased); Steve Ault (good friend, Shelia) of Morton, IL; and Todd (Ann) Ault of Danville, IL. He later married Mary Lou Sweet in November 1998, and became stepfather to Marcia Russell of Petersburg, IN. Mary Lou survives in Hoopeston.

Bob started his career working in Danville at the General Motors plant and then the Allith Prouty Plant. In 1953, Bob started work at American Can in Hoopeston. He retired as manager of product control in 1989. While living in Hoopeston raising his family, he was active in the PTA, Little League, and Pony League. He was a member of Hubbard Trail Country Club and served on the Police Commission board. Bob also served as Mayor of Hoopeston for fifteen years and alderman for eight years. He enjoyed working outside and always took great pride in his yard.

In addition to his wife and three children, Bob leaves behind six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Also, brother-in-law, David (Bunny) Taylor of Cincinnati, OH and sister-in-law, Martha Taylor of Boulder, CO.

A visitation will be held 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Thursday September 15, 2022, at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday at the funeral home, with Pastor Tom McCann officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorials may be made to the Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell Ave., Hoopeston, IL 60942; Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 Laird Lane Watseka, IL 60970; or to the donor's choice.