



## Robert Coombs

March 5, 1924 - January 26, 2009

NORWAY - Robert Dean "Coomer" Coombs, 84, of Norway, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born on March 5, 1924, in Norway, the son of the late Robert and Antoinette (Ropele) Coombs.

He graduated from Norway High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. He was a barber in Norway for many years. He also worked at the Niagara Paper Mill for 36 years, retiring in 1986.

Bob married Virginia LeClair on Sept. 29, 1951, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara. The couple enjoyed 57 years of marriage.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway. He enjoyed golfing and was a member of Oak Crest, where he was the club champion in 1951. Bob was also an avid Norway Knights fan and went to their football and basketball games.

Robert is survived by his wife, Virginia, four children, Marynell (Don) Watts of Estero, Fla. , Thomas (Julie) Coombs of Norway, Suellen (David) Bray of Vulcan, and Pattiann (Pat) Duff of Iron Mountain; nine grandchildren, Shawn Coombs, Zachary Bray, Melissa Coombs Cronick, Cara Slee, Laura Slee,

Robert Coombs, Tim Kryzch, Victoria Duff, and Allison Duff, and six great-grandchildren, Jordan and Hunter Coombs, Kiara, Kody, and Kaden Cronick, and Tyler Bray.

He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Coombs and one brother, Curtis Coombs.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Fr. James Roetzer will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert D. Coombs online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ Virginia sorry so late I just found out and want you to know that I have both Robert and Richard in my prayers. You know how I feel about you and your family and will never forget any of you love Brian Adams !!!

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**Brian & Cheryl Adams** - February 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Coombs family,  
Even at a time of such unexpected saddness, love and memories endure. And they will stay with you forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Sam and MB Thoreson

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**Sam Thoreson** - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Virg...So sorry to hear about Bob. I was just thinking about him the other day because I moved away from the area in early December and I forgot to make sure someone sent him his 2009 calenders. I have done that for about 5 years now and something so small as that would put such a big smile on his face!! My thought are with you and your family during this time.

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**Beth Zweifel** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Virginia  
  
My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Marilyn Piatti** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Sorry to read about "Coomer". Always enjoyed visiting with him when I would get to Norway.

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**Roger Hallgren** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM