



Robert M. Tomlinson

August 22, 1931 - January 9, 2021

Robert Maxwell Tomlinson, 89, of Broadalbin, died Saturday January 9, 2021 at St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam after years of struggling with heart failure.

He was born in Gloversville on August 22, 1931 a son of Maxwell and Elsie Burgess Tomlinson, the youngest of four children.

Mr. Tomlinson persevered to enlist in the US Navy, despite being initially rejected because of a heart murmur. He served aboard several ships during the Korean Conflict and remained in the Caribbean for much of his service. Bob ran the ship's laundry, usually without assistance, because he said it was much more efficient than continually training new men.

When he received his honorable discharge, Bob used his GI Bill funds to study to be a barber in Schenectady. He apprenticed in Saratoga Springs before taking a job in Broadalbin as a third chair with the late Roland Davis. Bob worked there for a decade before opening his own barber shop outside the village. On opening day, the cars lined the road east and west. That same day, the water well went dry and water had to be brought in with milk cans. He worked as a barber from the mid-1950s until 2018. He also worked as a carpenter, leather crafter, painter, and wood carver.

On September 6, 1952 and on leave from the Navy, he married Lois Winona Tierney at Sacred Heart Church, Gloversville. They lived in Gloversville, Ballston Spa, and finally moved to Broadalbin in in the late 1950s. Lois died on May 31, 2017. In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by

an older sister, Betty Tomlinson Pearo and his older brother, Roland Tomilson, whose last name was misspelled on his birth certificate and never corrected, and his daughter-in-law, Carole Tomlinson.

Survivors include a son, Shawn M. Tomlinson of Broadalbin; a sister, Beverly Streifert; several nieces and nephews; and his good friends Don Hart of Broadalbin and John English of Edinburg.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. Johnstown.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Always a fun time in the barber shop. He also did some leather work for Al & I. I always enjoyed listening to his stories and the gossip time. My condolences to Shawn and the rest of the family.* ”



Richard Fallis - January 16, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss I would always go with my dad when he would go to get his hair cut your dad was always such a nice man.* ”

Jane Konik - January 16, 2021 at 07:33 AM