



Robert "Bob" Dale Komnick was born July 11, 1936. He married Joy M. Mendez on March 23, 1958. They have been married 55 years and have 3 children, Mark Komnick, Michael Komnick and Joan Dannewitz and also have 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Bob went to New Berlin High School where he was active in both 4H and FFA. Then in January 1955, Bob joined the United States Marine Corps. He was assigned to "Pathfinders" and was one of 25 people who volunteered to start a RECON company in 1956, after the Korean War. During his time of service, he attended parachute training school and parachute rigger school. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in January 1959.

As a child, he was al

ways involved in helping out on the farm however he could. His childhood duties included feeding the cows, forking silage, hauling manure, field work, etc. Then in 1963, at the age of 26, he took over the farm from his ailing father. The farm consisted of 500+ acres. At the height of his farming career, he produced 3,500 head of hogs per year and

80-100 stock cows. He also raised corn, soybeans, alfalfa and some wheat. He then retired from farming in 2000.

During his busy years of farming, he still found time to sit on numerous boards. These boards included the Sangamon County Extension Board (6 years), Curran Township Board (16 years), Farm Supply Services with became Lincoln Land FS (27 years), Growmark (10 years) and Sangamon Conservancy Trust (6 years). He currently still sits on the Warren Boynton State Bank Board, where he has continuously served for the past 50 years.

In addition to his love for farming, Bob has always been a man strong in his faith. He currently is a member of Our Redeemer Church in Jacksonville, IL , where he serves as head trustee. Since his retirement, he has enjoyed spending his time with community activities. He is a charter member of West Central Illinois Leathernecks Marine Corps league detachment 1177, where he presently holds office of adjutant. He also currently serves as Treasurer for the Prairie Land Heritage Museum Institute.

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