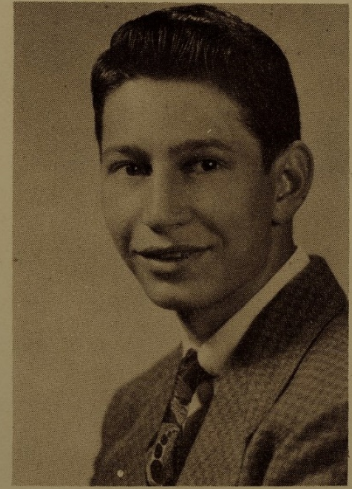


Robert Jay "Bob" Markwart, son of John R. (1903-1993) and Florence M. (Tyler) (1909-1992) Markwart, was born 21 November 1930, Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan. Bob graduated in 1948 from Okemos High School. He married **1950 OHS alumni Charlotte Ann Powell**, 18 November 1950, East Lansing, Ingham County.



Robert Markwart "Bob"
I am a quiet man but quite a man. Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; F.E.A. President 4; Varsity Club 3,4; Tomahawk staff 4. Wolverine Boys' State 3; "A Little Honey" 3; "Drums of Death" 4.



Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 19 November 1950

CHARLOTTE ANN POWELL WEDS TOLEDO MAN

St. Thomas Aquinas rectory was the scene of the Saturday morning wedding of Miss Charlotte Ann Powell of Okemos, daughter of Guy E. Powell of Toledo, O., and Robert J. Markwart. Rev. Fr. Paul DeRose performed the double-ring ceremony.

Mr. Markwart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Markwart of Okemos.

The bride wore a dark brown suit with cocoa accessories and yellow roses.

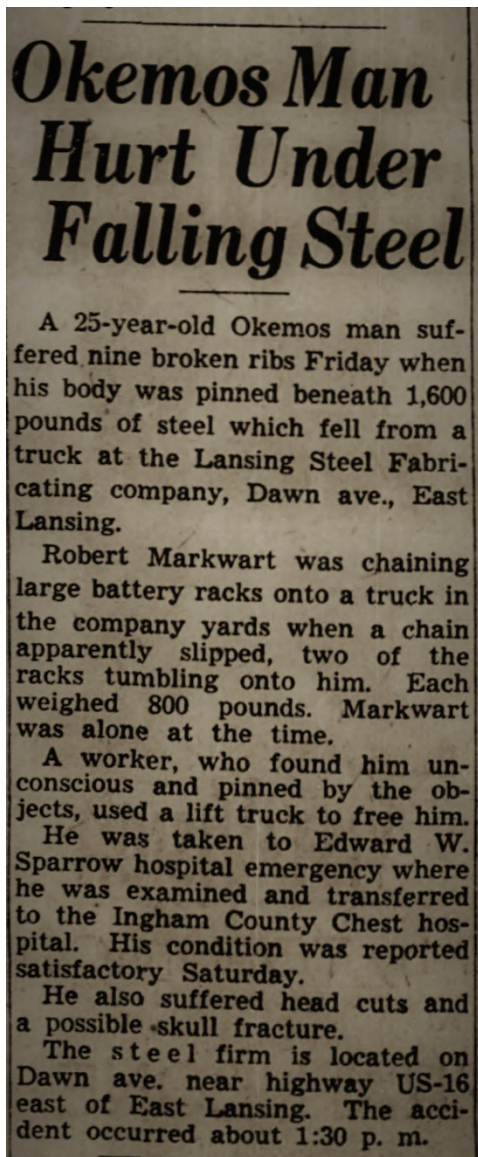
Mrs. Maurice R. Scott, matron of honor, chose a light blue suit with brown accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Loren Brown of Okemos was groomsman.

Assisting at the reception in the home of Mrs. Basil Piper, sister of the bridegroom, were Mrs. Joseph Travis and Miss Norma Burch.

Mrs. Markwart donned a black dress with white accessories and a red rose corsage for the wedding. She was hostess at a wedding breakfast for the bridal party at her home.

The couple will be at home after Nov. 25 in Okemos when they return from a wedding trip to Pennsylvania.



Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 6 August 1955

OKEMOS MAN HURT UNDER FALLING STEEL

A 25-year-old Okemos man suffered nine broken ribs Friday when his body was pinned beneath 1,600 pounds of steel which fell from a truck at the Lansing Steel Fabricating company, Dawn ave., East Lansing.

Robert Markwart was chaining large battery racks onto a truck in the company yards when a chain apparently slipped, two of the racks tumbling onto him. Each weighed 800 pounds. Markwart was alone at the time.

A worker, who found him unconscious and pinned by the objects, used a lift truck to free him.

He was taken to Edward W. Sparrow hospital emergency where he was examined and transferred to the Ingham County Chest

hospital. His condition was reported satisfactory Saturday.

He also suffered head cuts and a possible skull fracture.

The steel firm is located on Dawn ave. near highway US-16 east of East Lansing. The accident occurred about 1:30 p.m.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 18 August 1955

Robert Markwart of Okemos, who was seriously injured Aug. 6, at the Lansing Steel Fabricating company on Dawn ave., East Lansing was "doing well" at the Ingham County Chest hospital Thursday, relatives said. Mr. Markwart suffered several fractured ribs and a concussion when the battery racks he was loading broke causing 1,600 pounds of steel to fall on him.

Lansing State Journal, December 8, 1974

Bob recovered from his accident. He went on to have an employment career with Lansing General Hospital and with Burcham Hill Retirement Center.

Bob with family, 7 September 1992, was enjoying an evening boating trip on Morrison Lake in Ionia County when a grandson fell into the lake from the boat. Bob, in trying to rescue the small child, had a heart attack, drowned and died.

Bob Markwart, general maintenance supervisor at Lansing General Hospital, won an honorable mention in the Search for New Hospital Achievements contest sponsored by the Michigan Hospital Association. He received \$50 for his winning idea of placing hinged doors on the sheet metal housing units surrounding fan belts in the hospital ventilation system. Thus, belts can be checked without removing housing units.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Tuesday 8 September 1992

Ionia - Grandfather's body found: A 61-year-old Eaton Rapids man who jumped into Morrison Lake on Sunday to save his grandson was pulled from the water by a dive team Monday, said the Ionia County Sheriff's Department.

The body of Robert Markwart was discovered at 11 a.m. in about 25 feet of water in the Boston Township lake. Sheriff Terrence Jungel said.

The victim was boating with his family when his 2-year-old grandson fell out of the boat at about 9 p.m. Sunday, Jungel said. Markwart jumped into the lake to save his grandson, but began clutching his chest seconds after jumping in. Jungel said the victim may have had a heart attack.

The victim's son, Garry Markwart, then jumped in to save the two, but was only able to save the child.

A dive team searched nearly two hours Sunday for the body, but darkness made the search difficult, Jungel said. The search continued at about 9 a.m. Monday until the body was discovered a short time later, Jungel said.

"We suspect the drowning may have been the result of cardiac arrest," Jungel said.

The victim was transported to Ionia County Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 9 September 1962

ROBERT "BOB" JAY MARKWART

EATON RAPIDS

Age 61, died Monday, September 7, 1992 in Ionia. Mr. Markwart was born November 21, 1930 in Okemos, the son of John R. and Florence Tyler Markwart. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Eaton Rapids and was employed with Burcham Hills Retirement Center for 15 years as their Maintenance Engineer. he was preceded in death by his mother, Florence M. in 1992. Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Charlotte; 3 sons, Larry (Terri) Markwart of Eaton Rapids, Garry Markwart of Mason and Barry (Andrea) Markwart of Mt. Pleasant. He was a loving grandfather to 6 grandchildren, Marci, Mandi, Char Lynn, Carmelle, Danielle and C. J. Markwart. Also surviving are his father, John R. Markwart of Dimondale; 1 sister, Bettie (Basil) Piper of Dimondale; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 11 a.m. at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids with the Rev. Fr. Bennett Constantine, Pastor of St. Peter Church, officiating. Interment will be at Rosehill Cemetery, Eaton Rapids.