

**Robert Avril Aikin**  
**May 14, 1919 - July 1, 2011**

Another member of “The Greatest Generation” has passed away.

Robert, age 92, was born in Mitchell, Indiana, the son of Arthur Avril Aikin and Georgia Mantler Aikin. On September 4, 1949 he married Barbara Ann Sargeant of Seymour, Indiana. They were blessed with two sons, Robert Andrew (Andy) and Stephen Matthew (Steve).

Bob honorably served our Country as a commissioned officer of the 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. Army in the European Theater of Operation from D-day plus 1, June 7, 1944 until V-E Day May 8, 1945. He remained in Reserve status until he retired in 1979 with the rank of Major, A.U.S. In civilian life he resumed his education and earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering at Purdue University. His career encompassed the Department of Engineering of the City of San Diego, the U.S. 11th Naval District and the San Diego County Engineering Department.

Bob always served his church and community. He was Sunday School Superintendent at La Jolla United Methodist Church where he also ushered and taught Sunday school. He was a member of the building committee of the Hope United Methodist Church in Rancho Bernardo, CA. In Murray, KY he was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and at the First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces, NM. Bob was a member of the Board of Deacons. He had also worked with youth as a little league coach. Bob was a Parent sponsor of the Albacore Jr. Drum and Bugle Corp. of Pacific Beach, CA, parent sponsor of Indian Guide Troop of Crown Point Elementary PTA in Pacific Beach, CA. Bob made friends wherever he worked and served.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and brother (Jack). Bob is survived by wife, Barbara, of Salt Lake City; sons, Andy (Karen), Steve (Lori); grandsons, Justin, Trevor, Stephen, CJ Strong; and nephew, Jack R.; great-grandchildren, Jennica and Alex; and step-granddaughters, Sara, Katherine and Michelle.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, July 7, at 2 p.m. at the Cottonwood Presbyterian Church, 1580 Vine St.