

Green Hills News Release

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A Green Hills Veteran's Special Surprise!

November 20th - (AMES, IOWA) – Green Hills' resident Bob Underhill was pleasantly surprised this week by a very special friend. The daughter of his former crew member known as "Lib", who he met for the first time today. Bob is a World War II veteran whose plane was shot down over Poland during Christmas time in 1944. He and his crew made the vote to land with the plane, and Bob with the help of Lib saved the life of their pilot. Lib and Bob had only known each other for a couple days prior to performing this heroic act. After landing the plane, Bob, Lib, and the crew were taken into captivity and became missing in action. There were letters sent to their families and loved ones upon their disappearance. Time had passed and the crew was later taken to safety and returned home in 1945 succeeding the end of the war.

Bob and Lib fell out of touch, until Christmas 1961 when Bob reached out to Lib and was able to make contact. The two have been in touch ever since. Writing letters, calling, talking, leaving voicemails - as time passed on Bob's hearing has faded when talking on the phone. So, Bob's special friend, (Lib's daughter) listened to all the voicemails Bob and her father shared, and wrote them out word for word, along with the letters and created a book for Bob to keep and be able to reminisce on all the times they have shared! While their families were meeting for the first time this morning, Bob was able to call Lib and talk to him on the phone with his own daughter and her husband, along with Lib's family who traveled from Philadelphia. Lib's family gifted Bob a version of the Liberty Bell to

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thank him for serving and sacrificing for our great country. In Bob's words, "I will cherish this till my last days". This past June, Bob celebrated his 99th birthday! (Bob and Lib's daughter)



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