



Robert J. Grabel

December 1, 1923 - February 17, 2014

Warren, Ohio - Robert John Grabel, 90, died Monday, February 17, 2014 at Robinson Memorial Hospital. He was born on December 1, 1923 in Monessen, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Cenzy Grabel, Margaret Harmanis Grabel and step-father, John Hubick.

Robert was employed as a display manager for Sears retiring December 31, 1993, after 33 years of service. He enjoyed traveling, and had visited 19 countries and 45 of 48 continental United States. He had lived in 10 cities and 3 states. He also enjoyed remodeling his house, model railroads, camping, fishing, and made & sold wooden toys and kitchen furniture. Most of all, he loved spending time with his wife and children.

Bob served in US Army during WWII in the 1010th AAR Base Unit as a Flight Maintenance Gunner on B-24 bomber, attaining the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was involved in the bombings of the Ploesti oil field in Italy and was later shot down. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal.

Memories of Bob will be carried on by son, Dennis Allen (Christine) Grabel of Tempe, AZ, daughter, Karen Sue (Stephen) Kunz of Tallahassee, FL, daughter, Donna Mae (Wayne) Scott of Ravenna, OH, son, John Marshall (Robin) Grabel of Venice, FL, daughter, Kristie Lynn (Randy) Reeves of Jacksonville Beach, FL, son, Paul Wagner of Enid, OK, son, Richard (Lisa)

Wagner of Ravenna, OH, brother, Arnold Hubick of Chicago, IL, sister, Charmaine Doody of Midlothian, IL, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and friend, Mary Ellen Readman of Niles.

He was preceded in death by his, wife, Betty Mae Grabel, and friend, Shirley Leemaster.

Family will receive friends Friday, February 21, 2014, from 1-3 pm at McFarland & Son Funeral Home, Warren. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm at McFarland & Son Funeral Home following the visitation. Stephen Kunz will be the officiant. Services of final committal and the presentation of military honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

His family suggests contributions be made in the form of donations to Hospice of the Valley - Trumbull County 5000 E. Market St., Suite 19 Warren, OH 44484.

Arrangements are entrusted to McFarland and Son Funeral and Cremation Services Co, 271 North Park Avenue, Warren, OH 44481, 330-393-9621. Please visit www.McFarlandCares.com to view this obituary, send condolences, and order flowers.

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SH

“ *I love you Papa! Thank you for all of the wonderful memories.*

shannon - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

MW

“ *The loss of a father
Is a heavy burden to bear.
He's a source of quiet strength
That is so missed when he's not there.*

*Take comfort he's in Heaven,
And looking down at you.
He'll be there through the coming years,
Watching over and guiding you.*

*He's your very own guardian angel,
And he'll be with you to the end,
When you meet again in Heaven,
And your broken heart will finally mend.*

May God bring you comfort in the arms of friends and family.

Mike and Stephanie Warwick - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

KL

“ *You were the greatest man I've ever known, Dad. I consider myself very blessed and I hope I can continue to make you proud. Love and miss you so very much!*

Kristie Lynn - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

DM

“ I remember sharing good times with your Dad and Mom when I was very young. My parents, Ralph and Genevieve Difford, were longtime friends with your parents. I am sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a special person!

Denise Difford May - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

KM

“ My thoughts go out to the entire family of Robert Grabel, may peace be with you all.

Kelley Malcuit - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

SV

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts, prayers and love are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Stacy Vargas - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

CB

“ Bob and Betty were friends of my parents, Ralph and Genevieve Difford. Because of him, I got one of my first jobs, working at Sears in downtown Warren. He was a good man. My blessings to his family.

Cheryl Burnett - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

RT

“ I am bob grables god son. My father was al taneri and he and bob worked together at sears in the mid 50,s. Dad and I visited bob and betty once in Hackensack and as a small boy I remember something about camping in saybrook, Ohio. Would one of you contact me sometime.....330-503-1201 or polkarex@hotmail.com.....thanx

rex taneri - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

RW

“ Mr.Grabel was my next door neighbor on Leach Ave in Park Ridge, NJ. He always had a cheerful hello for me as a little girl. We (Bienkowski family)thought you all were wonderful neighbors back in the 60s and 70s. My prayers and thoughts are with all the family. Fondly, Randi B. Willey

Randi B. Willey - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

RU

“ The National Museum of the U.S. Army calendar of 2009 introduced me to Mr. Robert J. Grabel. Being born myself, close by in Pittsburgh, I never forgot this connection. REST IN PEACE and thank you.
Russell

Russell - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM