



Robert Harrington Brooks, Sr.

May 28, 1926 - July 31, 2012

Robert H. "Bob" Brooks, Sr. age 86 died July 31, 2012 at Hospice of NW Ohio. Bob was born May 28, 1926 to Florence (Bartelle) and E. Paul Brooks. He graduated from Ottawa Hills High School, attended the University of Toledo, and graduated from the Insurance Institute of New York. While in New York, he worked Appleton & Cox as an ocean marine underwriter, later moving to Toledo. Bob worked for Brooks Insurance for 17 years, later becoming an agent for Accidental Life and Golden Rule Insurance.

He was active in several organizations and served on the board of Mom's House, Mildred Bayer Clinic for the Homeless, the Toledo Club, North Cape Yacht Club, Toledo Power Squadron, and the International Shipmasters Association.

Bob was a steam "Buff", and was a founder of the Toledo Lake Erie and Western railroad, a founding member of the Blue Bird Special Excursion train in Waterville, and the Shawnee Princess boat at Providence Park. He had the Sandpiper Canal boat built and was owner and Captain until he sold it in 1992.

Bob is survived by his wife Kathleen, sons Robert Jr. (Brenda) of Toledo, David (Janine) of Bay Village, OH, Stephen M. of Toledo, and daughter Paula Walker of Stuart, FL., brother Paul "Bill" (Alice) of Naples FL., and 6 grandchildren, Ashley, Daniel, Michael, Kristin, Rob, and Mason. He was preceded in death by his twin brother James in 2009.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Little Flower Church on Saturday, August

4, followed by a memorial mass at 11:00 at Little Flower Church. Interment will be at Calvary cemetery. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please view and sign the registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com. The family requests memorial donations be made to Hospice of NW Ohio, Heartbeat of Toledo or the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ To the Brooks Family, We are very sorry for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. Bob knew him from the time he had the Sandpiper down at Portside years ago and they had many interesting discussions. We have seen him through the years at Bob and Brenda's house at different parties, etc. He was a very likeable person and easy to talk too. You have our deepest condolences.
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“ Kate..... Dale and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Bob was a beautiful person, always a pleasant neighbor. His home is now with the Lord and He will take good care of him. God bless you and your family in your new home. I pray you will be at peace.
Sincerely, Beverly & Dale###imported-begin##Beverly & Dale Barnhill ibevnu@yao.com###imported-end##

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“ I was saddened to learn of Bob's passing. When my parents built our family home on Edgevale we were right across the street from Brooks's home. Bob was one of the first of the neighbors to come over to meet us. He and my dad spent many evenings sitting around and talking. We all used to go out in back on the railroad tracks and shoot clay pigeons on Sundays. You might remember my uncle Jim LaFrance who was part of the "Shawnee Princes " group. We had several pleasant cruises on that boat. My condolences to you and your family, I remember Bob and his parents as really nice people.##imported-begin##Christine LaFrance Vischer##imported-end##

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