



Robert "Bob" Barnett Ball

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Decatur-Robert Barnett Ball, 88, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday, January 23, 2013 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Bob was born October 26, 1924 in Decatur, the son of Roy and Velva (Barnett) Ball. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II. He retired from Caterpillar. He was a loyal member of the Royal Order of the Moose. He was an avid golfer that ran the Caterpillar Golf League for many decades. After his retirement he was asked to take charge of the Moose Golf League and Tournaments. He also organized yearly golf trips to Biloxi, Mississippi. He also was an avid bowler. He married Geraldine Mayes. She passed away after only three years of marriage. He then married Wilma (Horn) Smith in October of 1975. They had over thirty-seven wonderful years together.

He leaves behind his wife Wilma, son Mike and wife Linda, stepdaughter Carolyn Pumphrey and her husband Toby, stepson Darrell Watkins and his wife Sue, nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, sisters and brothers-in-law Jeane and Earl Denz and Mary Ann and Bob Nelson, and brother and sister-in-law Bill and Dorothy Ball.

Services to celebrate Bob's life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Entombment will be in the Mary Queen of Angel Mausoleum at Graceland Cemetery.

The family of Robert Barnett Ball is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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RS

Richard Stubblefield posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Barnett Ball

January 30 at 9:05 AM

LF

Linda Kaye Taylor Foley posted:

Mike and Linda, I was sorry to see your Dad has passed. When we lived next door, he was always a happy fun-loving man. There must be something about January, my Dad passed on January 19, 1994 and Mom on January 20, 2003. You have my deepest sympathy. Hope everything else is going well for both of you.

January 25 at 5:12 PM

LA

Loren And Debbie Adams posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Wilma and family. The Moose Lodge will never be the same without Bobby..... God Bless.

January 25 at 4:04 AM

SB

Susan Brackett posted:

What great memories I have of working at Caterpillar with Bobby!

January 24 at 4:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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