



Robert E Van Dyke

MAR 26, 1932 - FEB 4, 2016



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Bob Van Dyke was born on March 26, 1932 in Bayville, New York to Walter and Mary Anne Van Dyke. He has an older sister, Evelyn and two younger step brothers - Walter and John.

He joined the Air Force when he was 17 years old and was stationed in Alaska. When he got out of the Air Force he got a job at Grumman Aircraft in Bethpage, New York and worked there until he retired in 1990. He met his sweetheart, Elizabeth Fournier, on a blind date on February 3rd, 1956 and married her one year later on the same day.

Bob has 5 children - Bob, Bill, Mary Anne, Tom, and Dennis. He also has 7 grandchildren (in age order) - Scott, Ceejay, Luke, Thomas, Sarah, Billy, and Hannah.

His greatest legacy in life was that he became a Christian in 1975 at Grumman and came home and shared his faith with his family. The presence of Christ in his heart changed his life and the life of his family for this life and for eternity. "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17. He helped lead a weekly Bible study/outreach in his plant at Grumman at lunch time and at the time he retired, 20 to 30 people were attending.

After retirement, he joined the Gideons as the Memorial Bible Chairman, and he and Betty went on many distributions throughout the New York Metropolitan area and Long Island.

We, his wife, children, and grandchildren will be ETERNALLY GRATEFUL to him for bringing home the Good News to us - how Jesus wants to have a personal relationship with us, forgiving all our sins, and giving us His righteousness and an eternal home in heaven with Him.

We have great joy for him as we KNOW he is with Jesus now, and we will all be together again in the future! As the scripture says:



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"For I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have died lest you sorrow as those who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who died in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who have died in Christ. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



Tribute Wall

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CH

Cheryl lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I don't know your family, but rejoice with you that your loved one is in heaven waiting for you! What a wonderful obituary - I just had to respond to it. I hope that was ok. Praying for you, and looking forward to meeting you all in eternity.

February 6 at 8:00 PM



ES

Expression Of Sympathy lit a candle in honor of Robert.

A FRUIT AND GOURMET BASKET was ordered on February 6, 2016

February 5 at 8:00 PM



TS

Tom & Jean Solanto lit a candle in honor of Robert.

February 4 at 8:00 PM



TF

The Manley Family lit a candle in honor of Robert.

We are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with all of you. We love you!

February 3 at 8:00 PM



ES

Expression Of Sympathy lit a candle in honor of Robert.

A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on February 4, 2016 IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL BROTHER-IN LAW AND UNCLELOVE PETE,BETTY, AND FAMILY

February 3 at 8:00 PM



TF

The Manley Family lit a candle in honor of Robert.

February 3 at 8:00 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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