



Robert "Bob" Russell Smelko

February 3, 1935 - September 1, 2020

Robert (Bob) Russell Smelko passed away peacefully at age 85 early Tuesday morning, September 1, 2020. He was born in Hubbard, Ohio on February 3, 1935 to the late Robert (Bob) and Bernice (Bonnie) Ritenour Smelko and was a 1953 graduate of Hubbard High School. A veteran of the US Air Force, he retired from the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Control Supervisor at the Dayton International Airport after 32 years of service on January 3, 1987. After retirement Bob and Eileen traveled the states, settling at Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort in Clermont, Florida. They loved working together at Walt Disney World at Animal Kingdom and Epcot for 12 1/2 years. When active in the Greenon Boosters, they helped bring the all-weather track and other upgrades to Greenon High School and enjoyed watching all four of their children compete in sports there. Bob loved The Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cleveland Browns and Indians. He loved playing and coaching baseball and football, and playing softball at Wright Patterson AFB and Clerbrook Resort. An avid golfer, he played with the Geritol Group and Best Ball of Springfield, Ohio and Clerbrook's Men's League and The Morning Men as well as with family and friends. He was a licensed pilot who loved flying, driving race cars, boating, fishing, and hunting. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Bonnie, and sister Marilyn Thomas. He is survived by his loving family; Eileen, his wife of 64 years; 4 children, Bob (Randi) Smelko II of Scottsdale AZ, Vet Smelko of Enon, Lori Roberds of Cincinnati, Rod Smelko of Enon; brother David (Darlene) Smelko of Hubbard;

5 grandchildren, Rob (fiance Jessica) Smelko III, Crystal (Joe) Dillingham, Jeana Roberds, Warren (Jan) Roberds, Vet (fiance Maddie) Smelko II; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Adkins Funeral Home in Enon is assisting the family with his final wishes. Services will be held at a later date.

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Tribute Wall

JU

“ I enjoyed knowing Bob as a friend and coworker. Will always remember our time in Dayton, Ohio. Prayers to the family.
Jeff & Pat Ullom

Jeff Ullom - September 07, 2020 at 04:36 PM

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“ Our hearts, prayers, and thoughts are with you... hoping the memories shared and outreach from near and far comfort each of you.

Matt and Cheryl Spears

Cheryl Spears - September 07, 2020 at 10:55 AM

JC

“ Such a great person and a wonderful family. Was a mentor and good friend to me and welcomed Sue and I into their circle of friends. First met in 1967, RIP Bob.

Jerry and Sue Crady

Jerry Crady - September 06, 2020 at 08:24 AM

BZ

“ Love and peace to all of you. I have so many fond memories of Bob while we were at Clerbrook. Good memories are the best part of friendships when someone is no longer with, us. Iff there's a golf course in heaven, Bob will be on it. Love and prayers. Barbara ZeBell

Barbara ZeBell - September 05, 2020 at 12:23 PM

BC

“ *Our sympathies and prayers of comfort to you
Eileen and your family.
All our love, Bob and Susan Crosby*



Bob and Susan Crosby - September 05, 2020 at 11:02 AM

RP

“ *Eileen, I pray you and your family receive peace.
Dick Page.*

Richard Page - September 05, 2020 at 10:18 AM