



Robert L. Shaffer

March 15, 1925 - June 27, 2012

Robert L. Shaffer (Bob) 87, of Gravois Mills MO went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday evening on June 27, 2012.

He was born on March 15, 1925, to Lola Pearl (Jones) Shaffer in Preble county where he remained for at least 50 years. Over the duration of his life, he joined the United States Air Force where he proudly dedicated his service during the World War 2 Pearl Harbor era. He served as a belly gunner on the B-17 and flew over 35 missions with the crew of the Flying Fortress. Several planes that he completed his missions in, such as the Memphis Belle, are on display at the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH. He flew his last mission in April 1945, and continues to be a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, MO and of the VFW in Eaton OH. He also remained active as a charter member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie, MO.

After time served in the Air Force was completed, he went on to marry the love of his life, Alma L. Bland(Louise). They married in 1945. He was employed as a painter at Harrison Radiator, later known as Frigidaire and General Motors from which he retired after 30 years of service. His beautiful wife Louise preceded him in death in 1966 due to a long battle with cancer. Also preceding him in death was his mother Lola Pearl Shaffer in 1952, both of Eaton OH and also his mother-in-law, Ruby Crowell of West Alexandria in

1999. He is survived by his wife Rosanna (Crowell) Shaffer of Gravois Mills, MO and three daughters, Vickie L. Shaffer of Eaton OH, Fonda F. Boomershine of Camden OH, Vivian A. Shaffer and a Son-in-law Robert D.Prestel also of Eaton OH. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, (Ian) and Christy L. Campbell of West Alexandria, (Scott) and Amy M. Evans of Eaton, OH, Carrie L. Schaeff and (Richard Coats) of Eaton,OH, Randy A.and (Jari) Schaeff of Eaton, OH, (Jason) and Kelly Byrne of Camden, OH, and (Sean) and Kim A. Horine of Eaton, OH. He is also survived by his great grandchildren, Mistin , Olivia ,& Eithan Campbell, Jake and Luke Byrne all of West Alexandria, OH. Kelse Schaeff, Richie, Ansleigh,& Logan Coats, Taylor and Kaitlynn Schaeff, and Nolan Jerdon and one great great grandchild, Annabella Schaeff, all of Eaton OH. Also surviving is the legacy of love he left his family with. He is an American hero who served and protected his country just as passionately as he served and protected his family. To know him was to love him and to our family he will always be the hero of our hearts. We have been truly blessed to have been given such a precious gift as he was and still is and we will treasure him always.

Graveside services and interment with full military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 5, 2012, at the Mound Hill Union Cemetery in Eaton, Ohio with Rev. David Justis officiating. Everyone is welcome to attend the memorial service and invited to attend his Celebration of Life at the Eaton Church of the Brethren 1407 N. Barron St. Eaton, OH immediately following the interment. Memorial contributions are suggested to be sent to Rev. David Justis for the Robert L. Shaffer memorial fund to be donated to various organizations as chosen by the family to 400 N. Main St. Lewisburg OH 45338 Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. A special thank you to the Osage Lake Regional and University of MO hospitals for their compassionate care and comfort for our loved one and for the care they showed our family during this very difficult time.

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear about Bob's passing he was a gentle and caring man I met him at the Elks lodge in Laurie. We had alot of laughs and fun we will miss him alot. Bob talked alot about his family in Ohio as he missed all of you. Our prayers are with you in this time May GOD be with you during this time.



CHRISTINA SHELTON-ROBINETTE - July 07, 2012 at 04:44 PM

MC

“ I'am so sorry for your loss. Bob was a wonderful man. He loved his family. He was also a funny guy. Vivian, Vickie and Fonda I love you and my heart goes out to you. Remember all the good times. I won't be able to make the ceremony but my heart and prayers will be with you.



Melinda Christensen - July 04, 2012 at 04:02 PM

CC

“ I love you so much grandpa. You are one of the few that have never hurt me my entire life. I find it ironic that letting you go home is the most painful thing I have ever had to do. I have feared this time my whole life and I knew I could not bare the thought let alone the reality that this day would one day come. I am thankful that God blessed me with the gift of you and that God allowed me to hold your hand as you entered into His holy presence. Thank you grandpa for waiting for me to come be by your side. I know you fought hard to hold on and you once again amazed people with your strength and will to go above and beyond. I love you more than you'll ever know grandpa. I know you are in no more pain and you are in heaven with Jesus and that comforts my soul. I know someday you will be waiting at the gate for me just like you waited for me here. For now I hold you deep in my heart. Part of me left with you and I will never again be the same until one day Jesus calls my name. Love you forever and always grandpa <3



Christy Campbell - July 02, 2012 at 12:20 AM

PI

What a kind and gentle man who was always so very nice to everyone. He would always give me a hug when I would see him. So thankful he is no longer suffering. God Speed Bob.

Patsy Turner Isaac - July 02, 2012 at 09:07 AM

DR

christy I am so sorry about your grandpa .Never meet him but always heard what a great person he was.He is with god and he will forever be in your heart.

diana roberts - July 03, 2012 at 09:01 PM