



Robert "Bob" G. Zink

December 25, 1917 - January 21, 2020

Robert G. "Bob" Zink, 102, of Mount Joy, passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Lahey Medical Center in Peabody, MA. Born in Mount Joy, he was the son of the late George R. and Gertrude (Haverstick) Zink.

Bob proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps 450th Bomb Group - 723rd Squadron during WWII. He was a pilot flying a Consolidated B-24 Liberator Bomber in 51 missions throughout North Africa and Europe. During this time he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross as well as the Air Medal and multiple Oak Leaf Clusters. Bob was a graduate of the former Mount Joy High School class of 1936. He attended the University of Alabama and later graduated from West Chester University in 1948. He received his master's in 1951 from Temple University. After graduation he was a physical education and health teacher at Upper Leacock High School. He worked his way to Assistant Principal and retired from Conestoga Valley High School in 1978 after 29 years in education. Bob was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Joy, PA Retired Teachers Association, and PA Guild of Craftsmen. He designed and made hand crafted Nantucket baskets for 30 years and was well known at many craft shows.

Bob is survived by two daughters, Carole Freedland, wife of Scott of Newton, MA and Stephanie Zink Milotzky of Middleton, MA; a grandson, Benjamin Freedland; and a stepsister, Isabel Brandt of Palmyra.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jonathan Freedland; four brothers, George, John, Charles and Frank Zink; and a sister, Mildred Zink.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 47 W Main St. Mount Joy, PA 17552 or Water Street Rescue Mission, 210 S Prince St. Lancaster, PA 17003 where he donated many years of service.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences go out to the family of Bob. I cleaned for him for a time, and I must say he was a very dear humble man. Was so glad to have had the opportunity to know him. Bless his sweet heart.

Tammy Dommel - December 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Jo and I send our sincere sympathy to Carole and Stephanie on the passing of their father, Bob. He was a dear friend to our parents Flossie and Jack Bennett. Jo and I have fond memories of visiting you and your Mother and Dad when you lived in Lancaster and, then while you lived outside of Lititz. We hadn't seen Bob for quite a few years, but when he arrived for our Dad's funeral in 1999, I was overcome with emotion. This visit certainly reflected the friendship within the families. Later, he was a dear friend to our Mother. I salute your Dad for his valorous service during World War II.

Jim and Jo Ann (Montgomery) Bennett - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Mr. Zink was my basketball coach & teacher at ULHS in the mid 50tys. A truly talented gentlemen that left a lasting positive impression on many of his students lives. He had my deepest respect. And I shall always honor his service to our Country and his significant accomplishments in life. May he now rest peacefully with God. Fred G Hershey, Class of "56".

Fred Hershey - February 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I met Mr. Zink at Landis Valley. I made brooms, he made baskets of which I have several. He was always a very kind and gracious man. His baskets are top quality. He certainly lived a long life. My condolences to the family.

Marcia S. Myer - February 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ 50 years ago I graduated from Conestoga Valley High School and some of my fondest memories are of sitting in "Mr." Zink's office, just chatting. He was kind and patient with all students, and his office was always open. He was a huge influence on me - on how I could view authority figures, and trust him. We were fortunate to see him several times after his retirement at shows with his beautiful baskets, when I could finally call him Bob. What a wonderful man. He will always be in our memories.

Jack Snader - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I graduated from Conestoga Valley in 1967. Mr. Zink was a huge influence in my life and made many school days bearable because of his kind and compassionate interaction with me. He allowed me to come into his office and talk when school became a little overwhelming for me. What a blessing to have him as an educator, mentor and friend.

Kay Baker - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Your father was a very kind and gracious man and, a gentleman. And he did make such beautiful baskets. I fondly remember seeing him when he would get together with my father, Gene Crider. Their main topic was, of course, sports. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts go to your entire family. Chris Crider Miller

Chris Crider Miller - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Mr. Zink was our assistant principal at Conestoga Valley High during my years there(1968-1972). He was a gentlemen of the first order. In many ways he reminded me of my late father and I imagine he did the same for so many baby boomers. We respected and slightly feared him. Of course we had no idea what he had accomplished and for that matter suffered in the years before we knew him. Having read this tribute I know we all only began to know him. Rest in eternal peace Mr. Zink.

Wendy Mauchly - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM