



Robert E. "Bob" Cressman

March 23, 1932 - April 24, 2024

Robert E. Cressman (Bob) resident of Lakes Manor at Willow Valley Communities, Willow Street, died April 24th, 2024. He was born in Pottstown, PA on March 23, 1932. He lived in Jenkintown, PA, then Meadowbrook from 1956 to 2008.

He is survived by Shirley (Renninger), his wife since September, 1956. They had four children; Kent, Livermore, CA; Jay, Penllyn, PA; Carol, Penllyn, PA; and Chris, deceased in 2004. They have one grandchild, Ryan Cunnane (Liz) and one great-grandchild, Joan Cunnane, Lansdale. His brother, Richard, lives in Pottstown. His sister, Barbara Rupert, is deceased.

Bob served at sea for the US Navy from 1951-1954.

After retiring from Cressman's Office Supplies, Abington, in 1989; Bob and Shirley volunteered on mission projects in Haiti, Nova Scotia, England, Wales, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

Bob loved to sing and lead many hymn sings with wife Shirley at the piano in the Willow Valley's supportive living facilities. They produced and lead eleven programs at the Lakes' Thomas Auditorium, including five popular Fourth of July Patriot programs, a hymn-sing, and five Broadway sing-alongs.

He served as a Republican committeeman in West Lampeter Township, a Councilman in Jenkintown, President of the Jenkintown Kiwanis Club, and on the Jenkintown Methodist Church Official Board.

His answer to, "What is your special gift from God?" was, "To make people smile." And he did.

A service will be held on May 11, 2024 at 11AM at the Lakes Manor Thomas Auditorium at Willow Valley Community. His body was donated to the Pennsylvania Humanity Gifts Registry for research by medical school students. Gifts in Bob's memory may be made to the Willow Valley Fellowship Fund. Interment will be later in the Veterans Washington National Cemetery in Bucks County.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM.

Lakes Manor Thomas Auditorium

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I really miss seeing you. It was such a pleasure to clean in the same place where you lived. May God be with you this difficult time in your life now and always.

Jill Geiger - June 23, 2024 at 09:20 AM

SW

“ I met Bob and Shirley at the tennis courts in Ocala, Fl. Shirley was the steady rock. Bob always had that cheery smile even when he shot the ball past me. Or was that Shirley...!?
Missing you dear friend and knowing your family will miss you forever.
Susie Wood

Susie wood - June 04, 2024 at 11:52 AM

DF

“ Indeed, Bob's special gift from God, his ability to make people smile, was something we experienced from the first time we met. Bob was a total delight every time we got together. It was a lot of fun getting to know Bob and Shirley as neighbors and friends when we moved into Lakes, and as members of the WVC community. We send our deepest condolences to Shirley and family.
Deb and Bob Freerksen

Deborah Freerksen - April 30, 2024 at 09:11 AM

LP

“ Dear Shirley and family:

I don't know if I can be at the service; A.M. time is rather difficult for me since I had a stroke. Allow me to share some thoughts with you anyway.

We celebrate Bob's life, but also realize that he has gone Home to his Heavenly Father. I direct your attention to a passage in Scripture, found in John's Gospel, chapter 14. Verse 3. Jesus tells us, He has Prepared a Place. And to you who remain He says in verse 27, I give you My peace. The Apostle Paul, as he wrote to the Corinthian Church, said to them to be absent from the body, now that is where sorrow comes in. Today, Bob is not here, bodily, Sooooo there is sorrow. But Paul goes on to say about a believer is present with the Lord and in that is where we find our consolation .. May our Blessed Lord grant you His peace in the midst of your sorrow.

Your friends:

Rev. Dr. Louis and Mrs Palmieriu

Louis Palmieri - April 28, 2024 at 11:59 AM