



## Julius "Bud" Hager Jr.

November 30, 1929 - January 23, 2023

Julius "Bud" Hager, Jr., aged 93, passed away peacefully at his home on January 23, 2023, after spending the previous day with friends and family and having enjoyed his evening cocktail. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on November 30, 1929, to Julius and Mary Hager (Shomody). He attended Macomber High School where he excelled on the basketball team and in the carpentry program. While in high school he met his sweetheart, Annette Rittichier, and they were married for 58 years and raised three children, before her passing in 2007. Bud proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War where he was stationed in France. His time overseas and the sites he encountered there sparked his lifelong interest in photography. Upon his return from service, Bud continued his career in carpentry, eventually having his own business and building some of the most impressive homes and buildings in the Toledo area. His most important project, however, was the family home he built on Larkhaven Drive; designed with entertaining in mind, it was the site of frequent pool parties and gatherings of friends and family for many years. He was a lifelong member of the Elks Lodge #53 and the Moose Lodge #1579 and a proud member of the Carpenters Union Local 351. Bud had a big personality, and at 6'5" with bright blue eyes, a big smile and movie star good looks, he turned heads wherever he went – even at 93!

In addition to his wife Annette, Bud was preceded in death by son, Thomas Hager; his parents; siblings, Catherine Dombi, Margaret Cervenec, Elizabeth

"Dolly" Bauer, Donald and Robert Hager, and companion, Shirley Cline. He is survived by daughter Debra (Howard) Affinito; son, James Hager; daughter-in-law, Gwen Burns Hager; grandchildren, Shane Hager, Evan Affinito, Natalie Affinito, Madison (Christopher) Bell and Harrison Hager; siblings, Irene Hill and Michael (Marlene) Hager and 4 great-grandchildren.

The family wants to thank Lindy Cook and Ed Thornton for their incredible care and friendship that allowed Bud to continue to live at home and on his own terms.

Visitation will be at Ansberg-West, 3000 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43613, on March 11, 2023, from 10 am to 12 pm followed by a prayer and celebration of life. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at [VFW.org](http://VFW.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street  
Sylvania, OH 43560

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lot's of fond memories. Rest easy my friend. You deserve it. God Bless!*

Tom Payne, Rock Hill , SC. - March 07, 2023 at 01:30 PM

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Tom Payne, Rock Hill , SC. - March 07, 2023 at 01:32 PM

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“ *To the Hager family,so sorry for your loss. Plenty of memories with "Bud" in the Elks bowling league. Cherish your memories and you have gained another angel!!*

Pam Rupp - March 05, 2023 at 09:17 AM

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“ *I didn't know Mr. Hager that well but my impression was he was a kind man who loved everyone and he welcomed me into his home when I visited his wonderful daughter Debi. My condolences to the family.*

Nancy Gaul - February 18, 2023 at 11:28 PM

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“ *Bud was a great guy and a great friend. We'd talk for hours and work on projects. Bud just finished a project for his sister Irene a day before he passed. I miss Bud and I always will. God bless you my friend*

Ed Thornton - February 18, 2023 at 12:42 PM