



Robert E. Bowe

December 15, 1910 - October 9, 2011

Robert E. Bowe, age 100, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully in his home, on October 9, 2011. Bob was born December 15, 1910 in Tiffin, Ohio, to the late Earl Erastus and Fanny May Bowe. He was the great-great-grandson of Erastus Bowe, who constructed the first settlement in Seneca County. That settlement later became known as the City of Tiffin. Bob spent his childhood summers at the family cottage at Lake Mohawk, just south of Tiffin. He graduated from Tiffin Columbian High School, earned a Liberal Arts degree from Heidelberg College, and spent another year at Tiffin University where he took courses in business and accounting. After declining an offer from his father to work at the family's Pontiac dealership, Bob left Tiffin and eventually ventured to Toledo. In 1941, Bob was drafted by the army.

Following completion of basic training, he was singled out of a platoon ready to ship out, and ordered to remain at Camp Perry where his accounting skills were needed. He remained there until the war ended and received an honorable discharge. Bob returned to his position at Northern Ohio Investment Company where he worked for 43 years, retiring as a senior vice president, in the late 1980's. A co-worker recently remarked, "you don't find many businessmen like Bob anymore. He was a gentleman and a consummate professional. He was meticulous in his work and had a very good mind. He didn't make mistakes. He preferred a pencil and paper to an adding machine and a calculator. He was unassuming, quiet, but had a good sense of humor. He smiled frequently and never spoke ill of anyone. " Not only did Bob work in

Toledo, he played in Toledo. He was an avid boater who frequently cruised between Toledo and Port Clinton. At the age of 84 he bought a 25 foot boat which he captained on the Maumee River for the next ten years. Bob also loved to dance. He began taking dancing lessons when he was in his late 50's. For the next thirty five years, he danced weekly at the Toledo Moose Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Bowman and Sylvania Senior Centers. He was very proud of a large trophy he won early in his dancing career, participating in a dance contest with his instructor. He was also a regular at the Masonic Temple each New Year's eve, dancing to the music of the late Johnny Knorr. Boundless other interests filled Bob's life. He was an avid photographer. From taking pictures at the zoo to photographing the art work of Paul Stankard in his glass paperweight shop, Bob enjoyed using his camera. He was active in glass collecting clubs, and enjoyed working on painting and woodworking projects at home and at the church. Most of all, along with his family, Bob loved his church. The very first week he retired, he told his church that he was ready to volunteer there doing anything they needed ?? and he continued working there at least one day a week until almost three years ago when his health began to decline. One of the most memorable trips he took was to Jerusalem with an Epworth group. Bob accomplished his final dream, being able to spend his last months in his own home. He was assisted by his grandson, Chuck Jacob, several other dedicated caregivers and Heartland Hospice. He leaves behind, to cherish his memory, his loving sister, Dorothy Bowe, daughter, Robin Jacob, grandchildren Chuck Jacob, Patrick (Ellie) Jacob of Toledo, OH, John Jacob of Pineville, NC and Julie (Doug) Cook of Jacksonville, FL, and 5 great-grandchildren, KC, Chaz & CJ Jacob, and Parker and Emily Jacob, of Toledo, OH, and many dear friends from Epworth Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Robert Bowe, to Epworth United Methodist Church, 3077 Valleyview Dr. at Central Ave., Toledo, Oh 43615, where a Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16 @ 3pm. Ansberg-West Funeral Directors (419) 472-7633.

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“ I read with great sorrow about the passing of Mr. Bowe. We first met over 20 years ago. He came into my store looking to upgrade his audio system. Even then, I was struck by his kindness and love of life. Not many people in their late 70's express a such a zest for life and a willingness to look at new technology. After several visits, he ended up buying a very nice system to go along with his speakers. He invited me over to help with the setup and I had a blast! Years passed, and he again came into our store, this time to show me plans for an addition to his home. He said he's always wanted a proper room for his speakers and wanted to pre-wire the home fo in-wall speakers. We talked for a bit, and I asked him if I cold ask him a personal question, specifically, how old was he? He said in a few months he was going to be 90! He asked my why lasked and I replied that most people his age would never contemplate an addition to their home. He replied, "Well, I figure if I get a few years use out of it, great, but if not, so what!". We got a good laugh about that! When he finished the room, he invited me over to see the project. Once again, I had a great time. We spoke about his great overall heath, and he told me he thought the most important thing was to take a brisk walk every day, long and fast ehough to, "get your blood pumping". I've tried to follow his advice since then! The las time we spoke was around three years ago. He'd called our store and expressed concern his equipment wasn't working right. The salesman who had answered asked me to take over the call as Robert was talking about something and he couldn't make heads ortails about it. Anyways, I took the csll and after 2-3 minutes asked him if this was Robert Bowe. He said yes, who is this. I explained how we'd met, thne he remembered. I went over that nght and found some simple problems that I fixed. I could see he was declining in health, but we still had a nice conversation. He expressed to me that day his wishes of living to 100 and also being able to live out his days at home. I was very happy to read he did both. Thank you so much for helping him to achieve his goals.
Sincerely, Scott Caventer

Scott Caventer - scottdsc@excite.com scottdsc@excite.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. Please know that you are not alone. God will certainly be with you. He is "the Father of tender mercies" and the "God of all comfort". (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) He will soothe your heart. Hold His promises near to your heart. (John 5:28; Rev. 21:3,4) Please accept my sincere sympathies.

S. Ford - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to Robin and the family. Dad sounds like a wonderful man. I wish i could have known him. God Bless. Pat

Patricia Sobus - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM