



Robert A. Burgett

July 7, 1924 - September 10, 2019

Robert A. "Bob" Burgett, 95, died Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at Avon Oaks Caring Community, in Avon, OH. Bob was born on July 7, 1924, in Lorain, Ohio, where he lived most of his life. He was a Lorain High School graduate.

Bob was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Navy aboard several vessels, most notably LCT 531 in the action at Utah Beach on D-Day. He trained at Slapton Sands as part of the Operation Tiger practice maneuvers for the invasion.

He sailed on ore freighters on the Great Lakes, was a welder at American Shipbuilding, worked at the American Crucible Company in Lorain, and then BFGoodrich in Avon Lake from which he retired in 1982. His position at BFGoodrich as a field engineer took him to many places including Long Beach, Boston, Louisville, Beaumont, and Niagara Falls, Canada.

Bob volunteered at the former Lorain Community Hospital and was a driver for Meals-on-Wheels, both for the Hospital and later for one of the local church programs. He was an avid golfer and bowler, and especially enjoyed woodworking and repairing things for family, earning the nickname "Mr. Fix-It." Bob was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, and hockey. He enjoyed his visits from, "the girls," Makayla and Ava Dotson.

Bob leaves behind to honor his memory son Robert, Jr. (Barbara) of Powell, Ohio; daughters Jan Walsh (Timothy "Tim", deceased), Elyria; Susan (Sue) Mendez (Rafael "Ray," deceased), Lorain; granddaughter Bridget Walsh, Elyria; and brother Arthur Burgett, Jr., (Helen) of San Antonio, Texas; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Mildred (Millie) Burgett (nee Blaser), his parents Katherine (McDermott) and Arthur L. Burgett, brothers William Burgett and John Burgett, and sister Mary Anne Burgett.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 13th, from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. A Memorial service will be held at 6:45 pm, following the visitation. Jeff Sweitzer, Spiritual Care Coordinator with Hospice of the Western Reserve, will officiate. Private burial will be held with full military honors being conducted by the Amherst Veterans Military Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110 (or via hospicewr.org)

To send an online condolence, please go to www.dovinreberjones.com.

Events

SEP 13 **Visitation** 04:30PM - 06:30PM

Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, OH, US, 44001

SEP 13 **Memorial Service** 06:45PM

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Comments



“ Addendum to obituary:

Bob also leaves behind to honor his memory his half-sister, Betty (Burgett) Yates.

Bob was also preceded in death by his step-mother, Mary (Micjan) Burgett.

The family regrets these omissions.

Bob Burgett Jr. - September 18, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ Bob was a fine fellow. I had the pleasure of working with him in 1970s at the Long Beach plant as he supported some major construction project. My sincere sympathy to his family & friends. // Ed Beeler Crestwood, KY

Ed Beeler - September 16, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Debbie Burgett Abdullah - September 15, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ This is a photo from Uncle Jack's timeline memorial page, I believe from Cathy Burket (his daughter).

Debbie - September 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Thanks for posting this, Debbie!

Bob Burgett Jr. - September 16, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Bob Burgett Jr. - September 15, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert A. Burgett.



September 12, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Lorain Journal Interview



Robert Burgett Jr. - September 12, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Robert Burgett Jr. - September 12, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Bob's death - I justt talked to him on the phone a short while ago. I really enjoyed working with Millie and Bob at the hospital and visiting to see all their Christmas houes. I also enjoyed the yearly lunches Bob had the last few years. They were a lovely couple and now they are together again. Prayers to all of you.
Love, Ruth Smith

Ruth Smith - September 12, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ Oh, Dear Mr. Bob Burnett!
We miss you so much!
How lucky to have met you about six years ago, when your kind son-in-law, Ray Mendez, accompanied you on our bus trip to DC, around June 6.
Had so much fun shouting out to tourists at various stops in DC that you had participated in, and were one of the heroes on DDAY in Normandy, and how you, “pretended,” to be angry about the notoriety.
Remember the German lady who hugged you at Arlington and thanked YOU representing Americans who saved her own life as a young girl, during WWII? Karin Mazur from Hazleton, PA, and all of us became instant friends, remember, as we exchanged phone numbers and addresses from that initial, “chance” meeting!
Husband Bob and I took my mother to meet Karin in Hazleton and enjoyed a lovely lunch with her, discussing YOU, and how my mother and I reminisced and I lived in Germany, when my father was stationed there in the early ‘60s.
Thanks to YOU, Bob, Bob and I were able to make a another visit to Hazleton to play golf with Karin’s husband and enjoy dinner afterwards with Karin and Frank.
Thank you, Bob Burnett for sharing a part of your life with us!
Karin was so saddened when I phoned her yesterday, to learn of the passing of her friend and American liberator, Bob Burnett.

We will miss our visits with you at your home and at the American Legion in Amherst, Dear Bob, and most recently at your home in Avon Oaks.

On September 26, at 10:00 am, at Avon Oaks, we will be hosting a film in your honor. “Grandma’s Story,” is a film about President George H. W. Bush’s life as an US Naval aviator during WWII.

God bless you!
At easy, sailor.
You have served your country well.
You have honored your family and friends!
Gratefully,
Barb and Bob Smith

Barb & Bob Smith - September 12, 2019 at 06:46 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert A. Burgett.



September 11, 2019 at 09:38 PM