



Bob Calkins

June 24, 1937 - June 20, 2014

Bob Calkins, age 76, of Mentor, passed away June 20, 2014 at his residence in the presence of his family. He was born June 24, 1937 in Wayland, MI.

He retired from General Electric after 38 years, after retiring he worked for Spudnuts and Classic Auto. He received his Bachelor Degree in Accounting from Western Michigan University. He was a longtime member of Faith Community Church in Mentor, serving as the church treasurer. He enjoyed square dancing with many extended family members of Broken Wheel Squares, Marschmellow Squares and Friday Night Mixers. He also enjoyed camping and traveling.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Judy; children Faye (David) Layne, Linda (Jim) Moses, Geta (Mike) Sidley, Ted (Jenny) Calkins and Ahrea (Peter) Root; grandchildren Matthew (Shawna) Layne, Jeni (Joe) Johnston, Joshua Layne, Adam Biggs, Brian (Karen) Biggs, Rachel Moses, Kelly Moses, Bobby Calkins, Mike (Kim) Calkins, Allan Calkins, Joey Calkins, Andre Heil, Judy Rowland and Mariah Rowland; 12 great grandchildren; 2 sisters Shirley (Tom) Glasscott and JoAnn (Dick) Swope. He was preceded in death by his parents Elton and Winona Calkins.

A celebration of life will be held 11am Tuesday at Faith Community Church, 5885 Hopkins Rd., Mentor.

Family will receive friends 6-8pm Monday at the church and 10:30-11am Tuesday at the church. Interment will be in Western Reserve Memorial Gardens, Chesterland.

Contributions may be made to Kalamazoo Youth for Christ, In memory of Bob Calkins, 122 West Crosstown Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor. Offer condolences and send flowers at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Western Reserve Memorial Gardens

11521 Chillicothe Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026
(440) 729-9465

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Faith Community Church
5885 Hopkins Rd
Mentor, OH 44060

Visitation

JUN **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I worked with him at GE for several years and he was always patient and a pleasure to deal with. He will be greatly missed.

John Thomas (JT)

John Thomas - June 25, 2014 at 08:27 AM

JV

“ I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Bob and I worked together for many, many years over the phone. We never had the chance to meet face to face. Bob had the patience of Job. He was a real gentleman and will be greatly missed. I have talked about him over the years with nothing but respect as there was no one like him. I will keep him in my prayers.
- Jeannie Volante



Jeannie Volante - June 24, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TG

“ Judy, I worked with and for Bob for many years at GE. He was always a real gentleman. He will be missed by us all. I will keep him in my prayers. Thomas Ganley

Thomas Ganley - June 24, 2014 at 07:48 AM

SH

“ Dear Judy, I am an old classmate of JoAnn's and spent many hours on the farm with the Calkin's Family.... As I grew up it was my favorite place to be.... I remember Bob as the best and nicest big brother to JoAnn. He always had a smile and I always thought JoAnn was so lucky to have a wonderful big brother like him. I am so sorry for your loss but God will give him peace and he will be in the warmth and love of our Lord forever. Shirley Heth

Shirley Heth - June 23, 2014 at 09:16 AM

SA

“ I knew Bob many years ago when he worked for my father. He taught me much with his kind and gentle spirit. He had patience then that to this day I have trouble displaying. Without a doubt he will be missed by his family and friends. If his last 50 years where a reflection of his younger years i can only imagine the void caused by his passing. Our deepest sympathies to his immediate and extended families and friends.
Steve, Jill and Vern Aflen

Steve Aflen - June 23, 2014 at 08:57 AM

VA

“ Vanvalkenburgs lit a candle in memory of Bob Calkins



vanvalkenburgs - June 23, 2014 at 08:40 AM

NM

“ Neilson M. purchased the Home in Heaven Thro
w for the family of Bob Calkins.



Neilson M. - June 23, 2014 at 08:06 AM

TW

“ Tom Williams lit a candle in memory of Bob
Calkins



Tom Williams - June 22, 2014 at 09:17 PM

TR

“ Judy and family
Our deepest sympathy. Bob will be greatly missed. He was a good
friend.
He is in a better place with our Lord and Savior.

Tom and Bev Rudebock - June 22, 2014 at 08:27 PM

BH

“ Dear Judy and Family....You are in my thoughts and prayers at this
difficult time...I am thankful for Bob (my cousin)...lots of family
memories to be cherished. Sincerely, Barbara (Calkins) Hider

Barbara Hider - June 22, 2014 at 05:48 PM

CA

“ Campbell's lit a candle in memory of Bob Calkins



campbell's - June 22, 2014 at 01:44 PM

CF

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campbell family - June 22, 2014 at 01:44 PM

KF

“ Ken Campbell Family lit a candle in memory of Bob Calkins



ken campbell family - June 22, 2014 at 01:42 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Calkins.



June 22, 2014 at 12:56 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Bob Calkins.*

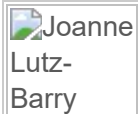


June 22, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ *The square dancing community lost a another corner in our square. Bob will be missed by many people. He was a great leader and fellow dancer. RIP Bob!*

Vicky Deans-Sawyer - June 22, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ *Faye: I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. I remember going to your house and your whole family was so very nice to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless all of you.*

Joanne Lutz-Barry - June 22, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ *Bob will be missed by all. He always left people smiling.*

Sister-in-law.....Lu Ann Cooke

Lu Ann Cooke - June 22, 2014 at 06:59 AM

MA

“ Judy and family -- I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I remember him working for my dad years ago and the entire Calkins family was close to my heart. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Gods Blessings to you all.
Mary Jo Alflen

Mary Jo Alflen - June 21, 2014 at 11:35 PM

DT

“ Bob was a very nice man who will be missed by many. My deepest sympathies to Judy and the family. Thinking of you all...

Deb and Family

Deb Biggs Thomas - June 21, 2014 at 10:47 PM

MH

Dear Judy & Family, My heart and prayers go out to all of you on your loss. Bob was a wonderful husband, father, Grandfather, cousin and friend. He will be missed by so many. I have so many great memories from the past when we all spent the last week in July each year at Camping Cousins. So many fun stories to tell from those days. One that sticks out is the night my two year old son DJ walked away from the campsite after dark, Bob was the first to offer his help finding him. After that night we put a tag on DJ with his lot number.

Marilyn Hawkins (cousin)

Marilyn Hawkins - June 22, 2014 at 12:54 PM

RF

Dear Judy, and family....Just to let you know that we are sending our thoughts and prayers as well as our love to you at this time. We will miss Bob so very much, i know he will be dancing in Heaven, and waiting for all of us.

Ron Vopicka family - June 23, 2014 at 08:38 AM