



## Charles R. "Bob" Sheldon

February 11, 1934 - April 10, 2018

Charles R. "Bob" Sheldon, age 84, of Mentor Ohio died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018. Bob was born in Norwalk, Ohio to Charles R. and Rose J. Sheldon.

After graduating from Norwalk High School, Bob attended The Ohio State University prior to enlisting in the Navy. He married the love of his life, Barbara L. Ruffing on February 10, 1957. While in the Navy, Bob served as a commissioned Naval Aviator. As a pilot, he had the privilege of flying "Bill the Goat" to the Navy football games. He flew 11 combat missions to Vietnam earning an Air Medal. Bob and Barbara raised 5 children during his years of service with many different postings stateside and in Naha, Okinawa Japan. After the Navy, Bob continued flying for Mohawk Airlines before settling in Mentor Ohio and working for Parker Hannifin.

He served as president of Mentor Boosters and coached girls' softball teams. He and Barb attended the Mentor Football games well into their retirement and spent much of their time golfing together throughout their travels. Bob and Barbara loved traveling to New York, New Orleans and Michigan to visit their beloved grandchildren and attend their programs and sporting events. Bob was a lifelong OSU Buckeye fan. Bob was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church of Mentor.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, parents, and brother Timothy Sheldon. Bob is survived by his sons Charles R. "Chuck" (Gaynel) Sheldon, Jr. of Dublin, OH, Christopher A. "Chris" (Janice) Sheldon, of Tully, NY, Gregory T. (Jennie) Sheldon of Dublin, OH and his daughters Leslie J. (Miles) Walsh of Mentor, OH, and Elizabeth J. "Beth" (Bob) Laderer of Lacombe, LA: his grandchildren, Paige, Gabriel and Preston (Kirstin), Samuel and Sophia, Zoie and Hayden Sheldon, Corey and Kevin Walsh, Kelli and Bobbi Laderer, several nieces and nephews and his brother-in-law Raymond "Ray" Kettel of Norwalk, Ohio.

The family will receive friends 4-8 pm Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060, where a military honors service will be held at 8 pm to conclude the visitation.

A funeral mass will be held 2:30 pm Friday, April 20, 2018, at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 91 East Main St., Norwalk, OH 44857. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Norwalk, OH.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Cemetery (Norwalk, OH)

55 South West St  
Norwalk, OH 44857

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
[ajs@brunners.com](mailto:ajs@brunners.com)  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Mass

APR **20**. 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
91 East Main St  
Norwalk, OH 44857

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Maxine/Rick Eiserloh Robin/David Young purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Sheldon.*



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**Maxine/Rick Eiserloh Robin/David Young** - April 19, 2018 at 12:12 PM

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“ *He will be remembered in our hearts as a man who loved life and his family. Always, with a great smile to greet you when you visited with him. Mr. Sheldon would always talk about joining “Barbara “ in heaven to play golf . I will miss him dearly, my adoptive dad. Fondest memories,*

*Rick and Maxine Eiserloh*

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**Maxine Eiserloh** - April 19, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ *He was a sweet man who loved to tell his jokes and stories and he will be missed greatly. My heart goes out to his family. I loved him like a father and will remember him only with the fondest of memories.*

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**robin and david young** - April 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Sheldon.



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April 17, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ Such a kind and lovely man. He was always interested in our family, not just us, but our children, as well. He would cheer for their college teams in Missouri, watch the weather and local news and then call to talk about what was going on in St. Louis. His love of all things related to our family was one of kind. We spent Christmas Eves together, summer backyard parties, Ohio State-Michigan games and MANY happy hours on the back patio with beers and frozen daiquiris. When our family came to Mentor to visit, his living room was one of the stops along the way. My family will miss him dearly. His loss will be felt every day. We are always have a place in our hearts for Mr. Sheldon.

*'Captain", Rich, Caroline, Anna and Grace Sivcovich*

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**Elise Sivcovich** - April 16, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles R. "Bob" Sheldon.



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April 15, 2018 at 06:54 PM