



Robert J. Ditchman

May 19, 1938 - February 8, 2023

Robert J. Ditchman, 84, of Mentor on the Lake, died February 8, 2023 at University Hospitals Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby. He was born May 19, 1938 in Cleveland.

Robert worked in the grocery retail business for over 40 years and was a proud member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 880. He left a strong impression on everyone he worked with and was known for his strong work ethic and jovial attitude.

Robert loved the outdoors and was very physically active throughout his life including his later years. He enjoyed gardening and construction in equal measure. A few of his accomplishments included building an addition to his home, renovating his sister's home and constructing a workshop for his projects. He enjoyed helping friends and neighbors whenever he was able.

Robert also had a strong love of poetry. His preference was for love poems and those of a more sentimental nature. Robert has written many dozens of poems over his lifetime, some of which he had published online.

Ultimately Robert would say that his greatest accomplishments were his two children, Christopher and Nicole. He was a gentle soul who loved unconditionally. All he ever wanted in life was to love and be loved. A father,

grandfather, brother, uncle and friend; he will be missed.

Survivors include his children, Christopher Ditchman, and Nicole (Gordon) Taylor; granddaughter, Cecelia Taylor; his sister, Jane Donovan, and numerous nieces and nephews. .

He was preceded in death by his wife, Friedwine "Freddy" Ditchman; parents, John and Wilhelmina Ditchman; and several loving sisters and brothers.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A service to conclude the gathering will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Private family interment will be held in Whitehaven Memorial Park at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the City Mission of Cleveland.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Whitehaven Memorial Park

615 SOM Center Rd.
Mayfield Village, OH 44143
(440) 442-1400

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
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Funeral Service

FEB 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ I remember Bob and my mom Marcella Grano work together painting my brothers house he and his brother Bill came out to our house and Mantua and cut down a tree for us. He was always there when people needed him and such a good friend to our mother, she loved him dearly and loved his brother Bill, they were all best friends and now we will deeply miss Bob as we miss Bill also. But there with Mother having a ball thanks Bob for being a dear friend to so many of us we always felt your love. God bless you, love Ray and Terry Ward.

Ray and Terry Ward - June 24, 2024 at 06:32 PM

PH

“ Bob was the store manager when I worked at Fazio's in Mentor on the Lake many years ago. I remember him as being a very hard worker, unlike most managers I worked with. He was handsome and shy with kind eyes and sweet smile. Rest in peace

patti holzheimer - July 15, 2023 at 06:28 PM

JM

“ Uncle Bob as we called him, the twin to my mother (Linda). I always had good memories of him growing up as a child. He was the uncle I always wanted to go see. I last saw him was about 10 years ago and it was just a visit passing through mentor and I had to stop and see uncle Bob. My heart is heavy and he will be always in my heart. God bless.

Jack Meeks - February 18, 2023 at 11:35 AM

BB

“ *I was a neighbor of Bob's since 1977 he was a good friend He helped me out a lot We like to play cards together*

Betty baker - February 15, 2023 at 11:55 AM