



Robert L. Jeffries

August 6, 1920 - April 21, 2008

Robert Lee Jeffries, 87, of New Castle passed away Monday, April 21 following a lengthy illness.

Born August 6, 1920, he was the son of Henry and Cecil (Stokes) Jeffries. He graduated from New Castle High School in 1939 and married his neighbor and grade school/high school sweetheart, Mary Hagerman on October 11, 1941. In 2007, they celebrated 78 years of knowing each other and 66 years of marriage. Together they had 3 children, Phyllis, Susan & Barry.

Mr. Jeffries was employed at Chrysler Corporation for 36 years, retiring in 1975. He was a machinist by trade and a member of the UAW.

Robert loved to golf and had 2 holes in one in his lifetime; he was a bowler, earning a trophy in the Rose Bowl 700 club and was fascinated with the weather enough to be a good amateur weatherman. He was an avid reader of science, evolutionary theory & study of the universe with his favorite authors being Carl Sagan and Stephen Hawkins. He loved Latin American music and one of his fondest memories was seeing Xavier Cugat in a live performance. Robert also loved the outdoors and birds and he could most often be found outside investigating plants, the sky and all of Nature.

Surviving him are his loving wife and soul mate Mary; daughters, Phyllis (Larry) Dulworth and Susan (Joe Faulkner) Hartling; son, Barry (Tasha) Jeffries; grandchildren, Christi (Comer) McCloud, Randy Laurie, Sandy (Brett) Strukel, Rick (Mary) Laurie, Steve (Terri) Laurie, Cohen Jeffries, Ellington Jeffries, Stacy (Bryan) Neill, and Shelley Faulkner; 16 great grandchildren, 3

great-great grandchildren; brother, William (Sarah) Jeffries; sister, Geneva Jeffries; brother-in-law, Frank (Leanna) Hagerman; sisters-in-law, Sarah (William) Jeffries, Beulah Hill, Shelby Hagerman; uncle, Marion (Pat) Weaver and many nieces and nephews.

As a resident in Hickory Creek Nursing Home since December 2006, Robert is also survived by his nursing home “family” of staff, nurses and aides that cared for him with compassion and love.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Henry; his mother and father-in-law, Matilda and Wayne Hagerman; sisters, Opal (Charles) Roe and Jeanette Jeffries; brothers, Claire (Clara) Jeffries and Wyatt (Ina) Jeffries; brothers-in-law, Charles (Margaret) Hagerman, James Hagerman, George Hagerman, Clarence Hill.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2007 at Sproles Family Funeral Home, 2400 South Memorial Drive, with Rev. Eric Hickman officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 2 – 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association with envelopes available at the funeral home or you may donate online at http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Susan,
I just learned of your father's passing and I want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers right now. You have many loving people around you right now and please let me know how I can support you.
Love, Char

Char White - April 24, 2008 at 03:03 PM

MK

“ Susan:
My prayers are for gentle hearts and family unity.

MRS. GENE KOBZA - April 24, 2008 at 02:30 PM

BK

“ Condolences and sympathy to you and your family in the loss of our friend Robert. Paul Sherry's Family Former Hickory Creek Resident

Brenda Kessinger - April 24, 2008 at 02:26 PM

DM

“ Barry: I am so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Reading his life story he lived a very eventful life with many interests. Please know that I will be praying for you and your family in this time of sorrow.
Donna Atkinson Mclaughlin

Donna Atkinson McLaughlin - April 24, 2008 at 11:45 AM

BP

“ Robert L. Jeffries

Becky Plentl - April 24, 2008 at 09:41 AM

BN

“ Dear Barry,
I'm sorry for your loss. I enjoyed reading about your father -- it seems as though he had a very full and fulfilling life with your mother and his family. I especially loved to hear of his love of nature!
Take care of yourself. Sincerely, Becky

Becky (Stamper) Norris - April 23, 2008 at 10:12 PM

MK

“ Barry,
So sorry about your loss - I will not be in town this weekend. So don't think of an absence as not caring. Mike

Michael B. Kirby - April 23, 2008 at 03:19 PM

JB

“ Barry,
Sympathy to you and your family.
Your Friend, Judy

Judy Nichols Barber - April 23, 2008 at 02:44 PM