



Robert A. Stitham

November 18, 1928 - May 5, 2013

Robert A. Stitham, 84, of Greenport, died May 5, 2013 at the Veteran's Hospital in Albany. Born Nov. 18, 1928 in New Britain, CT, he was the son of the late Judith and Perley Stitham, Sr.

Robert served in the US Army from 1946-1950. He worked for Ben Funk, Inc. for many years. He was a member of Agawamuck Lodge #841 F.&A.M. and Past Worshipful Master, Widow's Son Lodge #335 in Livingston, Lafayette Commandry #7 in Hudson and Past Commander, Trinity Priory #5 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Columbia Masonic District, Past President Past Masters Unit of Cyprus Temple A.A.O.N.M.S, Past President Columbia County Shrine Club, and a charter member and life member of Columbia County Disabled American Veterans #194. He was awarded the Honorable Order of ISHSODI from Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York.

Robert is survived by his wife, Ida Mae Stitham of Greenport, a son, Robert H. Stitham of Clifton Park, a grandson, Shawn Stitham of Hudson, a granddaughter, Teka Stitham of Glens Falls, and a great-grandson, Shawn Stitham, Jr. of Chatham.

Graveside services will be held at 2 pm Saturday at the Mellenville Union Cemetery. After the service everyone is invited to the Masonic Temple, 450

Church Road in Livingston for refreshments.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Becraft Pumper Company #2 or the Greenport Rescue Squad.

Tribute Wall

BY

“ Dear Ida Mae, Bobby Jr, and grandchildren:

I was so sorry to hear of Bob Sr's passing. While working with him at Ben Funk's, I learned alot of the trucking industry. He took the time and patience to show me and I can never thank him enough.

He will always be remembered by me for his love of his home-grown roses. Always bringing me clippings of them, and to this day, that meant so very much.

Rest in peace Bob

Betty Yannone

Betty Yannone - May 14, 2013 at 09:48 AM



“ To Bobby & Ida Mae: My sympathy to you on your loss. Bob was Perley's brother and Perley and I often went on Friday evenings to enjoy the auctions where Ida Mae was 'secretary' taking down all info as the auctions proceeded. We all enjoyed those eveings and ended by going 'out' for coffee and. . .When a parade was to be in NY, Perley helped create parts needed on his truck to be in that parade, Bob and Ida Mae came to Bristol to help with that work at that time. The parade was a 'winner' and they all enjoyed their part in it. Many other good memories of times past. Now, we thank God for Bob's life and kindness to us all. He is no longer suffering, but is with all others who have welcomed him to his new home with love. May God send his comfort to you all. Sincerely, Lillian Stitham

Lillian Stitham - May 11, 2013 at 08:43 AM

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“ I worked at Ben funks for a few years when I exited the service.Bob or Doctor Bob as I called him always had a smile for everyone and went out of his way to help people .I called him Doctor Bob because whenever I got something in my eye rust or whatever he would remove it for me .He had a wonderful knowledge and collection of WW2 memorabilia as well as other wars and conflicts our country was involved in.He was very proud to have served his country .Many times I remember the conversations we had when I was honored to visit with him after working hours at his home with himself and Ida May .My sincere condolences to his family at the loss of such a wonderful husband and father. Stephen Day

Stephen Day[alias do-dah to Bob - May 09, 2013 at 08:54 AM

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“ Bob, sending you sincere condolences at the loss of your dad. He was a very good man and I know you'll miss him. Sandy Sticker

Sandra Sticker - May 09, 2013 at 08:47 AM