



William E. Robertson

May 16, 1923 - April 15, 2015

William E. Robertson, 91, of Philmont, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Pine Haven Nursing Home in Philmont.

Born on May 16, 1923 in Hudson, he is the son of the late William and Mary (Johnson) Robertson. He was also predeceased by his wife, Gloria (Craver) Robertson.

Bill served in the US Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945 as a ball turret gunner on a B-17 and survived being shot down over Europe. He earned the European African Middle Eastern Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Air Medal with 1 Bronze Cluster, and 1 Overseas Bar. He was employed by General Electric in Pittsfield, Mass in the Naval Weapons Division retiring in 1985. Bill was an avid athlete and loved snowmobile racing. He played and coached basketball, softball, baseball, and soccer. He was also a lifelong resident of Columbia County.

Bill is survived by his daughter: Donna Robertson of Philmont, two grandchildren, Allison Robertson of Catskill and William C. Robertson of New York City, his sister, Kathleen Beecher of Claverack, three great-grandchildren, Emonnie, Dasean, and Joseph, and his sister-in-law, Delores Almstead of Philmont.

Calling hours are 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Thursday at the Bates & Anderson – Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Services will follow at 1:00 pm Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mellenville Union Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Philmont VFW.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ I met Mr. Robertson in the early 70's and I never forgot him. I was just a kid from Canada visiting the Siter's but I spent a lot of my time at the ball field with Bill that summer. A wonderful man and I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Bob Hussey - Ingonish

Bob Hussey - May 20, 2015 at 11:00 AM

DP

“ My deepest condolences to the family.



Donna Perry - April 23, 2015 at 01:31 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to the family of this great loss. When I think of Bill, baseball comes to mind, when I picture him, I see him at the ball field by the Crusader Club. A very kind, generous man that will be remembered always. Doug and Linda Ball

Linda Ball - April 22, 2015 at 12:34 PM

TS

“ Tabitha Shufelt lit a candle in memory of William E. Robertson



tabitha shufelt - April 21, 2015 at 09:14 PM

TS

“ *My best memory of bill was always sitting with each other on the porch just chatting away. Bill I am going to miss you ,you was like a grandfather to me love you always*

tabitha shufelt - April 21, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ *Kimberley Hazelton lit a candle in memory of William E. Robertson*



Kimberley Hazelton - April 21, 2015 at 07:54 PM

PB

“ *My condolences to the family. Bill was a wonderful man!*



Priscilla Blanchard - April 21, 2015 at 05:35 PM

DD

“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad!*

debbie disko - April 21, 2015 at 09:41 AM

BM

“ *Rest In Piece Billy Robertson, My condelences to all of his family members. Billy was one of the good guys,as a kid I always wanted to be around him and Bud and a ball field. The Memories that he has left with me in my head and in my heart I will always cherish. Thank you Billy for being a friend,and thank you to his family for letting him be a part of his life. RIP Billy Robertson*

Bill Miller - April 21, 2015 at 06:02 AM