



Ernest "Rube" Bailey

May 15, 1932 - January 17, 2021

Ernest Donald "Rube" Bailey passed away peacefully at his home in Powell on January 17th, surrounded by family, including his faithful cat, Max. Rube is survived by his wife of 46 years, Suzanne; daughter Leigh Davis (Bob); son Brian Bailey (Karen); daughter Rachel Cesta (Tom); daughter Nadine Pennypacker (Kurt); daughter Natalie Stepanov (Zoran); his brother George "Pete" Bailey; eleven grandchildren: Christopher (Delanee) and Kevin Bailey; Brennan, Marley, Ryleigh, and Shane Cesta; Arlo and Otis Pennypacker; and Vesna, Vid, and Vuk Stepanov; one great-granddaughter, Brielle Bailey; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Rube was born on May 15, 1932 in Speidel, Ohio to Cora (McBurney) and Ernest David Bailey. He was the youngest of their eight children and grew up on the family's dairy farm. Rube graduated from Barnesville High School in 1950 and went to work for Ohio Bell, from which he retired in 1992 after 39 years, having worked his way up from Lineman to Personnel and Labor Relations Director in Columbus. As a restless retiree, he assisted with his son's landscaping business and served as a maintenance consultant for other companies. Eventually, he was content enjoying his house and boats on Apple Valley Lake and helping his neighbors and friends. In 2018, he and Suzanne moved to Powell.

Rube was stationed in Germany while serving for the United States Army in the early 1950s. He was a member of Friendship Lodge #89 Free and Accepted Masons, Aladdin Shrine, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Rube loved cars and owned 59 of them in his lifetime. A brilliant handyman, Rube could repair almost any machine or electronic and was a capable plumber and electrician. Rube was known for his vast collection of tools, a love of chocolate, and his preference for hankies. A descendent of Quakers, Rube was a man of integrity and patience, and always the first to help. Rube was loved by many, especially his large extended family, who will always remember his silly jokes, funny songs, and big heart. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, or the Foundation for End of Life Care.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Ernest "Rube" Bailey

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.



January 21, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ Uncle Rube Bailey's life touched so many and he is loved by so many. He is sorely missed. As he sang so often, "VOLARE - Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu" Let's Fly Way Up to the Clouds. Brad Bennett

Brad Bennett - January 21, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.



January 21, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.*



January 20, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *All the evenings Suzanne, Rube, Tyra and I went to Jerry's Drive-in for a grilled pecan roll and coffee. We didn't solve the world's problems, but we had fun trying.*

Tom LaPens - January 20, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.*



January 20, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.*



January 20, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JH

“ You and that wonderful smile will be missed, Uncle Rube.

Jayne

Jayne Hunkler-Swallow - January 20, 2021 at 01:31 PM

GJ

“ Gretchen Meske Mills and Jack purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.



Gretchen Meske Mills and Jack - January 20, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Ernest Donald Bailey, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, Ernest Donald Bailey, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 20, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.*



January 19, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.*



January 19, 2021 at 11:08 PM



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Nadine Pennypacker - January 19, 2021 at 04:27 PM



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Nadine Pennypacker - January 19, 2021 at 04:23 PM



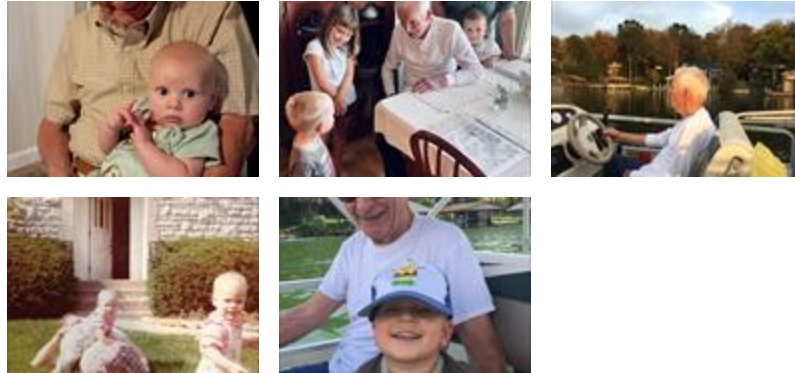
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Nadine Pennypacker - January 19, 2021 at 04:23 PM

NP

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Nadine Pennypacker - January 19, 2021 at 04:19 PM

MS

“ May Peace be with you, Alberta (Bert) Sloan purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.



May Peace be with you, Alberta (Bert) Sloan - January 19, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest "Rube" Bailey.



January 19, 2021 at 10:22 AM