



Harry Edwin Lobdell

May 12, 1932 - May 12, 2017

HARRY E. LOBDELL

Harry E. Lobdell, formerly of Lima, OH passed away peacefully on his 85th birthday, May 12, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio. He was born in 1932, in Belpre, Ohio, the only child of Harley A. & Millicent (Colvin) Lobdell. He graduated from the Ohio State University in 1954 where he was a member of the TKE Fraternity, and remained an avid lifelong Buckeye fan & proud alumni. He met his wife of 59 years, Janet D. Strunk, (who preceded him in death in 2013, and began his 35 year career the day after graduation with Westinghouse Aerospace in Lima, OH; first as an engineer, and then as the Human Resources Manager.

During their many years of living in Lima (before moving to central Ohio nearer to family in recent years), Harry & Janet enjoyed social activities & performing with the Encore Theatre, Sherwood Park Community Club, OSU Alumni, and the United Methodist Church. In addition to involvement in many civic and management groups, Harry was proud to coordinate the annual Muscular Dystrophy Children's Christmas party through Westinghouse sponsorship.

After retirement, Harry enjoyed relaxing and entertaining family and friends at their house at Indian Lake, where he would cruise the lake on his pontoon boat, "Harry's Ferry", ride jet skiis, and fire up the grill. Additionally, he was involved in continuing education classes at the Institute for Learning in

Retirement, at Bluffton University, where he was both a student and instructor. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Lynne and Dale Smallwood of Dublin, OH; Kevin and Karen (Constan) Lobdell of Chicago, IL; Drew Lobdell of Hilliard, OH; and his beloved grandchildren, Scott and Susan Smallwood.

The family would like to thank the kind folks at Powell Senior Living, OSU & Select Specialty medical staffs, and all of our wonderful friends for their loving concern and support.

Rutherford Funeral Home 450 W. Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio is handling the arrangements, with a private family ceremony to be planned for a later date. To send an online condolence, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Edwin Lobdell*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Harry's passing. We enjoyed the short time we got to spend with him as his neighbors at the lake and wish we would have had a few more years. He always had a smile on his face. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

April Tschuor - May 22, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ *We were so sorry to learn of Harry's passing. We very much enjoyed his friendship these last few years and spending time together at the annual Lobdell cousin reunion, at the lake, in Belpre, or in Delaware. We will miss him!*

Don and Karen Lobdell - May 18, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ *Harry was one of my first friends when I moved to Lima We met through the Encore and he and Janet were always fun to be around whether it was at the lake or the Christmas night open house or at one of the many theatre gatherings . I have you all in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace old friend.
Carole Dugan*

carole dugan - May 14, 2017 at 03:51 PM

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“ We have only fun memories of Harry and Jan when we were all involved in Encore Theatre. Harry should have been in show business! R.I.P Harry and Jan. our sympathy to the family.

Bev and Bob Weaver - May 14, 2017 at 12:41 PM

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“ As you might know, Harry was a friend of almost 60 years. He would come to my home for an Ohio State, Michigan game dressed in Scarlet and Gray right down to his socks. When Ohio State won, he was more than willing, along with Lee Eisenhour, John Downing and me to call Bob Weaver. our Michigan grad friend to kind of rub it in. On the tennis court, watching Harry, Lee, John, and me playing tennis was like watching four guys trying as hard as we could to look like we knew what we were doing. On stage though, Harry always knew what he was doing and was good at it.

BJ MYERS - May 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM