



John W. Bennett

April 30, 2011

John W. Bennett, 89, of Columbus, passed away Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Kobacker House. John was born March 24, 1922, in Barnesville, OH to the late, William V. and Leila Beryl(Carpenter) Bennett. His wife, Mary Elizabeth “Betty” (Bailey) Bennett also preceded him in death in 2009 after nearly 67 years of marriage. John was a retired real estate broker and World War II U.S. Army Air Corp Veteran. After completing his secondary education in Barnesville where he was an avid athlete, he attended Northwestern University and then was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. During World War II he served his country as a highly decorated B-24 pilot in the 15th Army Air Corp, 460th Bomb Group stationed in Spinazzola Italy. During one disastrous mission to bomb oil refineries over Austria, his plane was nearly disabled and being targeted by German fighters when a unit of the 617th Squadron of the Tuskegee Airmen intervened and escorted his plane across the Alps to safety. He was forever grateful for their heroic defense of him and his crew and many others during the war. After the war he attended The Ohio State University where he graduated with a BS in Business Administration and he was employed by E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Co. in Wilmington, Delaware. Upon returning to Ohio he became a Realtor Broker with Jim Owen & Co. as General Manager. He remained a successful member of the real estate community winning top awards and Salesman of the Year in the Columbus Board of Realtors. He was an active participant in many local, city and state real estate activities. John, known as Bill by many family and friends, also

gave of his talents and energies to his family, church, community and country. He was a member and Trustee of North United Methodist Church, Trustee and Founder of the Whetstone High School Boosters Assn., University Boy's Assn., Charity Newsies and was active in Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma National Honorary Fraternities. At the time of his death he was a resident of Wesley Glen Retirement Community in north Columbus where he had many friends. We are grateful to the Wesley Glen community and staff for their extraordinary care and loving support of John during these last years. John kept them and all of us laughing and always had a joke or a story to brighten the day. In addition to his wife, John was preceded in death by an infant son David Vincent, his brother Charles and wife Grethel, brother-in-law Donald H. Bonham and brothers and sisters-in-law by marriage. His surviving children are Tyra Ann Bennett LaPens (Thomas), Jon William Bennett (Marialice), Bradley Bailey Bennett (Linda), and Mary Beth Bennett Morgan (Douglas) all of Columbus, Mark Allen Bennett (Kimberly) of Cincinnati, Candace Lee Bennett (Donald Quest) of Caldwell, Ohio, Nancy May and David Lovell; grandchildren, Thomas (Susan)LaPens, Christina LaPens(Joel Diaz), Jay Bennett(Michele Balkwill), Vince Bennett(Rebecca Snedeker), Bryan (Jessica)Bennett, Kathryn Quest, Don (Kendra)Quest, Jr., Christian(Heather) Quest, David (Lanne)Bennett, Adam(Andria) Bennett, Alexey Bennett, Seth(Jordan Northcut) Bennett, Brandon(Komang) Morgan, Kate Morgan, Corey Morgan, Cora Bennett, Clayton Bennett and Colin Bennett; great grandchildren, Vivienne & Alexander Diaz LaPens, Brad, Amber, Ashley & Bryce Walters, Josephine and Hudson Bennett, Lulu Rose Bennett, Dominic and Vincent Bennett, Julian Baldrige, Mikaela, Delaney & Ashlynn Quest and Austin Quest. Also survived by 4 Great, Great Grandchildren, Kenzington and Kharmen Freeman and Kaizen Decker and Blake Walters; sister, Ruth Bennett Bonham and sisters-in-law, Virginia Hunkler, Winnie Bailey and Suzanne Bailey and brothers-in-law, George (Pete) Bailey, Ernest (Rube) Bailey and Wayne (Mick) Walker, cousins, nieces, nephews and other beloved family members. A Celebration of Life

Service will be held 12:00 Noon Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 7 Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH 43214 with Rev. Joel Baer Officiating. A graveside service will follow at Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens, Mt. Vernon, OH. Family and friends may call at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, May 6th and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. For those who wish, memorial contributions in memory of John may be made to Maple Grove United Methodist Church Music Fund; North United Methodist Church, 42 East Tompkins St., Columbus, OH 43202 or The Columbus Board of Realtors Foundation Fund, 2700 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219. Condolences for the family may be sent to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Bennett*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Oh my how I loved your dad. I met him when I bought my first house in Clintonville. We chatted and found out we were both from Barnesville. Well, then came the stories I so enjoyed, and the jokes. I graduated with Pete and I remember Tyra. I saw him a few years ago at the alumni banquet, such a treat. Be blessed to have had him as a father because you have lost a wonderful man.*

Marianne West Armstrong - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a former long time employee of The Columbus Board of Realtors. I had the opportunity to interact with John on many occasions. He was such a gentleman and will be missed by many. My condolences to his family, especially Brad who followed in his dad's footsteps.*

Pat Halverson - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Bennett family: the Air Force sent us on many roads less travelled, and, sadly, far from Columbus and you, dear friends. Mr. Bennett was a good friend to us (the Chevallards and Burgoons), and he gave me a sense of my own family history by remembering for me, my mother Ruth Petree Chevallard, who died when I was very young, and who had strong connections with the Bennett family, Maple Grove Church, Methodism, Clintonville, etc. We had one great talks about the Air Force, too! Barb and I feel your loss, but share, also, great thanks to Our Father, for bringing such a man into this world. May God bless him, and each of you mightily. I will make sure my brother, John, is aware of his passing. With love, Carl & Barb and family Chevallard, Colorado Springs, CO.

Carl Chevallard, Lt Col., USAF (Ret) - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Brad and the Bennett family, What a legacy your father has left for you - to live life fully and enjoy the moments especially with family and close friends, which are the greatest treasures. God bless you all.

Ted Oatts - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ John was such a fine gentleman of the "old school" I always looked forward and enjoyed talking with hime over the years. Good memories to look back on.

Howard Everitt - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I just viewed your beautiful memory video. You are blessed with a large, loving family and although it is difficult to lose your parents, please remember all the happy times together. The memories will guide you through your darker days. My prayers especially to you, Tyra...it has been a difficult time.

Nancy E Tinker - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Linda and Brad, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Lynda Long - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Brad and Family so sorry to read your father passed away. Hope you are doing well. George Gans

George Gans - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Brad and Linda, sorry to hear of your Father's passing. I remember him well from his days at Jim Ownen's office. He was well respected in the real estate business.

Ed Nunemaker - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Our condolences and best wishes to all of John's family. He truly deserved the long and accomplished life he was given. We shall certainly miss him. John, Charlie, Kay & Matt

The Staff at Hahn Garvey & Thomas - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I am so sorry to hear about John. My deepest sympathies to Brad and his family.

Myrna Kobre - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Family and Friends: We are sorry to hear this about John. John was always a good friend during our Realtor days. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you at this time. God Bless! Joyce and Cam Taylor

Joyce & Cam Taylor - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ TO Uncle Bill: Bon Voyage on your final mission to eternity. To my cousins: UB is done with the "golden years" that he said "were not all they were cracked up to be" (always the jokster). Cherish the years you had with him and seal the memories in the kindness of your hearts! many blessings in this time of sorrow!

pete & tricia bennett - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM