



Robert G. Chaffee

June 21, 2008

Robert G. "Bob" Chaffee, age 66, of Powell, Oh., passed away Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Dublin Methodist Hospital in Dublin. Born in Elkhart, Indiana, to the late Martha and Freeman Chaffee. Bob was a graduate of Elkhart High School, Class of 1960. The state champion polevaulter for Elkhart High School, Bob attended Indiana University on a track and field scholarship. He received his B.S., Education from Indiana University and Masters, Education from the University of Vermont. Bob began his teaching career in Elkhart, Indiana before joining the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a B-52 navigator. He married his wife, Ruth, in 1970 and then moved to Keene, N.H., where he taught school. He moved to Montpelier, Vermont and became a school administrator and life insurance underwriter. He moved to Columbus in 1990. Later he worked for Acura of Columbus before his retirement. An active volunteer, Bob loaned his talents to Riverside Methodist Hospital, COSI and The Columbus Literary Council. Bob is survived by beloved wife of 38 years, Ruth E. Chaffee; son, Rob Chaffee of Columbus, Oh.; brother, Bill (Dianna) Chaffee of Middlebury, Ind.; twin nephews, Wes (Cori) Chaffee of Mishiwaka, Ind. and E.L. (Rechelle) Chaffee of Milwaukee, Wis.; cousins and friends. Family and friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, Oh. 43065, 614-792-1471, where funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2008, with Dr. Joel Baer officiating. (The funeral home is located on West Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750, 1/4 mile

east of Sawmill Parkway). Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Delaware, Oh. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider memorial contributions to The McConnell Heart Hospital, 3773 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Oh. 43214, in Bob's memory. www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com. Sign the online guestbook at www.dispatch.com/obituaries

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert G. Chaffee*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Bob was a wonderful man, and I know he will be greatly missed. I went to high school with Bob, and although I did not know him as well as others did, he was always so gracious and charming when we got a chance to talk at class reunions. He really liked people, and it showed. Our reunions won't be quite the same without him. He was indeed special.*

Jodie Trimmer - June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Ruth for many years and met Bob many times. His strength and positive attitude through all his physical challenges was such an inspiration. Ruth was always there to support him. My prayers and George's are with you, Ruth, and with Rob.*

Anita Lombardo - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God's presence sustain you in the loss of your beloved husband and father.*

Pat Shehan Swanson - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of being a nurse in one of Bob's Doctor's offices. With all of the physical problems Bob had he was always up beat, positive, & never complaining. Instead he had a wonderful sense of humor and a genuine smile. We would discuss his current reading material as he always had a book with him to pass his time in the waiting room. He will surely be missed.

Jeannette Morton - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Bob but knowing his wife, Ruth, since our college days, I'm sure Bob must have been an equally wonderful person. Jim and I send our heartfelt condolences to Ruth and their son.

Cyndi Zahm Siegfried - June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM