



Robert Holmes

December 18, 1923 - December 30, 2023

Robert Denzler Holmes (Bob) passed away on December 30, 2023, at the age of 100. He was predeceased by his father, Charlton Lingenfelter Holmes, his mother, Norma Elizabeth Holmes, his sister, Vivian Jean Sidle (Holmes), and his wife of 51 years, Mary Ann Holmes (Zeigler). Bob is survived by his four sons, Douglas (Tasha), Scott (Kim), Paul (Madeline), and Dana (Linda); grandchildren Paul (Abby), Colin (Caroline), Marisa, Lucas (Cait), Brian, Stuart (Kayley) and Dashiell, and great grandchildren Caleb, Hannah, Natalie, and Owen. Mr. Holmes was born on December 18, 1923, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He moved with his family to Columbus, Ohio in 1937. He attended Indianola Junior High School and graduated from Columbus North High School in 1942 as class president. Bob was an excellent student and a member of the North High School debate team that won the Ohio state championship. He played trombone in the North High School dance band and was active in the High Y. As a high school student, Bob produced a film documenting the living conditions of poor neighborhoods in Columbus. He served as a page for Lieutenant Governor Paul Herbert. Bob began his collegiate studies at Ohio State University and transferred to Harvard University on a partial scholarship before volunteering for service in the U.S. Army in World War II. He received a direct commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps and served as a Japanese language code breaker. Bob graduated with a degree in Economics from George Washington University, a law degree from Harvard University in 1949, and a degree in

accounting from Ohio State University in 1951. He began his practice of law in 1949 and remained in the active practice of law for 70 years. Bob married Mary Ann Zeigler in 1951, and shortly thereafter moved to Worthington, where together they raised four sons. Bob was involved through the Worthington Presbyterian Church in the formation of Stafford Village. Bob and his wife Mary provided assistance to Hungarian and Cuban refugees, and Bob was a sponsor for many years of participants in the Columbus International Program. Bob was a lifelong advocate for Peace, and was a co-founder and served for many years as the Treasurer of Central Ohioans for Peace. He was actively involved in the political process, and in his candidacy for statewide office was endorsed by every major Ohio newspaper. Bob and his wife Mary were long-time members of the Worthington Garden Club, and Bob was active for many years in the Worthington Chapter of Toastmasters International. His example of being true to the things that really matter in life will be honored and celebrated on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Calling Hours will be on Friday, January 12, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the same location.

Cemetery Details

Kingwood Memorial Park

8230 Columbus Pike
Lewis Center, OH 43035
(740) 548-5509

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

BM

“Wow, I really don't know how to start... but I do want to send my condolences to his sons and all who loved him. I hardly met Bob for only a few minutes, when he came to the hospital to visit Mary and Dana. My connection to the family was made May 20, when Dana was born. My son Tim was born the same day and Mary was one of my three room mates at the old White Cross Hospital. We kept in touch for a while but the next year 1961 my husband, Harry was activated and his military unit was sent to France when the Berlin Wall was built. We rented out house and Tim and I went to France too to be with Harry and we lost touch with your family. I have often wondered what happened to Dana and I do remember at one time seeing that Bob was running for office of some kind. My husband Harry passed away this past June after 64years of marriage. I would love to hear from any of the boys but especially from Dana if possible. My cell number is 614-599-6093 my email is Barbandht6321@aol.com. Barbara Ann Herbster McKnight

Barbara McKnight - January 13, 2024 at 12:41 PM

DG

“Doug, Scott, Paul, Dana and family!
Wish Shari and I could have made it home to be with you. I have such fond memories of your Dad. You were so lucky to have him for so long. Prayers of comfort and peace for all of you!
Doug & Shari Gordon

Douglas Gordon - January 12, 2024 at 06:48 PM

FV

“ My most vivid memory of Bob Holmes is his standing at the northwest corner of 161 and High Street with his band of supporters asking passersbys to honk for peace. This memory is just one of many recollection I have of Bob over the years going back probably the 1970 and he will be greatly missed, My condolences to his family and regret I cannot attend and express in person.

Fred Vierow - January 12, 2024 at 05:59 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Holmes.



January 11, 2024 at 09:10 AM

JM

“ I am blessed to have known Bob. I met Bob when we organized the peace group Central Ohioans for Peace. He was very dedicated to peace activities and peace education. He was an outstanding communicator and would talk to anyone and everyone regarding world peace. I loved being with him at the Worthington Peace Corner at High and Rt. 161 every Saturday. He would always hold the sign “Honk for Peace.” He was instrumental in establishing our Educational Peace Contests for many years whereby university students from all over would prepare essays in answer to questions regarding world peace and the United Nations. The students would then present in person and receive awards. I will miss him dearly. I am grateful for his wonderful personality and activism.

Janet McLaughlin - January 10, 2024 at 04:34 PM

AK

“ We were so blessed to get to have Uncle Bob join us for many holidays, special family events and family visits. He always showed such interest in each person attending and asked for updates on their jobs, their children and what the children were involved in. He made everyone feel special because he cared about all those things. He even engaged with the little ones in conversation and in play!

His happy demeanor, his cheerful whistling and the times we would hear piano music wafting down the hall when he slipped away to play are all things we miss!

He was also such an attentive and thoughtful brother to my mother, Vivian. When she could no longer drive, he came to our house weekly for many years to pick her up and take her to church and out to lunch with her friends. He made it possible for her to have a rich social and spiritual life when she might have been very isolated without his help and loving care.

We wish we could be with you in person to celebrate his life and share special memories. Please know that we are with you in our hearts!

Anita Kremm - January 10, 2024 at 02:25 PM

JE

“ James Webb Ellinger planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Holmes.

James Webb Ellinger - January 10, 2024 at 12:17 PM

KM

“ I worked with Bob (and Scott) in the early 80's as his secretary. He was such a good, thoughtful and caring man. I learned so much from him and it has helped guide me through my legal career and life in general today. He was a shining light that will be missed by many. Rest in peace. Kim McNulty

Kim McNulty - January 10, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Holmes.



January 10, 2024 at 03:11 AM

RK

“ Rita and Karen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Holmes.

Rita and Karen - January 10, 2024 at 03:11 AM

MS

“ Melissa S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Holmes.

Melissa S. - January 08, 2024 at 11:55 PM

JM

“ Joe Mas and Linda Mercadante purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Holmes.



Joe Mas and Linda Mercadante - January 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

JF

“ Doug, so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I met both your mom and dad when we were in college. Wonderful people plus I love all the stories you shared about your folks. Cherish your memories. Sending prayers and thoughts. Joni Scolieri Finley

Joni Scolieri Finley - January 08, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Holmes.



January 08, 2024 at 08:17 AM

RF

“ Ralph Fallon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Holmes.

Ralph Fallon - January 08, 2024 at 08:17 AM

WF

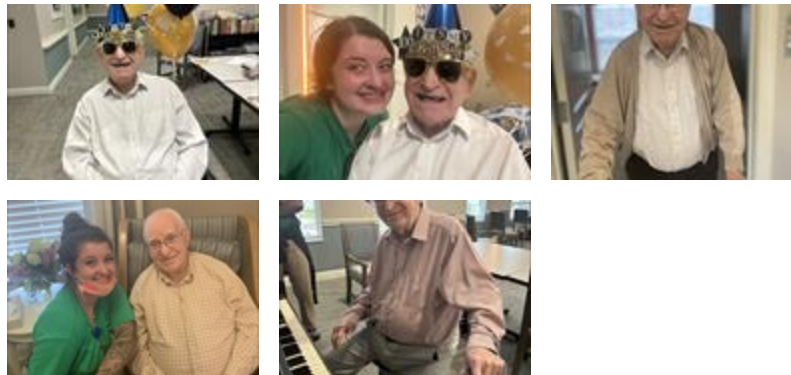
“ With all our love, Kremm and West family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Robert Holmes.



With all our love, Kremm and West family - January 07, 2024
at 07:21 PM



“ I was Bobs caregiver at Kemper House (now Cotter House) for almost 4 years! He was such a bright light in my life. I miss him dearly. Sending all my love
-megan



Meg Mathews - January 07, 2024 at 01:04 PM

CC

“ I remember most of the time seeing Uncle Bob in a suit, but when the Holmes cousins came over to go sledding, Uncle Bob grabbed a sled and joined in the fun! That was pretty cool! Love Connie

Connie Carley - January 06, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JH

“ *One hundred years is a long time to live. It also provides a long time to do good work in this world. Many of us have good values and care about the rest of humanity. Bob was part of a smaller group of people who act upon their values and principles. Every time I drove through the intersection of High Street and 161, I would honk for Bob and the dedicated group demonstrating for world peace. That gave me a great sense of admiration for Bob. It takes a thoughtful, dedicated person to give up personal time on the weekend and to focus on issues that are larger than us. Kudos to you Bob!*

Holiday dinners would bring us together to celebrate and converse. Bob would run through the typical status questions about family and work. But more often than not, he would throw out a question that required some critical thinking. He challenged us. He got us to reflect. He got us to think outside of our personal paradigm. He was a man of integrity and substance. His presence and contributions will be missed.

My sincere condolences to the Holmes family and all the persons who benefitted from knowing Bob.

John H Hamilton - January 06, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Holmes.*



January 05, 2024 at 07:02 PM