



William "Bill" Joseph Hanby Sr.

March 8, 1936 - June 5, 2015

William Joseph "Bill" Hanby, Sr., age 79, passed away peacefully of Mesothelioma, surrounded by his loving family at the Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, June 5, 2015. Bill was preceded in death by his parents John Byron Hanby, Sr. and Erma Sayers Hanby, daughter Jane Hanby Bowers and brother John B. Hanby, Jr. Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Linda Ray Hanby; children Judith Hanby (Russ) Turner, William Joseph (Beth) Hanby Jr., Jeffrey Carl Hanby, Amy Hanby (Eric) Belle; grandchildren Collin Turner, Ryan Turner, William J. Hanby III, Galen Hanby, Joyce Hanby, Alexander Hanby, Lincoln Thomas Belle; and siblings Jean Hanby (Jack) Sutherland, Donald (Mary Lou) Hanby, Kenneth (Judy) Hanby. Bill was born on the family farm in Knox, PA. The family survived the Great Depression and Bill became a self-taught mechanic, fixing all the farm machinery and working from dawn to dusk to operate a 200 acre farm. He proudly served in the US Air Force in Germany and Saudi Arabia from 1954-1958 where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, German Occupation Medal and Good Conduct Medal. After the military Bill earned an associate degree from Allegheny Technical Institute in 1961. He then commenced a 40 year career in telecommunications engineering for North American Aviation, Ohio Bell, Ameritech, and Quest earning one patent and numerous honors including Quest Employee of the Year. Bill was gifted in understanding and repairing all things mechanical and electrical. He also was an inventor, designing a device to aid in speech therapy and car radar

detectors. His life was focused by hard work and love of family. Bill was a perpetually happy person in all aspects of his life. He was happiest when in the company of family and friends. He was loved by all and will be missed forever. Family will welcome friends from 2:00-4:00p.m. & 6:00-8:00p.m. TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 where Funeral Service will be held 10:00a.m. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) If they choose, friends may make memorial contributions to: Ohio Health Hospice/Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, OH 43214 or to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, 1317 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (877)-363-6376 www.curemeso.org., in Bill's memory. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Hanby Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Visitation

JUN 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Joseph Hanby Sr.



Rutherford Funeral Homes - June 09, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ William "Bill" Joseph Hanby Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Hanby Sr..



June 16, 2015 at 08:55 AM



“ When I was a young girl I had the privilege of having Billy Jo as my uncle.
He was a wonderful man and I am saddened to hear of his passing.
Condolences to my cousin Judy and her entire family and also to his wife Linda
and family. May God bless all of you.

Kathy Lauer - June 11, 2015 at 12:31 PM

BD

“ 1974 Bill was my super Microwave Radio Group Spruce St Ohio Bell. He always had a smile, an optimist, a great teacher. Grey memories.

Barry Dunn - June 11, 2015 at 09:38 AM

AV

“ My dear friend and co-inventor, you will be greatly missed. Our days at Ameritech were the best days of my career. You were more than a fellow employee, you were a brother, one whom I could always ask advice. Thanks for sharing your time and knowledge with me. My thoughts and prayers are with the Hanby family.

Art Varga - June 09, 2015 at 08:24 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Hanby Sr..



June 09, 2015 at 11:03 AM

HU

“ God Bless/RIP, to ALL who served. Thank YOU for your service, Bill..... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - June 08, 2015 at 10:15 PM

GR

“ Bill was a great guy. He grew up in the same little area in Pa as I did. Bill was visiting my familys general Store and I had just graduated from Electronics School in 1970. He invited me to his home in Columbus to take a test for Ohio Bell Telephone for future employment. I got the job thanks to Bill and I am now enjoying retirement also. The Hanby family was such a nice family to grow up with. You couldn't of had better neighbors if you would of tried. Thank you Bill Hanby, you had a real impact on my life. Gary Rex-- Parents owned Elmo Store in Western Pa.

Gary Rex - June 08, 2015 at 05:49 PM

RC

“ Bill was my classmate and we graduated together in 1954, White Memorial, Knox, PA. My name at that time was Ruby O'Neil. So sorry to learn of your loss and my prayers are with all the family at this sad time. He was a good guy. Always friendly with everyone. I'm sure you will miss him terribly. God bless you all.

Ruby O'Neil Weaver Cook - June 08, 2015 at 05:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Hanby Sr..*



June 08, 2015 at 01:26 PM

PH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Bill’s passing. Lou Vesco was kind enough to forward the obituary to me in Florida.

Bill and I worked together several times, over the years, at Ohio Bell. The first was when he was supervisor of the Columbus radio shop and I was supervisor of the Dayton radio shop. Later, we worked together again when I was in the Equipment Engineering group. Linda also worked in the Engineering Department. So, I was privileged to know them both.

In 1977, I was transferred to Cleveland. As a result, Bill and I started to lose day-to-day contact. When the Bell System was divested, in 1984, Bill went to Ameritech and I went to AT&T in Chicago and we lost contact completely.

I have always thought the Bell System attracted outstanding people. Bill was no exception. He was a hard worker, a good supervisor, a good role model, and a good friend. What I will remember most is his contagious smile and laugh. No matter how big the problem, Bill could always find something to make everyone laugh.

*A verse from the West Point Alma Mater says,
And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, 'Well Done;
Be Thou At Peace.'*

Well done Bill, be at peace.

*Paul Hasting
pghasting@verizon.net*

Paul Hasting - June 08, 2015 at 11:47 AM

KK

Wanted to send our condolences to all the Hanby family for their loss. Billy Joe helped us when we left Allegheny Technical Institute. We went to North America Aviation in Columbus. He was there to guide us. All the memories of summers at the farm with Kenny. God Bless.

Keith Kahle - June 08, 2015 at 02:18 PM