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**R**obert Lee "Bob" Ward, 93, of Huntington, WV, passed away last Saturday morning at the Proctorville Wyngate assisted living facility, surrounded by close family members and Hospice of Huntington, after a short illness. He was preceded in death by wife Mildred "Midge" Ward; father Raymond Theodore Ward; mother Louella Ward; twin brother Bill Ward; younger brother Jim Ward and close friend Charlie Justice. Surviving family include daughter Kathy Hartman (Jim Stone) (his favorite child!); son David "Monte" Ward; granddaughter Erica Hartman; grandsons Brandon Hartman; Bryan, Rob and Tom Ward; daughter in law Diane Ward; granddaughter in law Lauren Miller; great grandkids Maggie "Ollie", Evie and Anna Ward; a host of nieces and nephews and special friend Sandy Justice. Bob graduated from Huntington East and attended Marshall University pursuing an Accounting degree until he joined the Army during the Korean War. He was stationed at Fort Knox and later served in the Army Reserves at Spring Valley. He was an accountant for Borden's Dairy before joining General Electric Credit as a salesman. He advanced to Area Salesman before he retired. He was a member of The Huntington Jr. Chamber of Commerce. He was long time member of the Huntington YMCA. At age 88 he missed one day of his daily routine of working out at the Y, followed by deep discussions with his fellow Democrats. When he arrived at 6 am that day, he found the Y was closed due to snow. He and Midge were regular attendees of The First Congregational Church of Ceredo. There he was outnumbered by Republicans, including his wife, Midge. Both he and the membership enjoyed the debates and didn't let them lessen their deep friendships. Bob made personal relationships with everyone he met. He would ask them personal questions and then find ways of using that information to make them laugh. He was one of those persons who could get away with saying things to people others could not. Not only were they not offended, but they were also entertained by his wit and



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made an immediate bond. Though there are many to choose from, the one that stands out in my mind was when he was admitted to Cabell Huntington Hospital with a mild stroke. He was repeatedly asked by caregivers if he knew his name, if he knew what year it was and if he knew where he was. When he was subsequently admitted, his admitting nurse asked him all these questions and one more. She asked if he knew who the President was. He responded Brent Musteller. I laughed out loud. The nurse looked at me like I was the worst son. I knew he meant Brent Marstellar, President and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital. Coming after the question "do you know where you are", that was the correct answer, but just not the correct last name. He was an avid reader and watched all the news shows available, so he knew a lot about everything. An hour with him and you learned the equivalent of reading multiple newspapers and watching multiple news shows. His death was quick, painless and with dignity. He certainly deserved such an end. The family will be having a private ceremony. Anyone wishing to do so can make donations in his name to one of his two favorite charities: The Hoops Children's Hospital or Hospice of Huntington. Hall Funeral Home and Crematory in Proctorville, OH is assisting the family. Condolences may be expressed at [www.ehallfuneralhome.com](http://www.ehallfuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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CM

**Cheryl J Skinner Tri-State Military Museum** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time, May you come to know that the love of God is with you always, May your memories of Robert Lee Ward, give you peace, comfort and strength...Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers to the family of ...US Army Veteran, Robert Lee Ward, is "A True American Hero" God Bless\*\* Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

July 21 at 8:00 PM



WC

**William Curry** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Dear Cathy, sorry for your loss. I know he was your rock. I think about you and your children often and lovingly.

July 21 at 8:00 PM



KT

**Kristina Clay-Turner** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

So heartbroken, I didn't get to say bye 😭

July 21 at 8:00 PM



AW

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Robert Lee Ward** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall

July 19 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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