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Robert Lee "Bob" Barbour, 86, of Westfield, IN, formerly of Chesapeake, OH, went to be with Jesus on August 11, 2022, surrounded by his family. Bob was born January 20, 1936, in Huntington, WV, to the late James and Inez (Davis) Barbour. He grew up in the shadow of the Marshall College campus, playing baseball and tackle football in the neighborhood streets. He graduated from Huntington East High School in 1954 and went on to receive degrees from Moody Bible Institute, Marshall University, and Dallas Theological Seminary. Bob taught geography, social studies, and New Testament at Huntington High School for 12 years. He was a popular teacher. Former students would make a point to stop him in public to express their gratitude for his influence in their lives. Bob had a long and storied career in ministry. He directed Huntington area Youth for Christ and the Navigators ministry at Marshall University. He served 17 years as youth and music director, and associate pastor of Seventh Avenue Baptist Church. He served 34 years as Senior Pastor of Union Missionary Baptist Church in Chesapeake, OH. Bob was known for his effective teaching, loving care, and attention to those in need. He was awarded an Outstanding Citizen Proclamation by the Lawrence County (OH) Commission for faithful service to his community. After moving to Indiana, Bob was a member of Crossbridge Baptist Church, where he taught Bible classes, visited the sick, and volunteered during Vacation Bible School. He also had a ministry with seniors at Rittenhouse Village. He was a lifelong fan of the Cincinnati Reds. In spite of all his achievements, Bob was most proud of his family. He and his beloved wife of 45 years, Phyllis, ministered, traveled, and enjoyed life together. They were the true definition of companionship. Bob was a wonderful father to his son, Bobby. He was ever-present at sporting events and music recitals and, in his later years, they spent many hours watching ball games and talking about life and



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ministry. He loved his daughter-in-law, Jody, and always enjoyed laughing with her. Bob adored his grandchildren, Jack, Lucy, and Annie, who affectionately knew him as "Papa." He delighted in the hours spent reading and playing with them and took great joy in celebrating their achievements.

A love for people characterized Bob's life, and he made friends wherever he went. He was fondly referred to as the "Mayor" of his Westfield neighborhood.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his sister, Zeda (Van Sickle); brothers, Kelsey, Doug, and Ralph.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; son, Bobby; daughter-in-law, Jody; three grandchildren, Jack, Lucy, and Annie; and countless friends.

Family and friends will gather at 6 pm, October 8, 2022 in Union Missionary Baptist Church, 17632 State Route 243, Chesapeake, OH 45619 for a Celebration of Life gathering.



Tribute Wall

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A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Robert Lee "Bob" Barbour lit a candle in honor of Robert.

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall

October 2 at 8:00 PM



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Barry Crump lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Prayers for the family

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DD

Donna Deacon lit a candle in honor of Robert.

So sorry

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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