



Robert "Bob" James Wartluft

November 17, 1932 - March 5, 2023

Robert "Bob" James Wartluft, 90, of Annville, entered Heaven on Sunday, March 5, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late, Betty Lucille (Kling) Wartluft to whom he was married for 63 years. Robert was born in Myerstown on November 17, 1932 to the late James Wartluft and Mae (Stamm) Wartluft. Robert was a dedicated member at Zion E.C. Church in Annville, where he served as a custodian, sound tech, and so much more. Bob worked at Bethlehem Steel in Lebanon and later as a roofer at Smith's Sheet Metal in Annville. Bob was a member of the Annville Fire & Rescue Company, where he drove fire trucks and served as fire police. Bob was a member of Annville's finest Boom Bass Band. He loved fixing anything and was known as "Bob the Builder" to many. Bob loved watching NASCAR Racing & the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey games, going to local races and loved attending Gospel Quartet and Barbershop Quartet Concerts. He loved family trips to the beach (Wildwood) & cabins all over PA. He loved playing Parcheesi and was the king of blockades. He enjoyed church retreats, Smith's Christmas parties, family reunions and all family gatherings.

Surviving are his children, Kenneth O'Dell Wartluft and Tammy Lynn Carder. He was "Pop" to 5 grandchildren, Keith Wartluft & his wife Amy (Mortimore) Wartluft, Janelle (Wartluft) Stone and her husband Daniel Stone, Stephen Carder, Nathan Carder, & McKenna (Carder) Brunty & her husband Jonathan Brunty; 7 Great Grandchildren, Gabrielle Stone, Ava Stone, Ajamu Stone, Tshepang Stone, Colton Wartluft, Tanner Wartluft and soon-to-be joining the

family, Mathilde Stone; and his sister, Ruth (Wartluft) Knepp & her husband, Don, & brother, Mark Wartluft & his wife, Jean.

Robert was preceded in death by a son, Robert “Bobby” Eugene Wartluft; a sister, Lillian Wartluft and his brothers, David “Russ” Wartluft & Guy Wartluft; daughter-in-law, Doris (Burke) Wartluft; and close friend, Shirley Ann Schwab. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 11AM at Zion EC Church, 710 S. White Oak Street, Annville. Interment will be in Mt. Annville Cemetery with his late wife. There will be a viewing on Wednesday March 8, 2023 from 6PM – 8PM at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 618 E. Main Street, Annville. There will be an additional viewing on Thursday March 9, 2023 from 10AM – 11AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Dan and Janelle Stone, for assistance and

funding for the Stone’s adoption process. Those desiring can send their donations to Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory Inc.,

C/O Robert Wartluft,

618 E. Main Street, Annville PA 17003.

Those donations will then be forwarded onto Janelle and Dan Stone.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Public Viewing

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Evangelical Congregational Church
710 S. White Oak St.
Annville, PA

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Annville, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was the gentlest and kindest person. He lived to serve the Lord. He is a great example to us all; My favorite memories are the Boompas band that played at the Smith Hardware Christmas parties. He enjoyed sharing his talents with our children and letting them play all of the silly instruments. Bob loved life and we loved him.

Wendy Smith

Wendy Smith - March 11, 2023 at 06:46 AM

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“ Bob had a profound impact on my life. He was my mentor in my family's sheet metal and roofing business. Not only was he a great mentor, he was a great role model as a father, Christian, loyal employee, and friend. I'm sure he will be missed by many. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Garry Smith

Garry Smith - March 07, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" James Wartluft.



March 07, 2023 at 12:26 PM