
Robert B. Whitmoyer(1933 - 2016)

Robert Bruce Whitmoyer, 82, of Hershey, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2016 in his home at Country Meadows. He was born November 29, 1933 in Harrisburg. Bob was the youngest son of the late Harry E. and Margaret C. Whitmoyer (nee Rickenbach). He was the grandson of George W. and Margaretta B. Rickenbach (nee Hartman) and John E. and Lillie A. Whitmoyer (nee Dunkle).

Bob grew up in Dauphin and Amity Hall and was a 1951 graduate of Duncannon High School. He participated in football, baseball, and glee club. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served on the flight deck of the USS Leyte Aircraft Carrier. Following his honorable discharge in 1954, he began a 62 year membership in the family cabin, Cole Harris Gun Club, Upper Strasburg, PA. It was organized in 1924 by his grandfather, John E. Whitmoyer, and other family members.

Bob married Shirley C. Nauss on June 18th, 1955 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Highspire. This was also the year he started selling cars for Sausman Chevrolet. He later worked at Helms Chevrolet and Sunderland Chevrolet in sales and management. In 1976 he purchased his first dealership, Whitmoyer Chevrolet, in Morehead City, NC. While there he was active in the United Methodist Church, Barbershop Chorus, and was named Kiwanian of the Year. In 1982 he returned to Pennsylvania and opened Whitmoyer Chevrolet, Buick, Olds in Mount Joy, PA, where he was president until his retirement in 2001.

Bob was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hershey. He was a former trustee, tended to the church's rose garden, member of the Trinity Choir, Dan Lewis Sunday School Class, and participated in "The Last Supper" drama. He was also a member of Hershey Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow; Steelton Coin Club; Penbrook American Legion Post #730, and the PSU Nittany Lion Club. Bob also sang in Barbershop Choruses in Lancaster and Harrisburg. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, hunting, fishing, PSU football, and playing cards.

Surviving is his wife, Shirley Nauss Whitmoyer; three children, Robert N. Whitmoyer of Shamokin Dam, Dane T. (Cindy) Whitmoyer of Lancaster, Melissa W. (Mark) Tarkenton of Hershey; six grandchildren, Brittany W. Fishel (Matthew), Ashton Whitmoyer, Makayla Tarkenton, Maggie Tarkenton, Nicholas Brightbill (Becky) and Stephen Brightbill (Amanda) and one great grandson, Harrison. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents and grandparents he was predeceased by his brothers, Marlin R. in 1996 and John E. in 1938.

A visitation will be held Monday, November 14, 2016 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, in the Hoover Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Route 422 & Lucy Avenue, Hershey and Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 10:00 am - 11:00am in the First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Ave., Hershey, 17033. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am. Interment with honors will be in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at 2:30 pm on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Pennsylvania Wounded Warrior Project, 1117 Country Club Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or First United Methodist Church in Hershey.

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