



Robert W. Beard

February 1, 1923 - May 11, 2016

Robert W. Beard, 93, of Bloomington, IN, passed away on Wednesday May 11, 2016, at Hearthstone Health Campus in Bloomington, IN. Born February 1, 1923, in South Union in Monroe County, he was the son of Warren and Maude (Whaley) Beard.

Bob was the owner of Beard, Weaver and Anderson Chrysler-Jeep Dealership in Bloomington and also was the Superintendent of the State Highway Southern Division appointed by Governor Otis Bowen. A U.S. Army Veteran serving under General Patton in the 203rd D Battery in WWII, to the family's knowledge he was the last surviving member of that Battery. Bob was a member of the Cross Roads Methodist Church, was the 1st President of the Monroe County Fair Board, serving in 1955-56 and again in 1974 and was Vice President of the board in 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1979. He was inducted into the Indiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Events in 2009. He was a 4-H Leader of the Thrifty Toilers; he started the Monroe County Beef Club; he was a Herdsman for the Hoosier Acres Hereford Cattle.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty (Stigal) Beard, whom he married in 1943 while on leave from the service; 2 brothers, Charles H. and Richard E. Beard; infant sister, Carol Ann Beard; grandson Jason Mark Beard and nephew Larry Osborne. Survivors are son, Marc Beard (Cheryl) of Martinsville, IN; daughters, Roberta Partenheimer (Chan) of Bloomington, IN,

Pattie Downing (Kim) of Martinsville and Sandra L. Beard of AZ, and one sister, Anise Osborne of Ellettsville. Grandchildren, Aimee & Eric Mungle, Jacci & Andy Wood, Crystal Owens, Jill Lines, Hillary Singleton and Heather Lamar; and 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephew.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 1 p.m. at the Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville, IN. Calling will be on Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial is at Valhalla Memory Gardens with the Monroe County Honor Guard performing military rites.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Monroe County Fair Board in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel
203 E. Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429
(812) 876-6075
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Service

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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