



Robert (Bob) M. Brown

June 21, 2018

Robert (Bob) M. Brown, 89 went to heaven to be with his Lord on June 21, 2018. Mr. Brown was a proud Navy career veteran of WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam war. He was a Member of the Masonic Robinson-Plumb Lodge 266 F. & A.M. and a member of the Louisville Kosair Shrine Temple. Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years June Brown and his wife of 5 years, LaVerne Brown, his brother Lowell Brown and his sister Louise Cummings, his grandsons Shayne Quinkert and Drew Yarbrough. Mr. Brown is survived by his beloved daughters Delaine Yarbrough and Lin Quinkert Ashcraft (Dene), granddaughters Shanon Yarbrough , Tia Quinkert and Tara Quinkert Denzinger, 5 great-grandchildren – Lacie Cook, Whitney Messer, Victor Beam, Dalton Quinkert and Avery Denzinger. His brothers Bill and Jim Wilder and his sister Frieda Baker. There will be a graveside service Monday 10:00 A.M., in the Veteran section at Louisville Memorial Gardens, 4400 Dixie Hwy. Owen Funeral Home 5317 Dixie Hwy. are handling arrangements. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

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“ Uncle Bob was the youngest of 5 children born to George and Mattie Brown (Hensley). Family history as passed down to me from him goes that the Brown family wagon broke down in the "the Gap" as the family was migrating west (must have been around the turn of the century) and this must have happened somewhere near the Hensley Settlement (which is now part of the Cumberland Gap National Park). The family settled in an area known as the Camping Ground. George was an electrician for the company that brought power to the mountainous region and died tragically in an accident on the job when Bob was a toddler. As a young boy I remember visiting the cemetery in Camping Ground with my parents and sister Carol where my Grandfather and George Jr. who died in infancy are buried (this must have been when my grandmother passed away in the early 70's). Mattie remarried Louis Wilder, a coal miner, and had three more children, Jim, Frieda, and Bill.

Mattie and Louis raised the seven children in Pineville in Bell County. My recollection is that this was quite a "rough and tumble" coal mining town. Uncle Bob was a dashing figure in the family and coupled with his military exploits on submarines in the Navy was a larger than life figure. My mother Louise had a son from a first marriage who Uncle Bob took "under his wing" as a young boy. In 1959 my mom remarried Jack Cummins who adopted her son. He took the opportunity to rename himself Robert Cummins after his Uncle who he admired so much. My brother, Lt. Col. (retired) Robert Cummins USMC took after Uncle Bob and has had a long military career as a Marine aviator and still flies helicopters today. He lives in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

As far as I remember, Uncle Bob had quite a close relationship with his older brothers Harry and Lowell. He and Lowell particularly mixed it up as I recall and had a famous "engagement" at the cemetery when Mattie passed away. When I asked him about the disagreements they had Uncle Bob explained that he loved his brother but didn't like the way he acted. Hate the sin, love the sinner. That's the way Uncle Bob was.

We shared time together in the early 2000's when I moved to Louisville for a short time. He was an avid "horse picker" (not a handicapper he'd tell me) and loved to spend time watching the races. I was fortunate to have spent time with he and Laverne at Churchill on a few occasions.

Back then he had been battling some back issues and wasn't feeling all that great. It was really painful and I think he thought it might be the end. He told me "my bags are packed" and he was straight with the Lord. He had quite an insight in to people, was very engaging, and could spin a great story. He was a kind man, lived a good life, and made a positive contribution while here on earth.

He'll be missed by friends and family. Rest in Peace.

Love,

Jay

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