



Robert Glidwell

May 17, 1927 - November 28, 2018

Robert Ray Glidwell of Bolivar, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday morning, November 28, 2018 at Citizens Memorial Health Care Facility at the age of 91. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 17, 1927 to Mack and Viola Glidwell. On November 10, 1947 he was united in marriage to Ethel Evelyn Smith in St. Louis, Missouri and to this union two sons were born, Ken and Bob.

At the age of 17, Robert joined the navy and served in WWII. In 1945, he began a career as an employee of Manhattan Coffee Company (service technician) and retired from there in 1989. After retirement, Robert and Ethel moved to Bolivar to be closer to family.

Robert was a believer and attended Bolivar First Baptist Church faithfully when his health permitted. He enjoyed the St. Louis Cardinals, working on clocks, drives in the country and meeting new people. He was always there to support his grandchildren at concerts and sporting events. He and Ethel enjoyed traveling to states and countries where son Ken and family were stationed. Robert valued time spent with friends and family at Mom's Deli, McDonald's and Wendy's.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ethel; son, Ken; brother, John; grandson, Dustin and dear friend and companion of 7 years, Phyllis Smith.

Robert is survived by a sister, Hiawatha Johns of St. Louis, MO and brother, Ken of Poplar Bluff, MO and 10 nieces and nephews. He is also survived by

son, Bob and wife Delrae of Bolivar; daughter-in-law, Sharon of Lorton, Virginia; three grandsons, Tom (wife Lisa) of Lorton, VA; Ryan (wife Hannah) of Springfield, MO and Brock (wife Danae) of Branson, MO. He was "Papa" to 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild (another on the way). Robert leaves behind many caring relatives and good friends.

Services for Robert Glidwell will be Monday, December 3, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., with Visitation one hour prior at 10:00 a.m. at Butler Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Greenwood Cemetery, Bolivar, Missouri.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Glidwell*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Robert Glidwell*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I am so sorry that I didnt find out until this morning. Robert was such a great neighbor of mine. I always enjoyed him walking over and asking me to help him with something but he always tried to offer me something, but I accepted his old newspapers and told him I sure appreciate you helping me get my fires started in my fireplace. I always enjoyed talking with him whether it was St. Louis Cardinals or more importantly our relationship we both had with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know you are there praising his Holy name and one day I will see you again my brother in Christ. Prayers for family of mercy and comfort.*

Will Gibb - December 04, 2018 at 07:51 AM

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“ Robert was my mother's best friend-Phyllis. They met at McDonalds and saw each other every day. They attended SWBU basketball for several years and watched the St. Louis Cardinals together. Robert and mom also played alot checkers and dominoes. I will never forget playing dominoes with Robert. He always let my mother win and let her believe she was good at the game. The truth, he let her win to make her happy. For that, I thank him.

Robert was a man with a big heart. I sat down with him a few years ago. He told me how thankful he was for his life, his wife Ethyl and his family. Robert told me he was grateful that he knew God. He was also grateful that God brought two lonely people together-Him and my mother. They met each other at a time both had lost their true loves.

I was priviledged to have known Robert. He smiled everyday and always lifted everyone up around him.

We love you Robert. You will always be in our hearts. Love Dave, Ashley, and Kobe Smith.

David Smith - November 30, 2018 at 07:58 PM

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“ Randy, Ron, Kerry & Kenneth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Glidwell.



Randy, Ron, Kerry & Kenneth - November 29, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Glidwell.



November 29, 2018 at 05:55 PM