



Robert C. Wolfe

(April 20, 1925 - March 8, 2009)

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Robert Clair Wolfe

In loving memory of Bob Wolfe.

We will love and miss you always.



Robert Clair Wolfe



WOLFE – Robert C., 83, Belsano, passed away surrounded by his loving family March 8, 2009. Born April 20, 1925, in Indiana, Pa, son of the late Glenn and Edna (Bryan) Wolfe. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He is preceded in death by wife, the former Betty Jane Roles, who passed away Dec. 31, 2008, ending a marriage of 65 years; brother, William; and sister, Martha Louise Bence. Survived by children, Robert J. (Joyce), Nanty Glo; Patricia, (George) Warholic, Maryland; Richard G. (Lucinda), Munster; Karen, (Patrick) Gallagher, Mundys Corner; Brian (Nancy), Buffington Township; and Rodney (Lana), Johnstown. Loving grandfather to Rob (Kathleen), Mark (Renee), George, Michael, Jennifer, Rob, Rebecca (Ben), Scott (Jami), Megan, Matthew, Kylie, Elijah, Ashley, Alexis, Amanda and Autumn; and eight great-grandchildren. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He attended Belsano United Methodist Church for many years. Former quartermaster of Belsano Boy Scout Troop 90 in the 1950's. Retired member of UMWA Local 1368, with 42 years of service. Former employee of BethEnergy Mines 33. World War II Army veteran, having served campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was awarded the European Campaign Medal with four bronze stars, American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Longtime electrician at the Cambria County Fair. Bob enjoyed working outdoors, hunting and spending time with his family. We will miss his stories of growing up in Indiana and working at the Cambria County Fair and the coal mines. He was a very kind hearted, friendly man who will be missed by all. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Askew-Houser Funeral Homes Inc., Nanty Glo, where funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, the Rev. Clayton Harriger, officiating. Military rites by Twin Rocks, Vintondale and Nanty Glo Posts Ritual Team. Interment, Edwards Memorial Cemetery (United Methodist), Belsano.

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Eulogy for Robert C. Wolfe

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Bob Wolfe has been my father-in-law for almost 40 years, and I can say it has been a great pleasure to be a member of the Wolfe family. I always looked forward to spending time with Bob and Betty for those wonderful family gatherings, particularly the annual Family Reunion.

Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things we can go through, so much more if it is a parent – but losing two parents within less than 10 weeks leaves us with an indescribable emptiness and sorrow. No words can express what we are feeling right now and I'm sure only time can help us accept the fact that Bob is gone.

Bob was one of those hard working, coal-mining, fathers who took great pride in a job well done, whether it was cleaning up a cave-in rock job at Mine #33, waxing his truck or meticulously grooming his lawn. At times he may have seemed a bit gruff and ornery, but that was just his way of standing up for what he believed in.

Over the years I learned he was a very compassionate and kind person. When his brother-in-law Leroy was nearing his final days, Bob helped Betty as a caregiver and performed tasks few of us could do. When the church needed help, Bob was always there to lend a helping hand with remodeling, plumbing or electrical work. And when his beloved Betty was in the nursing home he visited practically every day to keep her supplied with popcorn, lifesavers, and loving companionship. Bob and Betty, although they bickered and teased each other for over 65 years, had a wonderful loving relationship and were a fine example for us to follow.

I also learned that the most important thing that he had was you, his family. Though he may never have said it out loud I know that he was really proud of what you have become. You are who you are now because you had a father like him. As most of you may know, Bob seldom showed his feelings. You would only see that look that told you that you did something great, and seeing him like that made you feel like you owned the world. Who can forget that grin on his face and that twinkle in his eyes when the grandchildren came to visit? Or when he had a house-full of family for the holidays? Even on his worst days in the hospital or Laurel Crest, getting to see his grandkids was his best medicine, and that kept him young at heart. He was a fantastic Pap!

What is it that we remember when we think of Bob? I think everyone who knows him very well would agree with me on this. It was his sense of humor and ability to tell a great story. Whether it was his escapades as a youngster growing up in Indiana, his annual deer hunting expeditions to Adams Crossing, or his trials and tribulations with Butch, George, John, Fred and Walt at the Cambria County Fair, we never tired of his stories. Just last Sunday after church my Aunt stopped me and asked if Bob Wolfe was going crazy. I was a bit surprised and asked her why she thought he was going crazy. She said that one of Bob's caregivers at Caroline Manor told her that Bob said, "He was

going to sell his house, sell his truck, get in his car and go down to Twin Rocks to look for some women!" I told her, no, he's not going crazy – that's just Bob!

Bob was a man of simple pleasures and a real "people person". He was in his element when he met a friend or relative and had the opportunity to talk. He loved to talk. He delighted in simple treats such as his neighbor Bill coming down the street (sometimes with two beers hidden under his jacket) to spend an evening sitting and talking on the bench by the garage.

Bob served in the U.S. Army during World War II, during which time he experienced probably one of the saddest and most difficult times in his life. Christmas Eve often brought back his memories of the Christmas of 1944 that he spent during the Battle of the Bulge -- which he thought would surely be his last Christmas on earth. He loved his country, he loved to fly his flag in his front yard, and he made sure that all the relatives had flowers on their graves on "Decoration Day"

Bob was a fighter and he showed strength until the end. When he was in Laurel Crest Manor with a feeding tube and half crazed on medications, we thought he was near the end. But his daughter, Sis, got him out of there and into the hospital and he fought his way back home to Belsano.

I know it hurts our family to know that we were unable to help Dad during his last days when he was struggling to breathe from the ravages of Black Lung. But I am sure that he was proud and comforted to be surrounded by his loving family to the very end. We are comforted to know that his pain no longer exists and he is at rest. And let's be happy that he has finally gone home to his Creator and the love of his life, Betty.

I will forever be grateful for spending 40 years of my life having a friend and Dad like him. So at this moment when we are about to lay his body to rest, let's all think back and remember how Bob touched our lives. How he made us laugh and how good Bob was as a person. Although we will miss his smile, his pranks, his love, and his talent for knowing what is really important in life, we take consolation in the good feelings of our memories of Bob.

If they have snuff in heaven, about now I think Bob is probably putting in a good chew of Copenhagen and saying, "Thank You!" Thank you all for being here and thank you to all the neighbors in "The Hollow" for your kindness and support and for keeping a watchful eye on Bob during his time of need.

George R. Warholie

Guest Book for

Robert C. Wolfe



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Robert C. Wolfe Memories

March 16, 2009

Patty and Jim, I was in PA this weekend and learned of the loss of your father. My sincere condolences.

Ruth Bracken (Alexandria, VA)

March 16, 2009

Dear Patty and family,

Fred and I were so sorry to read of the passing of your dear father. We didn't see it in time for the funeral. Our thought and caring wishes are with you always.

Fred and Shirley Nipps (Ligonier, PA)

March 12, 2009

I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Wolfe for the first time almost two years ago while his wife was in a home near Portage. WHAT A GREAT GUY!!! He was a survivor!! I felt blessed by God to have had the chance to enjoy a few conversations with Bob. God will enjoy Mr Wolfe's company now. Those folks who's paths crossed with Bob's have been blessed. Alan Myers Impala Pre Owned Outlet; Portage, PA

Alan Myers (Ebensburg, PA)

March 12, 2009

I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad and Grandfather. May you find comfort in knowing that your Mom and Dad are together in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lisa Shoap (Shippensburg, PA)

March 12, 2009

You have my deepest sympathy & prayers in the loss of your father I have many fond memories of him.

Tony Polchito (Ebensburg, PA)

March 11, 2009

I am sorry for your loss. I will cherish my memories working with with Wolfe' on the rock job at Mine 33 . Thank you for making his picture available to reminisce.

Bill Santell (cresson, PA)





March 11, 2009

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. The thoughts of many are with you at this time of sorrow.

william Santell (cresson)

March 11, 2009

JAYE & I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS IN THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER. WE MISSED THE OBIT OF YOUR MOTHER BUT KNOW SHE WILL BE THERE TO GREET BOB. WE BOTH HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF YOUR PARENTS.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL
JAYE & JUDY GARRETT
COCHRANVILLE PA

JAYE & JUDY GARRETT (PA)

March 11, 2009

Dear Patty and family,

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

May you take comfort in the certainty your parents will now be together forever. And be mindful of your large circle of family and friends to help ease the pain of their absence. May God give you a peace that only He can give.

Bob Hullihen (Vineland, NJ)

March 11, 2009

We knew Bob and Betty for a number of years since moving into Belsano in 1973. We always regarded them among the best of friends. The Wolfe family will be remembered in prayer in these days. God offers us a hope that reaches far beyond the limitations of earth and time. John 14:1-3 --- "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Clayton & Jean Harriger (Belsano, PA)

March 11, 2009

I am sorry for your loss.....Please except my deepest sympathy and know the comfort that my husband Jim (Marty) will meet him at the gates, and have alot to talk about.

With Sympathy
Linda (Marty) Roles
Linda Roles (johnstown, PA)



