



Robert James Claffey Sr.

June 2, 1917 - June 30, 2013

Robert James “Bob” Claffey, Sr., 96, of Bloomfield, died Sunday, June 30, 2013, at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. Bob was born on June 2, 1917 in Hartford, the son of William Francis Claffey & Mary Catherine McNulty. He was the youngest of four children and is predeceased by his siblings Mary Wesner, Joseph Claffey, and William Claffey. On January 6, 1941 he enlisted to active service in the US Army. On January 17, 1942, he married Rita M. Maloney at Fort Devens in Falmouth, MA before deploying overseas to the South Pacific for 3 years. He was a Staff Sergeant assigned to Company D 50th Military Police Battalion. He was honorably discharged in July 1945. In 1946 they had their first of 7 children. They were married 48 years when she died in 1989. Bob was a carpenter by trade and worked as a foreman at the MDC Water Bureau where he retired in 1979. He began working part-time at Sacred Heart Parish and Rectory in the early 1960s retiring in 2009 at the age of 92. He continued to live in the home he built in Bloomfield in 1950. He is survived by his dearest friend, Jacqueline Donaghue, of Bloomfield. He also leaves his children: Robert J. Claffey, Jr. and his partner, Deirdre Daboll, of Gales Ferry, Noreen Claffey, Kevin Claffey and his wife Sharon, Karen Seaman and her husband David all of East Granby, Neil Claffey and his wife Ann Marie of Windsor Locks, Keith Claffey & his partner, Jason Hayes of Maplewood, NJ; his daughter-in-law Donna Claffey of East Granby; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren...and counting. He was predeceased by his wife, Rita M. Claffey, in 1989, and son, Gregory E. Claffey, in 2007. A

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 3, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. A reception will be held in the church hall. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. in the church.

In lieu of flowers: Please consider donations to Paralyzed Veterans of America at www.pva.org or PVA: Donation Processing Center, 7 Mill Brook Rd., Wilton, NH 03086.

Cemetery Details

Mt. View Cemetery

26 Mt. Ave.
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
26 Wintonbury Ave.
Bloomfield, CT

Service

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
26 Wintonbury Ave.
Bloomfield, CT

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Kev,
Belated condolences on the passing of your Dad. 96 years is a good run by any measure, but I'm sure he will be missed.
Gordie Fraz

Gordon Frassinelli Jr. - July 26, 2013 at 02:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert James Claffey Sr..*



July 02, 2013 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Dear Neil, Donna and family members,*

My sincere condolences on the loss of a beloved father. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

*Warm regards,
Shelley Tager Schulman*

Shelley Schulman - July 02, 2013 at 10:04 AM

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Dear Noreen, donna and family, so sorry to read of your dad's passing. Please know prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Love, Trudy Barnard

Trudy Barnard - July 02, 2013 at 04:02 PM