



Robert J. "Bob" Fiorentino

July 24, 1930 - November 11, 2012

Mr. Robert J. "Bob" Fiorentino, age 82, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Kobacker House in Columbus.

Born in Utica on July 24, 1930, Robert was the son of the late Francesco "Frank" and Mary (Talerico) Fiorentino. He attended local Utica schools graduating from high school in 1948. On June 24, 1961 he married Laretta L. Largent.

Bob attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he received a Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1952. He then attended Ohio State University where he received a Master of Metallurgical Engineering degree in 1954. He was employed by Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio for the duration of his 40-year career. Bob partnered with colleagues on numerous projects and patents, many of which were for the United States Military. As a metallurgist, one of Bob's most notable accomplishments was the discovery of a process for hardening steel to create tank piercing artillery. He also invented high tensile strength fasteners for industrial applications and a highly pressurized hydrostatic extrusion process. He participated in, and/or authored 6 patents during his career. He was actively involved with the society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME), the American Society for Metals (ASM), and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), chairing many committees, dealing with production, processing, extrusion, and forming of metals. He was respected among his peers as a motivated, critical thinker, team leader, and team member. He was an avid golfer, and during his spare

time he enjoyed gardening and was notably known for always producing the first harvest of tomatoes every season. Nephews, nieces, and cousins will remember Uncle Bob for his annual trek "home" around the 4th of July for family picnics where he usually took the brunt of most teasing. He made the trip this year even though he did not feel well. He was a good sport and everyone will remember him vividly for the kind and gentle person he was. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish in Utica and St. Peter's Church, Columbus, OH.

Robert is survived by his wife, Laretta; and he was a loving father for his daughters, Claire Fiorentino, Laura Fiorentino, and Ellen Fiorentino. His extended family includes his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law, Fay Fiorentino of Utica, Nicoletta Fiorentino of New Hartford, Nina Fiorentino of Utica, and Donna Streiethau of Pleasantville, SC. He was predeceased by his brothers, Lawrence J. "Larry" Fiorentino, Eugene Fiorentino, Sr., and Francis Fiorentino.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Dr. Columbus, OH 43214; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Robert's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will follow graveside at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert J. "Bob" Fiorentino*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - November 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I was greatly saddened to learn of Bob's death. We were colleagues at Battelle for at least 30 years, both metallurgists but in different Divisions. I have only good memories of Bob ... intelligent, helpful, generator of good ideas, hard working, down to earth, friendly, funny, capable. We worked together on only a few projects but when we did, it was always a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to interact with him. I regret that Bob's and my paths did not cross often since our retirement from Battelle many years ago. I regret also that I learned of his death too late to join with other colleagues of ours in celebrating his exceptional life.*

To his wife and family ... please accept my deepest sympathy. Each of you must be very proud of him.

Sincerely,

Charles Marschall

Charles W. Marschall - November 29, 2012 at 03:40 PM

JH

“ As an employee of Battelle, I worked with Bob, Joe Dunleavy, Joe Spretnak, Herb Wagner, Don Roach, Carl Lund, George Rengsdorff, et al, on a project managed by Robert Nekervis. I was very young and a student at OSU. I will always remember Bob fondly for his patience and kindness to the younger staff. We all loved his wonderful sense of humor, even in times of stress. My condolences to the family. I hope your wonderful memories will sustain you through this time of grief.
Blessings, Josephine Huggins

Josephine Huggins - November 23, 2012 at 11:36 AM

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“ bobbie was my boyhood friend from grammar school and then proctor high...we shared many moments together as good friends.. i also was friends with his older brothers..i do remember playing sandlot football next to deorios bakery with him.. he was a good artist and math man...he had skills to become proficient on the parallel bars.

my condolences to his immediate family..he was a true friend.
he will be an asset to our heavenly father.

god bless

dr. marshall s. grillo
proctor high 48

marshall s. grillo - November 15, 2012 at 08:30 AM