



Robert Norman Plush Sr.

July 17, 1933 - July 14, 2017

Robert Norman Plush, Sr., age 83, of Mattoon, IL, passed away July 14, 2017 at 5:00A.M. at Mattoon Health Center in Mattoon, IL, 61938, surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle with mesothelioma.

The funeral service in his honor will begin at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. Father John Titus will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938 Monday evening from 5:00-7:00 P.M., with a rosary service beginning at 4:30 P.M.

Born July 17, 1933, in Chicago, IL, Robert was the son of Emil Plush and Mary R. (Pavlik) Plush. He married Gloria Margaret Krakora on September 3, 1960. She passed away October 26, 1983. He is survived by his three children; one daughter, Gloria J. Starwalt and husband Mark of Mattoon, IL; two sons, Robert Plush and Becky Jaeger of Mattoon, IL, and Ron L. Plush and wife Jill of Cincinnati, OH; one brother, Emil Roy Plush and wife Helen of Lady Lake, FL; one sister, Vivian Carol Boushelle of Crystal Lake, IL; eight grandchildren, Robert Bean of Mattoon, IL, Skyler Starwalt of Mattoon, IL, Satchel Starwalt of Mattoon, IL, Sawyer Starwalt of Mattoon, IL, Evan Plush of Mattoon, IL, Maggie Plush of Mattoon, IL, Kyle Plush of Cincinnati, OH, and Alli Plush of Cincinnati, OH; two great-grandchildren, Ivory and Vincent Bean of Mattoon, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister, and his wife.

Mr. Plush served our country with the United States Army as a cryptographer. He was employed by R.R. Donnelley for 35 years, first in Chicago and then assisted with the startup of the Mattoon facility as Bindery Supervisor. Robert found pleasure taking walks at Douglas Hart Nature Center, traveling, and family vacations; however, his greatest joy was spending all his free time with his children and grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
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Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Norman Plush Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Robert was a GOOD neighbor and a GOOD friend who we Loved dearly. Our sincere sympathies Gregory and Dianne Andrews*

Gregory and Dianne Andrews - July 21, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ *Bob and I worked together in Mattoon. My wife, Rita and I, were good friends with Bob and his wife Gloria. He was always an honest and sincere guy. We have only kept in touch over the years with Christmas cards. He always said he was going to come and visit his brother, who lives near me, but unfortunately he never made it. I'm sure he will be missed by all, especially his family whom he cherished dearly. We have lost one of the better people on this earth. Hopefully we will be fortunate to reunite in the afterlife.*

Joe Barton - July 17, 2017 at 04:54 PM



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Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - July 17, 2017 at 02:51 PM



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Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - July 17, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of *Robert Norman Plush Sr.*



July 16, 2017 at 03:56 PM

MS

“ One of the sharpest minds I have ever known, not only as my Father-in-Law for nearly 30 years, but for 10 years before that, as my foreman on the production floor at RRDonnelley&Sons Co.. At work, he seemed to have an effortless talent of juggling several divergent objectives to successful completion. He must have studied Multi-Tasking long before it was fashionable, perhaps he even invented it. Born into humble beginnings in Chicago, he fit the classic model of pulling oneself up by one's own bootstraps and jumping into the employment world with both feet. Through his dedication, commitment, and the sweat of his own brow, he earned the respect and trust of his superiors at The Lakeside Press. So much so, that in 1968 he was chosen as one of the first group of managers to start-up Donnelley's brand new Mattoon Division. He was fond of the Mattoon community, and was an excellent provider for his family. My boys knew him as "Pompa". My wife knew him as "Dad". I knew him as my father-in-law, my foreman, and a great role model for my boys. To my wife, Gloria Jean, Bob, Jr., and Ron, I am so sorry for your loss. You three were certainly blessed to have Robert Norman Plush as your father, provider, and advisor.

Mark B Starwalt - July 16, 2017 at 12:30 AM

RS

“ Bob sorry to hear about your Dad. Take care! Ron Strong

Ron Strong - July 15, 2017 at 05:27 PM

PS

Gloria and boys...so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. I knew I hadn't seen him around for quite some time. Walmart and the lunches for RRD employees was the places we got together. Worked with him for 32 years....and you kids also. Prayers and sympathy on his passing 🙏

Pat Sorensen - July 16, 2017 at 03:33 PM

JM

To Gloria-I remember your dad running through the Press Room daily. He never slowed down. I'm sorry I couldn't wait but you were swarmed with people. Great to see you again, sorry it was under these circumstances. Janice Mezo Today 17 July 2017

Janice Mezo - July 17, 2017 at 06:27 PM

BS

Gloria, Robert and Ron, My sincere condolences to each of you and your families. I remember your father very well even though it has been years since I have seen him, or each of you. He was such a quiet, hard working guy. Mark's tribute to him above was very fitting. I am sure that you will enjoy all of the fond memories your father leaves each of you with. God bless, Brad Stuckey

Brad Stuckey - July 17, 2017 at 07:52 PM

JK

*To the family of Bob Plush, so sorry for your loss. Bob was one of the best foremen I had at RR Donneley & Sons. He always had an answer for you. I recently saw Bob at Pagiaccis and Steak & Shake and even CVS. It was right after he had spent time in the hospital when his lung collapsed. We had quite good conversations. He will be sadly missed by many. Rest in Peace, Bob.
Judy Karpus*

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Judy Karpus - July 17, 2017 at 08:02 PM

MJ

To Bob's family--I had Bob as a student years ago at Lake Land College. He was a very good man. We would see each other in later years--usually at McDonald's and he'd have a grandchild or two with him. A good guy--my sympathy to his loved ones. Max Jaeger

Max Jaeger - July 18, 2017 at 12:14 AM