



## Robert J. Compton

January 21, 1931 - September 19, 2018

Robert J. Compton, 87, of Bloomington, passed away September 19, 2018 at Hearthstone Health Center.

He was born January 21, 1931 in Richlands, Virginia, to C.A. and Sadie Compton. He graduated from Richlands High School in 1949 and served two years in the U.S. Army, in the Korean War. At Indiana University, he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and earned a bachelor's degree in 1956 from the IU Kelley School of Business.

His early career took him to many cities. In 1974, he purchased Viquesney's Office Products in Terre Haute, Indiana, which he owned and operated until his retirement. He was also a founding member of the Independent Stationers buying group, and its chairman from 1977 to 1994.

Bob was an avid IU sports fan; a football and basketball season ticket holder for more than 40 years. After his retirement and move to Bloomington in 1996, he became a daily presence at the Monroe County YMCA and was its 2014 Member of the Year. He was a life member of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Bloomington First United Methodist Church.

He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Helen Higgins, and his brothers Stuart and James Compton.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Jane (Merkle) Compton; brother Stafford Compton of Richlands, Virginia; daughter Beth (Randall Fearnow) Compton of Chicago, Illinois; son Charles (Barbara), and granddaughters Katherine and Allison Compton of Evansville; and by step-granddaughter

Elizabeth (Robert) Tinsley, step-grandson Benjamin Fearnow, and great-grandson Robb Tinsley. He is also survived by the many loving caregivers at Hearthstone Health Center.

Services will be at 2:00pm on Saturday October 6, 2018, at Bloomington First United Methodist Church, with visitation from noon until 2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in his memory to these favorite charities: the Monroe County YMCA for the benefit of the Cardiac Rehab Program, 2125 S. Highlands Ave, Bloomington, Indiana, 47401, or the First United Methodist Church Restore the Chapel Fund, 219 East Fourth Street, Bloomington, Indiana, 47408. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **6**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
219 E 4th St  
Bloomington, IN 47408-3503  
(812) 332-6396

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BA

“ *My sincere Sympathy to you Mary Jane and your family. My life is blessed to have known Bob and his incredible spirit. You are truly a saint for your incredible care to Bob in his latter years. An example of divine love. My God comfort you in the beautiful memories you both shared, and will always treasure our memory of taking you both on the boat ride around Lake Monroe and our good dinners together. Much love, Bruce*

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**Bruce Albert** - October 03, 2018 at 06:24 AM

JB

“ *Dear Mary Jane, Charles and Barbara, my deepest sympathy to you, along with love and prayers, in the loss of your husband and father. Bill's friendship with your family has long been a close and important one since DePauw days. Bob was well regarded and appreciated by all and will be greatly missed. Lovingly, JoAnn Beggs*

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**JoAnn Beggs** - September 24, 2018 at 01:20 PM

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“ *I'm so grateful for all of the miles Bob and I walked around the YMCA track. He was a wonderful man! He left a beautiful mark on this world. He will be greatly missed.*

*Cheri Landrey  
Adult Health Assistant  
Monroe County YMCA*

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**Cheri Landrey** - September 24, 2018 at 12:41 PM

CC

“ We (Gary, Mary, Randy, Cathy and myself, had a great visit with Bob last summer. Was glad to see him doing better at that time. Insisted on walking back to the Nurseing Home, when we were leaving. Randy got a great picture of him.

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**Charlotte Compton** - September 22, 2018 at 10:56 AM

SY

Scott and I both send our condolences and love. Always in our memories of IU and childhood. Always in our hearts.  
Staci Lee Yeoman and Scott Lee

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**Staci Lee Yeoman** - September 22, 2018 at 07:32 PM

HB

My contact with Bob and Mary Jane go back over many years, from North Manchester to Terre Haute and Bloomington. We shared many times at church, Rotary. but not political philosophy. The Comptons are good people,, and Bob was one of the best. May his family find comfort in knowing that he both contributed too and served his friends and communities well.

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**Harmon Baldwin** - September 24, 2018 at 10:29 AM

RC

Bob and I were Delta Upsilon fraternity bothers in same pledge class together. Our pledge class would attempt to get together every year, whether at a football game or other planned location where we could all get together, and share old stories. It was usually Bob who had to make the plans. It was probably Mary Jane that did most of the planning. But Bob had all of the stories and memories. He reminded me that I was his fraternity father. I had forgotten. He will always be a special friend of mine and one that made us feel so welcome. I will always have a special place in my heart for Bob and Mary Jane. My heart felt condolences go to the family. Roland Cutter and Julie Maxeiner.

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**Roland Cutter** - September 24, 2018 at 04:12 PM