



Robert Wendell Stillions

September 11, 1920 - September 24, 2017

Robert Wendell Stillions, 97, of Bloomington, passed away Sunday, September 24, 2017 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born on September 11, 1920 in Monroe County, the son of Elza and Inez (Chambers) Stillions.

Robert graduated from Smithville High School where he played basketball. He joined the United States Army on June 23, 1944, where he served during World War II in Germany. Robert was a recipient of the Purple Heart Award, in which he received on July 8, 1945 in Schonau, Germany. He was honorably discharged on January 28, 1946.

Robert was an entrepreneur often having multiple businesses at one time. He began his working career at Allison Plant in Indianapolis. He went on to own and operate Select Dry Cleaner for 26 years. During that time, he opened a laundromat next door. Robert also owned Fluffy Wash for 20 years, in which 15 of those years he also sold cars.

Robert was a member of the Sanders Pentecostal Church and 11th Street Pentecostal Church. He was also a member of the American Legion and Rail Splitters. He enjoyed his time devoted to his career, mushroom hunting and fishing.

Robert is survived by his wife of 77 years, Jean Stillions; children, Gloria Ault, Daniel (Augustine) Stillions, Robin (Mark) Stipp and Samuel (Kara) Stillions; 11 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Robert is also survived by his sister, Connie (Larry) Criger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son, Stephen, daughter, Rebecca Nickless, and siblings, Joyce Masters, Phillip Stillions, and Jerry Stillions.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Brother Joe Nelson will officiate. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Robert's family at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Miss those automobiles we repaired. I shall continue repairing.* ”



Dennis Ludwig - September 28, 2017 at 09:54 AM



“ *Shelley Byers Grate Neice lit a candle in memory of Robert Wendell Stillions* ”



Shelley Byers Grate Neice - September 27, 2017 at 04:07 AM



“ *Loved this man and his sweet wife dearly. Known them all my life. Mr. Stillions was my mothers Sunday school teacher and loved to tell me about that time. I enjoyed visiting with him and Jean. Fine people.
So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.* ”

Sherry Kinser Hall

Sherry Hall - September 26, 2017 at 02:22 PM

EM

“ Robert was one of my favorite people. He was quiet about his military service - I knew him many years before knowing about his WW II experiences. Not many marriages last 77 years, and this was despite Jean's objections to the used car lot he operated in their side yard on west 2nd Street. He was a good and hard working businessman who was always fair (or a little bit more than fair) with those with whom he dealt. Regardless of the issue or reason for the visit, I always enjoyed seeing him in my office where he did his best to keep his sense of humor and perspective as to those things that are truly important in life. He was a fine man who cared deeply about his family. Vickie and I will be out of the state of Indiana and are sorry to miss the calling hours on Wednesday and the service on Thursday.

Ed McCrea

Ed McCrea - September 26, 2017 at 07:54 AM

MN

I am very proud to say that Robert Stillions was my Papa he is now in Heaven with my Mother Rebecca watching over their loved ones. We will all be together once again when it is our time. I am proud of you Papa and miss you very much. God bless you love always your Granddaughter Melissa Nickless

Melissa Nickless - October 14, 2017 at 04:34 AM

DP

“ To the Stillions family,
My name is Donna Jean Perry.
We lived down the street from Robert and J Jean. I was a little girl
and I would occasionally ride to church with them.
I got really sick one day and I told my mom i
Wanted her to call Robert down to pray for me. He came and
prayed for me and I was instantly healed. I never did forget it. I will
be 80 years old this week!
Condolences, Donna (Jean) Perry!

Donna (Jean) Perry - September 25, 2017 at 06:34 PM

VK

Robin ,
Kathy and I are in Florida
We are sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. We regret not being
there to support you and Mark at this difficult time.

vickie and Kathy - September 26, 2017 at 10:29 AM