



MSG (Ret) Robert D. "Bob" Wait

February 10, 1940 - November 24, 2011

Mr. Robert D. Wait, age 71, passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2011. His battle with cancer was silent but valiant. Unable to rid its clinging arms in this world, he broke free to walk a new path of freedom.

He lived for speed whether it was a car, truck or motorcycle. He beat us all to the Promise Land with a trail of memories boiling in the dust behind, settling gently here and there in our hearts and on our minds.

Robert, better known as 'Bob' was born on February 10, 1940 in Des Moines, Iowa moving to Indiana during his childhood. After high school, he grew in skill as a tool die maker/machinist, a trade he learned from his grandfather. Living close to the famed Indianapolis Speedway, his love for fast cars also grew.

In 1962 the U.S. Army was his initial choice for serving his country. With his beautiful bride, Corrine (Cookie) Wait, he traveled to France and was eventually stationed in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam. Returning to the states, he and Cookie completed raising their five children in several states, finally settling in Waynesville, Missouri.

After twenty-three years of faithful service; he retired as a Master Sergeant in 1983. Opening his own business locally in 1985, he soon expanded into the well-known 'Roubidoux Vacuum and Small Engine which still operates today.

His passion for public service led him to join all three area fire departments. What began as simple service soon became a lifestyle as he then went on to serve as a member of the Board of Directors to the Waynesville Rural Fire Protection District for fourteen and a half years with twelve of them as President.

Bob loved his family, his friends, and his motorcycles, but the fire station in Waynesville will always echo with the jingle of keys in the door as Bob Wait let himself in once more.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Jean Cowell and grandparents, Etta and Dale Wait.

He is survived by his step-father George Cowell, wife Corrine (Cookie) Wait, children Tawn (Wait) Roddey and spouse Reece; Dale O. Wait; Robert G. Wait and spouse Lisa; Michell (Wait) Thomas; Lucinda (Wait) West and spouse Henry; Rueben D. Wait and spouse Maggie, 16 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Graveside services with fireman and military honors were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery with Doug Cage, St. Robert Fire Chief, officiating. Serving as escorts were Dale, Robert and Rueben Wait, Reece Roddey, Assistant Chief Mike Shempert and CPT Greg Derheim. Waynesville Rural Fire Department provided the fireman honors consisting of Ringing of the Bell and the Last Call. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Robert D. Wait and may

be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, FLW
25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of MSG (Ret) Robert D. "Bob" Wait*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *MSG (Ret) Robert D. "Bob" Wait*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Love you and will miss you Bunches ... you will always be in my thoughts .. Love always Nanci and family ...##imported-begin##Nanci woods and family ##imported-end##*

November 29, 2011 at 11:16 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Mike and April Brown##imported-end##*

November 29, 2011 at 08:43 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. I am a childhood friend of Rueben and remember Bob always being full of laughter and smiles. Rueben is a testament of what an amazing father he was to raise such a great son. I hope you guys find strength in each other during this difficult time##imported-begin##Amy Johnson##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 11:24 PM



“ Prayers to all of the family!!!!##imported-begin##Reggie Davis##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 06:32 PM



“ Michelle and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Always remember he is in your heart.##imported-begin##Brian and Tammie Black##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 04:51 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and family##imported-begin##Linda K. Nicks##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 02:38 PM



“ The staff of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Private Facility Contract Monitoring/Oversight Division extends to your family our deepest sympathy for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kenneth Jolley##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 12:46 PM



“ To the Wait Family- may the love of Bob shine down on you daily!##imported-begin##Gwen Andrewcavage##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 11:49 AM



“ Cookie and family - We are saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ken and Mary##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 12:34 AM



“ I offer my love and support to the entire Wait family. I've been friends with his son Rueben since we were kids and always enjoyed times at Bob and Cookies home.
The last time I saw Mr Wait he pulled up on his motorcycle with a big smile on his face... that's how I'll remember him.##imported-begin##Amy Dodds-Stickney##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss - Bob will be sorely missed in the community. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Sheryl Folkert##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 10:31 PM



“ I am so shocked to hear of Bob's passing. He will be sorely missed in our community. His work with countless projects will always be remembered by those who knew him. I send my sincere thoughts and prayers to his wife and to his children.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 10:03 PM



“ sorry to hear of bobs passing. you all are in our thoughts and prayers. just know he is in a better place.##imported-begin##THE LOFTONS##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 09:19 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Dale.

God bless##imported-begin##John and Staci Findley##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 11:43 AM



“ He will be greatly missed and was a wonderful person. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Childers Family##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 09:45 AM



“ may god be with you Mr. Wait.....and your family. I remember when I was 16, I wrecked my car on t hwy. bob was first on sight@ 10 oclock, since he was coming of swedborg rd. I was one of ruebens freinds so.bob knew me. And ill never forget getting the lecture I got from him for driving careless! :) I actaully remember it alot when I think of that wreck. Id like to thinulk because of bob, I drive careful to this day,! Bob was a good man and will be remembered well in my heart!!!!##imported-begin##Randy lewis and family##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 09:13 AM



“ so sorry of your loss Michelle...always enjoyed talking to him when we had the pet shop. (Pat Hays)##imported-begin##Patricia Hays##imported-end##

November 26, 2011 at 10:00 PM



“ Have know Robert and his wife Corrine for several years and you could not ask for a nicer couple to be friends with. I wish her and the children peace.##imported-begin##Dixie Lee Banks##imported-end##

November 26, 2011 at 07:31 PM



“ To the Wait family, I did not know MSG Wait. However just wanted to thank him for his Sevice and Dedication to Our Great Country. Thank you so much !!!##imported-begin##Richard Doyle##imported-end##

November 26, 2011 at 06:56 PM



“ There are no words that can say how sorry I am for your loss, Bob will so be missed at the breakfast table at 'SMITTYS" Price Cutters. He was part of our extended family there. Please know that your family are all in my prayers...##imported-begin##ANITA MILLER##imported-end##

November 26, 2011 at 03:58 PM



“ Were sorry for ur loss bob will be missed by all that new him your in our prayers##imported-begin##Lisa Parrish and family##imported-end##

November 26, 2011 at 09:37 AM



“ To all of the Family we are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. If there is anything you need us for just call. And remember the is never any consolation but he is with the Angels now and will be watching over us all and he will never be in pain again. Our sincerest sympathy Ray & Sue##imported-begin##Ray Keeney & Sue Hayes##imported-end##

November 25, 2011 at 08:22 PM



“ To Bob's family. I am so glad I got to visit with Bob about three weeks ago. I talked to Bob about my Lord. Bob assured me that he knew my Jesus. That thrilled my heart to know that. Bob and I got acquainted back in 1975. He and his wife and I rode our motorcycles to Hanable Mo. What an eventful ride. I will miss Bob but I feel assured that one day we will meet again in Heaven. I pray God will comfort his family. Norman & Marjorie.##imported-begin##Norman & Marjorie Stoll##imported-end##

November 25, 2011 at 03:47 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Our prayeres are with you and your family in this time of your sorrow##imported-begin##William D. Anderon##imported-end##

November 25, 2011 at 01:48 PM



“ To the family...Bob will be surely missed. He was a inspiration and light in such a dim world. May God's comfort surround you at this time.##imported-begin##tim berrier##imported-end##

November 25, 2011 at 01:21 PM