



## Mr. Robert [Bob] Ray Grubbs

April 14, 1925 - January 9, 2016

### Obituary for Robert Ray Grubbs

Robert (Bob) Ray Grubbs passed very peacefully from this life on January 9, 2016. He was born on April 14, 1925 in Pine Lawn, MO. Robert was the son of Burgess B. Grubbs and Loretta (nee Ray) Grubbs both of whom preceded him in death. Bob was married to Mariel (nee McRae) Grubbs for over 68 years.

Robert Grubbs was a graduate of Ritenour High School where he played football, baseball and wrestled. He was a member of the Ritenour Hall of Fame for his and the Grubbs family wrestling achievements. Bob also was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, OK with other members of the Grubbs family in 2007 for Lifetime Service. Bob attended Northwest Missouri State University as a part of the US Navy training program during World War II. He played football on the undefeated 1944 team that was invited to the Sun Bowl, but the Navy moved too many students into active duty for them to play. Bob was inducted into the M Club – the NWMSU Hall of Fame - with that team in 1995.

Bob Grubbs was a proud veteran serving in the US Navy from 1944-1946 in the Pacific. He was a member of the Overland Christian Church where he served as an Elder, deacon, property chair, long time choir member, part of the mowing team and a Sunday School teacher for a number of years. He was a Past Master of the George Washington Lodge #9 AF & AM. He was a

retired carpenter who worked most of his life in the metropolitan St. Louis Area.

Robert loved to sing barbershop music. He was a member of the St. Louis Suburban Barbershop Chorus known as the "Gentlemen of Sound" for 28 years. He also sang in two different Barbershop Quartets. The first was named "Larry and His Boys" and the second was "The Soundmasters". He was a surrogate father to a number of nephews and nieces, cousins, neighbors, Church family members and friends.

He is the father of three children. Lari Grubbs of Crystal City, MO; Bobbie Sue Grubbs (who preceded him in death) and Janice Lea Fox of Winfield, MO. Mr. Grubbs has five grandchildren: Jamelle Linae (nee Grubbs) Lingle (James) of Peoria, IL; Robbi Ray Grubbs of Herculaneum, MO; Dixie Fox (Andrew Brune) of Rolla, MO; Debi (nee Fox) Smith of Moscow Mills, MO and Joe David Fox of Winfield, MO. He also is survived by two great-grandchildren: Kaitlynn Rae Wiley-Grubbs of Hillsboro, MO and Robbi Ray Grubbs II of Herculaneum, MO. He is further survived by one great, great grandchild, Zaiden Moser of Hillsboro, MO. He has four surviving brothers: Jim (Ginny) of Hickory Corners, MI; Harry (Jan) of Grand Junction, CO, Burge (Velda) of Battle Creek, MI and Charles Hank (Kathy) of St. Ann, MO; two sisters: Carolyn of Berrien Springs, MI and Sue (Don) Perkins of Silver Spring, MD and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. Bob was preceded in death by one sister and a brother-in-law, Eleanor (nee Grubbs) Umek and Tom Umek.

A private Committal service will be held at Valhalla Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at 11:00 am at the Overland Christian Church, 2200 Lackland Avenue in Overland, MO with the Rev. Rich Bregitzer presiding. In lieu of flowers, any gifts are requested as memorials given to the Overland Christian Church or in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Overland Christian Church  
2200 Lackland Ave  
Overland, MO 63114

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ *Lari and family. So sorry to hear about your Dad. No matter how old they are, it still breaks your heart when they're gone. We will be praying for you and your family.  
God bless!*

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**Paula Walls** - January 13, 2016 at 05:31 PM

SS

“ *Grubbs Family--so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a devoted and involved church member, and one who always had a funny joke or a word of support. Bob was also one who actually listened to my sermons, and often had a question or comment to add--I will miss him greatly. The Steve Staicoff Family*

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**Steve Staicoff** - January 13, 2016 at 07:09 AM

MM

“ *Much Love, Harry's kids and families (Rick, Nila, Mel) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Robert [Bob] Ray Grubbs.*



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**Much Love, Harry's kids and families (Rick, Nila, Mel)** -  
January 13, 2016 at 12:54 AM

LB

“ My Uncle Bob was a very dear man. I have many fond memories of him. He was an inspirational teacher, learner, leader, follower, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, great uncle, great great uncle, maybe great great great! He was my last surviving uncle and will be missed. Tell my mom and dad and everyone else up there Hi! I'll see you again some day! Love you, Tio Roberto! Lila Ruth, Bob, Marty, Becky, Jenny, Nate, Katie, Victor & Morgan.



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**Lila Barrett** - January 12, 2016 at 11:31 PM



“ Dear Lari and Family,  
So very sorry for your loss. May God keep all of you close.  
Sue Reed  
Heritage Christian Church  
Silver Spring, MD

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**Sue Ann Reed** - January 12, 2016 at 06:02 PM

SH

“ Dear Lari, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. He must have been a wonderful man if he was anything like you. With love and sympathy, Sara & Bob Hindsley

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**Sara Hindsley** - January 12, 2016 at 05:00 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Grubbs Myers purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Robert [Bob] Ray Grubbs.



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**Elizabeth Grubbs Myers** - January 12, 2016 at 04:31 PM



Douglas  
D. Cripe

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Lari. May God's presence continue to give you hope in the midst of your sorrow.

*Doug & Staci Cripe*

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**Douglas D. Cripe** - January 12, 2016 at 02:31 PM

PJ

“ Lari--

*I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories and love for your father comfort you in this time of sorrow.*

*Paxton*

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**Paxton Jones** - January 12, 2016 at 12:01 PM

DD

*Dear Lari,  
Susan and I add our words of sympathy at the loss of your father.  
Please know we hold you and your family in prayer.*

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**Don Dewey** - January 12, 2016 at 01:21 PM

NE

“ Dear Lari and Family,  
*My heart goes out to you as you deal with this great loss. God has promised to comfort those who mourn. Lean on his promises. Know that friends have you in our prayers.*

*Norma Ellington-Twitty*

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**Norma Ellington-Twitty** - January 12, 2016 at 11:39 AM

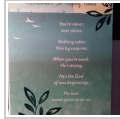


“ Cheryl Poynter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert [Bob] Ray Grubbs



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**Cheryl Poynter** - January 12, 2016 at 10:38 AM



*Rev. Lari Grubs and All family. You have my deepest, heartfelt condolences. Prayers for peace, comfort and strength as only God can provide. Love You All*

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**Cheryl Poynter** - January 12, 2016 at 10:42 AM

DC

“ My condolences to the Fox family. From the times I spent with him, he seemed like a great guy! DeAnna Cottrell

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**DeAnna Cottrell** - January 12, 2016 at 10:27 AM

PM

“ Bob was the best Uncle any niece or nephew could have. I am thrilled to have home movies of him and the family from childhood, and many pictures later on. I am so thankful that I was able to visit with him and Mariel several years ago when I convinced them to take a road trip with me and mom to my cousins' farm in Advance. That was a great time I will cherish. Bob was an amazing human being, so kind and very loving. He will be sorely missed. On behalf of my departed father, Max, and my mother Pauline, and the entire family, our prayers and thoughts go out to Mariel, Jan and Lari. We love you all. Love Paula McRae

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**Paula McRae** - January 12, 2016 at 09:59 AM

BR

“ While I never met Bob, I have known his son Larry and for that reason I am certain that Bob was beloved and loving and will be missed. Our prayers are with you all. Bill & Donna Rose-Heim

Bill Rose-Heim - January 12, 2016 at 09:26 AM

SL

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with the Family. Our time was only one visit over at James n Jamelles but for Millie n Me it was Wonderful.

Samuel Lingle - January 12, 2016 at 09:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert [Bob] Ray Grubbs.



January 11, 2016 at 11:41 PM

DI

“ I have so many wonderful memories with my grandpa! I love and miss him so much!



Dixie - January 11, 2016 at 10:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert [Bob] Ray Grubbs.*



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January 11, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *Brothers & Sisters. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Robert [Bob] Ray Grubbs.*



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**Brothers & Sisters.** - January 11, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery** - January 11, 2016 at 11:38 AM