



Robert Barry Ross

May 16, 1931 - April 7, 2025

Robert “Bob” Barry Ross, 93, of Peoria, passed away Monday April 7th 2025 surrounded by his wife and loving family.

Bob was born in Peoria, IL on May 16th 1931 to Harold and Eleanor Ross. Bob married the love of his life Helene Heinzman December 27th 1952 in Peoria, she survives. Bob is also survived by his two daughters Jennie Bayless and Lori Boland as well as three grandchildren Justin, Kalila and Matthew and two great grandchildren Jayden and Jordyn. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, older sister Margaret and older brother Donald.

Bob grew up splitting his time between Peoria, IL and Memphis, TN. Bob would go on to graduate from Messick High School in Memphis. Bob went on to follow his older brother Donald into military service enlisting in the Army in October of 1950. After basic training Bob went on to Airborne training at Fort Benning, GA where he logged 22 jumps and earned his Jump Wings. Bob served proudly in the 511th Airborne Division receiving the National Defense Service Medal and Army Of Occupation Medal (Germany). He was honorably discharged in 1953 at the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Bob returned to Peoria and used his G.I. Bill to attend Bradley University where he graduated with a Bachelor's In Science in 1957.

Bob went on to use his degree and background in Chemistry to start his career working at American Distilling in Pekin, IL, Hueblein in Paducah, KY and finally Block Drug Company in Trenton, NJ.

After retiring Bob & Helene returned to Peoria, IL to be closer to family and friends.

Bob greeted everyone with a warm smile and a wave but was no stranger to a bit of sarcasm or a well landed joke. He will be remembered best for always selflessly putting the needs of those around him before himself. Those closest to him will also remember that even after 72 years of marriage he could still be found holding hands with his wife to and from meals and even during their afternoon naps in their side by side recliners.

Bob will be remembered fondly by his family, friends and the people whose lives he touched. He will truly be missed by all those who knew him.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the best Dad, Husband and Grandfather You will be dearly missed.*

Lori, Justin and Helene - May 05, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“ *THINKING OF YOU. LOVE, LISA*

Anonymous - April 18, 2025 at 01:58 PM

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“ *For the Ross Siblings*

Susan Athanasopoulos - April 16, 2025 at 05:58 PM

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“ *Lori, Jennie and Aunt Helene Mark, Susan and I have decided to buy 3 trees to be planted together for Uncle Bob, Uncle Don and Mom, Margaret.*

Connie Kay - April 15, 2025 at 06:50 PM

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“ *Much love you, Uncle Bob. We will miss your smile and your quick wit!!!!*

Mark Miller - April 15, 2025 at 06:37 PM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and your family.*

Ingrid & Isabella - April 15, 2025 at 11:13 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences*

Anonymous - April 15, 2025 at 11:10 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and
Cremation Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Robert Barry Ross - April 15, 2025 at 10:07 AM