



Robert Gene Purcell

August 11, 1930 - October 25, 2014

Robert Gene “Papa” Purcell of Waldorf, Maryland, died on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at his home. He was 84 years old.

Born on August 11, 1930 in LaPorte, Indiana, Mr. Purcell was the son of the late Bertha H. Wrase Purcell and the late Raymond J. Purcell. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 31 years before retiring at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. After retirement he became a sales representative at Economy RVs in Mechanicsville, MD for many years. He was a member of the Elks who enjoyed to spend time traveling, camping, and doing yard work. He loved being with his wife, children and grandchildren and being involved in anything they were involved in.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers James Purcell and Jack Purcell.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57½ years, Josephine F. Purcell; his children Steven T. Purcell and his wife Teri, Sandra R. Hardesty and her husband Ronald, Sharon K. Merwin and her husband Michael, Scott A. Purcell and his wife Deanne; his grandchildren Tiffany Purcell-Hardesty, Paige Purcell, Brandon Merwin, Brittany Purcell, Courtney Merwin and Bobbi-Jo Purcell.

Gathering of family and friends on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 10AM until time of Service at 11AM at New Life Church 9690 Shepherd's Creek Place La Plata, MD 20646.

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Charles County at 2505 Davis Road Waldorf, MD 20603.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Gathering

OCT 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Life Wesleyan Church
9690 Shepherd's Creek Place
La Plata, MD 20646

Service

OCT 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Gene Purcell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Robert Gene Purcell*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I was stationed with Bob at Ramstein Germany, he was one of the last of the great NCO's of the Air Force. He was knowledgeable, fair and carried out his duties in an exemplary manner at all times. No one in my memory can come close to Robert Purcell's book knowledge of hi career field! He was respected by all.*

John - March 17, 2019 at 08:08 PM

JD

“ December 7, 2015

I happened to see Peggy Purcell's obituary in the La Porte Herald Argus, La Porte, Indiana, and wondered if she was Bob's sister. I did a search and found Bob's obituary. I was devastated. Bob was in our wedding and somehow we lost touch with him when I was transferred to Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, California in 1956.

My wife Millicent (Millie) died 9 years ago after 53 1/2 years of marriage. We retired to Las Vegas in 1994 where I still live.

I am posting two pictures of our wedding. I have such good memories of Bob a long time ago.

With love and sympathy, John Downing



John Downing - December 07, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ Dana Hostetler lit a candle in memory of Robert Gene Purcell



Dana Hostetler - October 29, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ *I never got the chance to tell you that you are the reason I picked the Air Force (just wanted you to be proud of me too). I always loved you and I always will.*

Strong memories of you rolling around the downstairs floor showing me how to release trapped gas and you and Mom going to Walls bakery for doughnuts as well as the jellybean reference sticks in my memory.

Love, Dana

Dana Hostetler - October 29, 2014 at 10:39 AM