



William Hobert Lee Joyce

July 14, 1928 - October 12, 2023

William Hobert Lee Joyce 95, of Scott Depot, WV formerly of Fort Myers, FL passed away on October 12, 2023 at his home following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's. He was surrounded by his family as he entered Heaven into the loving arms of Jesus.

Affectionately known as Hobie, he was born the 12th of 13 children on the family farm in Scott Depot on July 14, 1928, to the late Arnold and Sarah Joyce. He was also preceded in death by his first wife of 44 years, Patsy, and 11 of his 12 siblings: Madeline, Lillian, Inez, Lyman, Elizabeth, Alice, Jean, Wilson, Colleen, Bob, and Ruth.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 26 years Betty; daughters: Cheryl Bailey (Philip) of Wrightsville PA, Debbi Joyce of Scott Depot, and Jodi Stover of Scott Depot. He was a proud grandfather to: Megan Hencinsky (Mike) of Wharton NJ, Cassi Williamson (Matt) of Xenia OH, Tyler White (Alyssa) of Columbia PA, Kelly Meadows of Barboursville, Ashley Jacobs (Jeremy) of Scott Depot, Brent Meadows (Luci) of Huntington and Josh Stover (Tabitha) of Fayetteville. He was also a proud great-grandfather to: Oliver, Sam, Piper, Teo, Luna, Willow, and Oak. Hobie is also survived by his last surviving sibling, Arlene Wells.

He proudly served his Country in the US Army during the Korean War and

was honorably discharged as a Staff Sargent.

His love of chemistry led him to being hired in 1953 as a Lab Tech at Union Carbide. Hobie took a few chemistry classes at Morris Harvey College and West Virginia State College. As his career progressed, he became recognized as an expert in Infrared Spectroscopy Interpretation, not only at Union Carbide but around the country.

Hobie retired as a Project Scientist and a week later was rehired as a Consultant. He played a vital role in the investigation of the December 1984 Union Carbide Bhopal India gas leak disaster and remained employed for 6 more years.

He enjoyed visiting with family, golf, football, bird watching, gardening and just being outside in nature.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Becky and Rod Orem for all the love and support given to Hobie.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research PO Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741.

There will be a private Graveside service at Cunningham Memorial Park in St. Albans, WV at a later time.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Hobie's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Joyce family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall

PT

“ Cheryl and Debbi
Fond memories of your father when we all worked at Carbide.
Heartfelt prayers, sympathy and love, Ed and Peggy Thompson

Peggy Thompson - October 18, 2023 at 12:28 PM

LP

“ So sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family. Praying for strength, comfort and peace. 🌸

Lee Ann Purnell - October 18, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of William Hobert Lee Joyce, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, William Hobert Lee Joyce, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 17, 2023 at 11:23 AM

RB

“ My condolences to the family in the passing of Hobie. I became friends with him and Patsy at Christ Church United Methodist, we were in Dr Wallace's Sunday School class. It was nice to share and learn from each other.

Rebecca Bumpus - October 17, 2023 at 11:20 AM

CS

“ Meghan and family, our sincere condolences. He sounds like he was amazing. Carol & Peter Spackman

Carol Spackman - October 17, 2023 at 04:27 AM

RW

“ It was a privilege to grow up with a wonderful example of a loving home like the Joyce's. Mr. Joyce, as I respectfully referred to him, was a wonderful husband, neighbor and father...as evident by the loving care of his daughters Cheryl and Debbie.
Rosemary Bukant Williams

rosemary Williams - October 16, 2023 at 04:56 PM

MJ

“ A lot of very fond memories of Uncle Hobe and his great family. West Virginia was our second home. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mike Joyce and my family.

Mike Joyce - October 16, 2023 at 04:10 PM