



Mr. Bob L. Dillard

December 29, 1940 - July 13, 2012

Bob L. Dillard, 71, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 3:15 pm on Friday, July 13, 2012 at Heartland Manor Care.

Bob was born on December 29, 1940 in Peoria to Norman Finley and Anna Mae (Lucas) Dillard. He married Edith Pearl Whitelow on June 9, 1963 in Peoria and to that blessed union one precious child was born, Lisa Denelle Dillard.

Bob leaves to cherish his precious memories his loving wife of 49 years, Edith Dillard of Peoria; their daughter, Lisa (James) Brown; two grandchildren, Alyscia Dillard Gray and Antonio Lewis; one great-granddaughter, Alexis Pizano Dillard; one brother, Larry (Ginette) Dillard of Belle Chasse, LA; three sisters, Sandra Evans, Stella Adams and Nettie Eppinger all of Peoria; a god son, Patrick Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; his adoptive mother, Glovina Sydnor, who raised him; one infant daughter; one brother, Jerry Dillard and one sister, Delores Thompson.

Bob was an Army Veteran who served during the Vietnam Conflict from 1966 to 1968. He began his working career at Caterpillar as a pipe fitter, and then later became a millwright retiring in 1998 after 40 years of service.

Bob lead an active community life. He was a 32nd Degree Mason affiliated with the Henry Brown Lodge #22; the Menilik Consistory #49; and the KMAR Temple #56 for many years until he became ill. Bob was a member of Local 974 Union. He was an avid bowler and member of the TMBA and ABC

Bowling Leagues. He was also a member of the Caterpillar Retiree's Computer Club. He loved to play pool, dominos and table tennis, listen to blues and jazz music and just enjoyed his family and friends.

Bob was a 50 year member of Bethel United Methodist Church where he was a past trustee, the 1st Church Cub Scout Troop Leader and a member of the Methodist Men.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, July 20, 2012 at his church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. The Rev. Dr. Rose M. Booker-Jones will officiate. Bob will be laid to rest at Parkview Mausoleum. Army Military Rites will be accorded by the Tazewell Area Ceremonial Team. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Mausoleum

2001 N University St
IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.
Peoria, IL 61605
http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome

Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.
Peoria, IL 61605
http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bob L. Dillard*



Simons Mortuary - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Bob L. Dillard*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Bob L. Dillard*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

JD

“ My sincere condolences to Edie and to the entire Dillard family. I have fond memories of the Dillard family, going back to when I lived next door to them at 1013 Third Street. I remember Mr. Norman, Ms. Glovina, and Mr. Bus Dillard. I was in kindergarten and first grade at McKinley School then, and Bobby, Sandra (we called her Jeanie then), Stella and Larry were my brothers and sisters, and we walked to McKinley in the morning, and played all afternoon. We used to walk up to Sam Joseph's market and buy penny candy. The last time I saw Bob and Edie, I was stranded at Landmark one day and they gave me a ride to my mother's. Bobby Dillard was a real cool brother, and one of the nicest, most genuine people around. Does anyone remember the time when Bobby, and Frank Jones, and those other guys in that club all rented the white formal dinner jackets and took their girls to the prom? It was too cool!

My prayers are with the family. I apologize that I could not be there to pay my respects in person.

John Wesley Davis, Washington, DC July 21, 2012

John Wesley Davis - July 21, 2012 at 09:03 AM

GR

“ Edith, My heart goes out to you & your family. I will keep you all in my prayers, Bobby was a great man and will be missed dearly.

Ginger Rentsch

Ginger Rentsch - July 19, 2012 at 06:42 AM

DF

“ *Dianne (Rudd) Furness lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bob L. Dillard*



Dianne (Rudd) Furness - July 18, 2012 at 10:14 PM

CC

“ *Claudia Cisneros lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bob L. Dillard*



Claudia Cisneros - July 18, 2012 at 08:59 PM

GW

“ *Gloria Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bob L. Dillard*



Gloria Wilson - July 18, 2012 at 01:20 PM

DB

“ *Dear Cousin Edith,*

*You, Lisa and the family are in my prayers.
Your Cousin Dorothy Ann*

Dorothy Bowles - July 18, 2012 at 07:42 AM

PB

“ Edith, I wish to express my deepest sympathy at this most difficult time. We have only met once, but Debbie and Kenny have been dear friends for many years. My prayer is that God give you His strength and peace today and always.

Pat Bachman

Pat Bachman - July 18, 2012 at 06:21 AM

JM

“ Edith, I don't know if you remember me, but I worked with you for a couple of months on the dock in Bldg. KK during the Cat strike. I will always remember my experience there, working with you, and your great patience and kindness to me. I wish to express deepest condolences to you for the loss of your husband. May God give you His comfort and peace in this time of sadness.

Jeanette McCaulley

Jeanette McCaulley - July 17, 2012 at 06:57 PM

NR

“ So sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. My heart is with you Edith and family. He was a great guy, from the times when I knew him at Neil Norton, to later on at landmark. He will be missed
Nick Robertson

Nicholas G Robertson - July 16, 2012 at 09:11 AM

JB

Edith, I am so sorry about your loss, my prayers and sympathy go out to you and your family.

Jeff Billingsley - July 18, 2012 at 08:31 AM