



## Robert Grant

July 29, 1919 - November 14, 2011

Robert H. "Bob" Grant, age 92 of Carneys Point passed away on Monday, November 14, 2011 at his home.

He was born in Woodstown, NJ on July 29, 1919 to George and Helen Grant. He grew up in Carneys Point, and then Woodstown, graduating with the Woodstown High School class of 1936. He was the first Eagle Scout from Woodstown, earning the rank in 1935 while a member of Scout Troop 38. Bob followed his parent's footsteps, and attended Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, graduating with the class of 1940. He continued his education at Rutgers University as a graduate assistant, and received a MS in organic chemistry in 1942.

Following graduation he began what he referred to as his "Productive Years". He began his career with DuPont at "The Dye Works", now known as Chambers Works in Deepwater, NJ. He held a number of assignments, including laboratory, production supervisor, and production control. During WWII he was involved with the (portion that was assigned to Chambers Works, of the) Manhattan Project. It was probably developing Teflon, which was integral in the mechanism of the Atomic Bomb. Also during the war, on his days off, he was patrolling the Delaware Rive (in confiscated pleasure craft) as a member of the Coast Guard Reserve. While working in Sulphur Colors in the 1950's Bob had to remove his work shoes and leave them on the back porch. His wife refused to have the house smell like rotten eggs. (Sometimes the whole community did!)

In June, 1946 Bob married Chrystal Geiter of Carneys Point. Together they raised four sons, Harry, Robert (Pamela Garcia), Richard (Patricia Hardwick) and Stephen (Barbara Yarling). Bob has a total of seven grandchildren, Andy Grant, Chrystal Grant Peplinski, Amy Grant Chaplin, Melinda Grant, Sharon Grant, Corrine Grant, and Michael Grant. He also has two Peplinski great granddaughters. Many holiday dinners were held at the family home on Shell Road to an ever increasing number of attendees.

During these “productive years”, Bob was involved in many activities in the community. He was a leader in (if anyone remembers) the Indian Guides program at the YMCA. There is still a headband around somewhere. He was a Cub Scout leader for Pack 273 while four sons went through the program. He was involved with Boy Scouts for many years afterwards with Troop 73. Bob received many awards and citations for his positive impact on Scouting. He was involved with his church, the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Saviour in Penns Grove for many, many years serving as a vestryman, warden, and treasurer. In later years he was very involved with St. John’s Episcopal Church in Salem. He and his wife Chrystal also delivered Meals on Wheels here in Salem County for over 20 years, being charter members of the Salem County chapter.

Bob considered their “Golden Retirement Years” as his and Chrystal’s most satisfying and rewarding of all. He retired early, at age 58, just before all of the retirement incentive packages of the early 1980’s. He never regretted that decision. Bob and Chrystal were able to spend time at their place on Little Egg Harbor Bay at Tuckerton, travel the USA and the world, and most importantly become very active in several volunteer organizations. He served as president of the Salem County Chapter of AARP, and attended national conventions as a delegate representing Salem County and New Jersey. After retirement he took several classes at Salem Community College, learning accounting and income tax procedures. He spent many years as a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteer preparing the income tax returns for hundreds throughout the county. When the Literacy Volunteers of America

became active in the area, he taught reading to those who couldn't, and served on its board of directors. Bob also drove for the Red Cross, transporting blood from blood banks throughout the county to the collection point in Camden, and driving people who needed transportation to doctor and hospital appointments.

In 2010 Bob received his 65 year Master Mason pin. He was Past Master of Woodstown Lodge 38.

Bob was often heard to say that volunteering was a person's highest calling. Always a gardener, Bob had flowers in his yard that people would make a special trip to see, tulips, daffodils, zinnias, marigolds, flowering cacti and iris. The place just looked like so much love was lavished upon it. The yard had a lush green lawn that he mowed with a manual reel mower until he was 86. Lima Beans growing up the support cable for a telephone pole. Although not allowed to accept money for doing tax returns, some tipped him with seeds. He was happy to try any new plant.

Bob was a walker. He walked six to eight miles a day until his late 80's. When his daughter-in-law, Pam, was mobilized with the Army Nurse Corps after 9/11, and his son Robert Jr. (Bo) was working shift work and being in the NJ National Guard, he had custody of their dog. You could see Bob walking his "Grand Dog" Mickey, the Australian terrier, all hours of the day up and down Shell Road. Bob spent his final years, after the death of his wife, living contentedly with his son Bo and daughter-in-law Pam.

He was predeceased by Chrystal, his wife of 66 years in 2008, and his son Stephen in 2010.

He was also predeceased by his parents, George and Helen Grant, and his sister and brother, Margret and Philip.

The family would like to give their heartfelt thanks and utmost appreciation to Sue Harker, RN and Compassionate Care Hospice home health aide Nan Jones and the nurses, and LifeForce Elder Care and their wonderful caregivers, Amanda and Mary who were so helpful and supportive during

Bob's final days.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 1 PM in St. John's Episcopal Church, 76 Market Street, Salem, NJ with interment immediately following in the church cemetery.

Arrangements are by Ashcraft Funeral Homes, Pennsville and Penns Grove.  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Harry and Family,*  
*What a beautiful tribute to your father! He certainly was a special man.*  
*"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure." ~Author Unknown*  
*Thoughts and prayers to all.*  
*Denise Musson Federici*

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