



Harry R. "Bud" Oakley Jr.

December 15, 1937 - November 15, 2017

Harry R. "Bud" Oakley, Jr., 79, of Avon Park, FL, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017. He was born on Dec. 15, 1937, in Byesville, OH, a son of the late Harry R. Oakley, Sr. and Doris (Peyton) Oakley. He was a 1955 graduate of Cambridge High School, OH and attended Muskingum College before entering the U.S. Air Force in 1958. Harry and Mildred "Millie" (Casterline) were married on June 12, 1960 at the Beckett Avenue United Methodist Church in Cambridge, OH.

Harry was a highly decorated U.S. Air Force veteran. His military career included the Ohio Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force Reserves, where he attained the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (CMSGT). In the 1970s, he served as a lay minister at the Middlebourne United Methodist Church, OH. His assignments were spread across the U.S. and included a total of six years duty overseas. Having served his country faithfully and honorably for 35 years, CMSGT Harry R. Oakley, Jr. retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1993. Upon retirement, Harry and Mildred moved to Avon Park, FL and Harry worked at the Avon Park Air Force Range with base operations. On May 29, 2008, he was recognized for 12 years of outstanding and dedicated service with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the State of Florida. Harry's passion was serving others, especially veterans. He served as Past President, Veterans Advisory Board of Highlands County for the Board of County Commissioners; Past President, Veterans Council of Highlands County; Past Commander, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 49

Ridge, Sebring, FL; and Chairman, Florida Medal of Honor Memorial. On Feb. 20, 2016, Harry was the recipient of the Veterans Council of Highlands County "2015 Veteran of the Year" Award.

Harry enjoyed family time, traveling to visit family and friends, reading, and walking his dogs. He was a member in good standing in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Guernsey Lodge No. 66, Cambridge, OH for 58 years. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He is deeply loved by all and he will be dearly missed.

In addition to his parents, Harry was preceded in death by his grandson, Mitchell Oakley. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mildred, of 57 years of marriage, and his children, Michael (Terri Selsor) of Geneva, FL; Kathryn of Herndon, VA; Patrick (Laura) of Chandler, AZ; Byron (Heather) of Avon Park, FL; brothers, Robert (Judy) Oakley and Pete (Sandy) Oakley both of Kipling, OH; sisters, Joyce Lucas of Cambridge, OH; Patricia (Bob) Wilhelm of Byesville, OH; many nieces and nephews; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many friends who will miss him.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at Bundy-Law Funeral Home, 120 N. 11th St., Cambridge, OH 43725. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 01, 2017 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. Pastor Karen Rawlins will be officiating the service with burial to follow in the Guernsey County Memory Gardens Cemetery in Cambridge, OH. Personal condolences may be extended to the family at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Harry's memory to (1) Florida Medal of Honor Memorial, 6223 US Hwy 27 N PMB 16, Sebring, FL 3370 or (2) Veterans Council of Highlands County, Inc., 7209 S. George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875.

Cemetery Details

Guernsey Memory Gardens

St. Rt. 40 East
Cambridge, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
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Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Don & Judy Laycock lit a candle in memory of Harry R. "Bud" Oakley Jr.



Don & Judy Laycock - December 12, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Harry R. "Bud" Oakley Jr..



November 29, 2017 at 08:43 PM

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“ From Friends of Patrick & Laura @Gateway Aviation purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Harry R. "Bud" Oakley Jr..



From Friends of Patrick & Laura @Gateway Aviation -
November 28, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ *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 Harry R. Oakley, Jr, 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 Air Force Veteran, Harry R. Oakley, Jr., 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 - November 27, 2017 at 08:22 AM

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“ *I am sorry to say I never had the chance to meet Mr. Oakley, but I felt like I knew him through his daughter, Kathryn. He just had to be the kind of guy you would like if you know her. I know this has been a devastating blow to the family, but it has been obvious that they banded together in love and they will survive the loss in the same way. My sincere condolences.*

Cathie Sterling - November 27, 2017 at 07:49 AM