



Atty. Russell Howard Booth Jr.

June 19, 1929 - September 15, 2015

Atty. Russell Howard Booth, Jr., 86, died Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at his home in Cambridge , surrounded by family.

He was born June 19, 1929, in Cambridge , son of the late Russell and Harriet (Hampton) Booth.

He was a 1947 graduate of Cambridge High School . He attended Ohio State University , majoring in physics, before serving for three years in the Navy as a lieutenant, j. g. Upon leaving the service, he enrolled in law school, again at Ohio State . For 55 years, from 1958 to 2013, he practiced law in Cambridge . For some of that time he served as the Cambridge City Solicitor, the position now known as Law Director. He was also a member of Kiwanis.

In 1954, he met and married Ruth Anne Wilson, a music and home economics teacher. In their 57 years together, they raised three children.

Aside from law, his primary interests were music and history. A lifelong violinist, he rarely missed an opportunity to play in the orchestra for local musicals. He also performed for many years in the Cambridge City Band and was an early member of the Cambridge Singers. As an amateur historian, he gave hundreds of talks over the years about the Civil War, the Revolutionary War, Custer's Last Stand, and local area history in the 1700s. Notably, in 1975, he and his wife organized a unique uniformed fife and drum corps parade to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the start of the American Revolution. In later years, he wrote two major history books, *The Tuscarawas Valley in Indian Days* and *A Brief History of Guernsey County*. In 2014, he was

honored with induction into the Guernsey County Historical Museum 's Hall of Fame.

He is survived by one daughter, Sally (Rich) Bennett of Cambridge; two sons, Richard and Robert "Robbie" Booth, both of Cambridge; five grandchildren, William, Matthew, and David Booth; Steven Bennett, and Brook (Frank) Nunn; and one great-grandchild, Oliver Howard Booth. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Atty. Booth is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruth Anne; and his sister, Harriet Gibson.

No calling hours will be observed. A private graveside service will be held with Rev. Jamie Price officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Guernsey at P.O. Box 1165 , Cambridge , Ohio 43725 . Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Tribute Wall

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“ *I only knew of Mr. Booth as the man with my most favorite Christmas Decoration of all time. My parents would drive us by their home when I was a kid to watch the glorious decor come to life with all of it's moveable parts. Rest in Peace, Sir and thank you for putting up that same decoration for as many years as you did <3*



Tara McCracken - October 08, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ *Dear Sally and family,
So sorry to hear about you dad's passing. He truly was a kind and generous man.
Beth (Eynon) Seckman CHS class of '78*

Beth Seckman - September 22, 2015 at 05:26 PM

WE

“ *May You Rest In Heaven Mr. Booth You were A Great Person & Friend You Be Missed!*

Will Emler - September 20, 2015 at 11:04 AM

GR

“ For Rick and the Booth family... I am so sorry to read of Mr. Booth's passing. I remember him from my time as a resident of Cambridge and my employment at the Guernsey County Courthouse. In the last several years it has been my pleasure to get to know Rick, through his association with the Rainy Day Writers, and Robbie, through his energetic enjoyment in participating in services at Christ United Methodist Church. My condolences to Rick, Robbie and the rest of the family.

Mr. Booth generously shared his interests and talents for the betterment of his friends and community. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace...

Gloria Ryan - September 18, 2015 at 05:48 PM

JD

“ To Rick and Booth Family.
You have our sincere condolences over the loss of your father. He was a man of integrity and honor. His dedication to his work and caring of his clients can be matched by no one. His kindness and gentleness is a rare quality and reflection of his character. He was always compassionate with us, my mother and my sister, and that quality meant a lot to us. This loss has left Guernsey County with a void that can never be filled again. Our prayers are with the entire Booth family during this sad time. You have gained a guardian angel in heaven.

Ronald and Janice Dennis



Janice Dennis - September 18, 2015 at 02:52 PM

CS

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful man. What great parents you all had. I have many fond memories of Mr. Booth.

Carol McConkey Skeen - September 18, 2015 at 10:51 AM

RB

“ Rick, Sally, Robbie: What a privilege you had to have the parents that you did. Russ was the true renaissance man with his varied interests, his commitment to the community and his commitment to his family. His efforts to make Cambridge a better place to be were apparent and appreciated. From a personal standpoint, he was always there to help my mother and father, just as he was for many. There is a void today not only in your lives but in the whole of Cambridge and Guernsey County.
Ray Booth and the Booth Family

Ray H. Booth - September 18, 2015 at 06:46 AM



Thank you so much for those kind words.

Sally Bennett - September 23, 2015 at 09:03 AM

CS

“ I will miss his knowledge of history and admire his fine care of Robbie. I also miss Dr. Herb Thomson who often brought a fine group together including your family and me. .Cambridge has lost a wonderful person and a fine attorney!
Blessings,
Dr. R.M. Steele "Chip"

Chip Steele - September 18, 2015 at 05:46 AM

LM

“ Dear Rick and Family,
My heart goes out to the family. God has taken a very special angel into his heaven. I will always remember Russell's stories and his journey in life. May God comfort the family in this time of sorrow.

lisa morris - September 17, 2015 at 10:31 AM

LS

“ *May God comfort you in your time of sorrow and celebration of his life on earth !!*



Laina S - September 17, 2015 at 09:16 AM



“ *Dear Sally & Family,*

I'm so very sad to hear of your father;s passing. I pray the Lord & Savior Jesus Christ will wrap his loving arms around all of you to give you comfort and peace in your time of sorrows for ever more.



Sincerely,

Darcel Jackson-Fultz

Darcel Fultz - September 17, 2015 at 08:56 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 Russell Howard Booth, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

US Navy Veteran, Russell Howard Booth, Jr., “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 - September 17, 2015 at 06:04 AM

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Ray Booth and the Booth Family

Ray H. Booth - September 18, 2015 at 06:45 AM