



## Robert R. Spear

October 14, 1921 - November 3, 2016

Robert R. Spear, age 95 of Clarington, Ohio passed away Thursday, November 3, 2016 at his home with his family at his side.

He was born October 14, 1921 in Moundsville, WV, a son of the late Homer and Dora Lehman Spear.

He was a retired from the Corp of Engineers, Hannibal Lock and Dam, a US Navy WW II Veteran and a member of Hannibal United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 760 Hannibal, OH, VFW Post 9930 Duffy, OH, DAV Chapter 4, New Martinsville, WV, Masonic Lodge # 374 F&AM, New Matamoras, OH and Ohio State Patrol Auxiliary.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Helen E. Luikart Spear, step mother, Trixie; sisters, Helen (Sonny) Henthorn, Gilda (Harry) Podmore and baby brother, Harold Spear; step sister, Betty (LV) Yoho. Survivors include his daughter Jeanne (Darrel) Ritchie of Hannibal; grandson, Eric (Patti) Ritchie of Duffy, OH; granddaughter, Leslie (Adam) Smith of Lower Salem, OH; eight great grandchildren, Kyrstin Ritchie, Ethan (Darci) Ritchie, Bella, Kane, Maxwell, Helena, Sylvia and Eliana Smith; two great great grandchildren, Genesis and Canaan; 3 sisters, Esther Hirschman of TX, Dottie (Darrell) Lloyd of Lenoir, NC and Margie Riggerbach of Marietta, OH; companion and caregiver, Lucy Dailey and several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from Noon – 8 pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third St. New Martinsville, WV. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:00 pm at Hannibal United Methodist Church, 52732 SR

536 Hannibal, OH. with Pastor Steve Rice officiating.

Masonic services will be at 7:45 pm on Thursday at funeral home.

Interment will follow in Emma Grove Cemetery, Hannibal, OH with military graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Hannibal United Methodist Church  
Memorial Fund P.O. Box 32 Hannibal, Ohio 43931.

# Cemetery Details

## Emma Grove

Hannibal, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hannibal United Methodist Church  
52732 SR 536  
Hannibal, OH 43931

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert R. Spear.*



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November 09, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ *Jeanne, I have many fond memories of time spent at your home while we were in elementary school especially. Your parents both made me feel very welcome. Your dad continued to remember me every time our paths would cross. Knowing the void that comes when one loses a loved one (no matter how many years they have been blessed to live), you have my sincere sympathy and love. Thoughts and prayers, Doris Miller*

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**Doris Miller** - November 09, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *I was very fortunate to become friends with Bob because of my father James Neuhart and for their service to our Country. So many service events we would attend and Dad and Bob would share their stories. Bob was such a kind, caring, and awesome person that he will certainly be missed. Bob has been reunited with many of his service friends in heaven welcome home Bob. In Christian Love, Pandora*

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**Pandora Neuhart** - November 07, 2016 at 12:43 PM

MC

“ *Mary Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Robert R. Spear*



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**Mary Carpenter** - November 05, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert R. Spear.*



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November 05, 2016 at 02:09 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 Robert R. Spear, 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 Navy Veteran, Robert R. Spear, 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 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - November 05, 2016 at 08:13 AM

BA

“ *Marge,  
So sorry for your grief. Bob will be rememberd as a good man.  
Bob Ault*

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**Bob Ault** - November 05, 2016 at 08:02 AM



“ *Bob was a man who honored his commitments to God,  
family, county and community. He loved them all and was deeply loved in return. May he rest in peace with all the saints. -Pastor Lee Ann Dunlap*

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**Lee Dunlap** - November 04, 2016 at 11:46 PM



“ *Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of Robert R. Spear.*



November 04, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your Dad came to visit Mom twice while she was in the hospital in July. He was a wonderful man.*

**Sandy Brookover** - November 04, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *Jeanie and family, So sorry to hear about your dad's passing especially since he had just had his 95th birthday. He was a great man who was loved by all. I will always remember him walking with the veterans in the fire carnival parades way up into the age of 80+. He was so dedicated. Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

**Marilyn Riggerbach** - November 04, 2016 at 06:38 PM



*Bob Spear family, Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a special kind of person. I will always remember what great friends he and Junie were.*  
*Marge Potts*

**Marge Potts** - November 04, 2016 at 07:32 PM



*Bless you all. Bob was in a class by himself. God was with him.*

**Bob Indermuhle** - November 04, 2016 at 07:38 PM

JF

*Jeanie and Family Your dad was a wonderful man. Loved and cared for all around him. God bless you all. John & Paula Figel*

**John Figel** - November 04, 2016 at 08:56 PM

RD

*I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing, Jeanne. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of remembrance.*

**Raechel Daniels** - November 04, 2016 at 09:09 PM

DC

*Mr. Spear was a good and patriotic man. Because of him I was able to attend Buckeye Girls' State and many years later my son Bryan was able to attend Buckeye Boys' State. We will never forget him.*

**Donna Clegg Craig** - November 04, 2016 at 10:21 PM

RC

*A gentleman that loved his country. Rest in peace "Sir" I salute you. Prayers for the family.*

**Robyn Cecil** - November 05, 2016 at 07:42 PM

BR

*Bob Spear will be missed! Thoughts & prayers & deepest sympathy to you & your family at this time.*

**Barbara Rush** - November 06, 2016 at 08:01 AM

PR

*Jeanie and family, so sorry for your loss. Bob touched a lot of lives and was always there for our family. Fond memories of him and your mom going back to MYF. Appreciated his visits to my dad, when dad seldom had visitors. Did he ever tell you this story? Dad's sister, Aunt Freda, was the 1st girl Bob ever kissed. When they were in high school, in the school play, a scene called for a kiss. And Neither one of them knew what to do!*

*Polly and Mike Robinson*

**Polly Robinson** - November 06, 2016 at 08:47 AM

MS

*Dear Jeanie and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Your Dad has been such an encouragement and support to us over the years. His interest in historical matters, his knowledge about so many things, and his willingness to share his finds have endeared him to us forever. May God be with you all as you lay one of the most Patriotic men in Monroe County, in Ohio, and in the USA to rest. Sincerely in Respect,  
The Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Historical Society*

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**Monroe County Historical Society** - November 07, 2016 at 08:38 AM

BW

*Dear Jeanie, Eric, Leslie, and families,  
Your Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, was a very special man. I remember him marching in the parades, coming to school on many Patriotic Occasions, his encouragement to young people, and his presence in every Veteran Program through the years. He has been such a blessing in our valley. We think of him fondly and will continue to every time we pass his home. Our hearts, minds, and prayers are with you now and in the future as you remember with love the many wonderful times you've had as family. Love, Bart and Joyce(Indermuhle) Wiggins*

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**Bart and Joyce Wiggins** - November 07, 2016 at 09:01 AM