



Robert Dean Jamison

February 3, 1925 - December 17, 2022

Robert Dean Jamison, 97, of Salem, Illinois passed away on December 17, 2022 at Stone Bridge Memory Care in Mt. Vernon.

Bob was born February 3, 1925 in Bridgeport, IL to the late V.A. (Jim) Jamison and Nellie Roberts Jamison. He married Virginia Cain on June 6, 1948. She preceded him in death on November 24, 2012. Bob is survived by his son Robert Jamison (Susan) of Murfreesboro, TN; daughter Suzanne Meyering of Summerfield, FL; grandson Bill Meyering (Amy) of Denver, Co; Tom Jamison (Chelsea) of St. Louis, MO; his sister Lou Bonnell of Robinson, IL, many nieces and nephews. Bob was also preceded in death by his grandson David Jamison, son-in-law David Meyering, and sisters Audrey Johnson, Catherine Maus and Margaret Wiley.

Bob served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was in Europe, the Philippines and Japan. He was a sergeant in the Signal Corp. He was actually at the top of a pole stringing communication wire when he heard that the war in Europe was over. He often recalled how quickly he came down to celebrate, and always wondered why he wasn't full of splinters!

Bob attended Eureka College as part of the G.I. Bill of Rights and his first teaching job was in 1958-59 in Kirkwood, MO. Bob and Virginia moved to Salem in 1960 and continued their teaching careers. After teaching in Patoka for a couple years, Bob then started teaching at the Salem Jr. High School in 1963. However, he is best known as the Salem High School chemistry and science teacher, having taught students 1964-1982.

Throughout his life, Bob was heavily involved in baseball. He coached the Salem High School team beginning in 1967. He served in many capacities with Salem Little League, and was especially proud to have a field dedicated in his honor. Bob also worked as a scout for the Cincinnati Reds throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Bob was a member of First Christian Church, the American Legion, and Salem Sports Hall of Fame. He was a regular at Sharon's Café, and especially enjoyed when former students would greet him and share memories. For the past 10 months, he was cared for at Stone Bridge Memory Care in Mount Vernon, IL. We appreciate the Stone Bridge staff and their kindness and compassion.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2022 in the chapel of Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home in Salem. Visiting hours will be from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at East Lawn Cemetery with Military Honors accorded at the graveside by the Salem American Legion Post #128. The family suggest memorials be made to the First Christian Church in Salem or the Salem Little League and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, P.O. Box 97, 310 North Broadway, Salem, Illinois 62881 (618)548-1234, entrusted with the family's care. Online condolences may be left at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Cemetery

Salem, IL 62881

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home
310 N. Broadway
Salem, 62881

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a student at SCHS and active in scouting when I got to know Bob. In addition to being active in baseball and a teacher along with my dad, he was also assistant scoutmaster for the Methodist Church troop 262. We camped each month of the year, often by the lake on Cliff Heck's property south of Salem. We did trail hikes, attended camporees, and always spent a week at Camp Joy earning merit badges, and doing the one-mile swim in the lake. Some troop members were selected for Order of the Arrow in an Indian ceremony along the bank of the lake. Our troop produced many Eagle scouts due to his influence. He was a positive role model in so many ways for the youth of Salem. He would call me annually around Christmas, and we would share memories of people and events. He did not call this year. Rest in peace Bob, my best friend. Bob Autenrieth Pocatello, Idaho

Bob Autenrieth - January 16, 2023 at 10:19 AM

JE

“ Coach Jamison did more for Salem youth baseball than anyone else. He put his heart and soul into baseball. Coach worked on the ball fields into his 70's, he worked at all levels from Little League to high school baseball in Salem, and of course he was our Coach. Bob Jamison was Mr. Baseball.

John Erickson - December 27, 2022 at 09:03 AM

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“ Bobby and Suzanne remembering all the good times are parents had together and the trips to Estes Park. Will be thinking of you tomorrow and wish I could be there.
Becky Osterholtz White

Becky - December 26, 2022 at 10:36 PM

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“ Bobby and Suzanne thinking of all the good times our parents had together. Thinking of you both and wish I could be there.

Love

Becky Osterholtz White

Becky - December 26, 2022 at 05:34 PM

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“ My condolences to the family of my beloved chemistry teacher at SCHS. He was also one who lived down Boone street from me. Mr. Jamison would make sure Christmas decorations would be placed on his 2 blocks and on the other side every year while living there. It was such a delight to see. And I now have missed seeing it done. My father, working for the Salem police, would have to go "on the hill" to direct traffic and Virginia would bake some rolls or have a hot drink and give them to dad to stay warm. She was so very nice and a lovely person. — Miss Dollaine Wooley, Salem

Miss Dollaine Wooley - December 23, 2022 at 02:13 PM