



Robert E. "Sam" Funkhouser

February 9, 1931 - January 24, 2018

Robert E. "Sam" Funkhouser, age 86 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at Deceased's Residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Monday, February 09, 1931, in Granite City, IL, the son of Jesse and Vera (nee Landreth) Funkhouser.

On Saturday, May 12, 1973, he married Dianne Ellis Funkhouser nee Stallard at Grace Baptist Church, Granite City, IL, who survives.

He was a Charter member of Highland Hope United Methodist Church, Highland, IL, and the OWLS at the church; member of the Steel Workers Union.

Mr. Funkhouser was born in Granite City and grew up there. He later moved to St. Jacob in 1973 and then to Highland in 1977. He worked at Granite City Steel. He then served with the US Marine Corps, active duty during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. He earned the Korean Service Medal with 3 Stars, National Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Medal. He then returned and worked at Granite City Steel for a total of 48 years, retiring in 1997. He liked golfing, fishing, growing roses and watching the St. Louis Cardinal baseball games. He also enjoyed auto shows and red Cadillac's and Buick's. He was a very active member of his church.

Survivors include:

Wife - Dianne E. Funkhouser, nee Stallard, Highland, IL

Daughter - Connie L. (Hank) Hunter, Watertown, SD

Granddaughter - Candace Angela Miller, West Virginia,

Brother - Jesse M. Funkhouser, Jr., Creswell, OR

Brother - John Lee Funkhouser, Post Falls, ID.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Jesse M. Funkhouser - Died 12/16/1972

Mother - Vera L. Funkhouser, nee Landreth - Died 03/29/1995

Second Wife - Gracie P. "Pauline" Funkhouser, nee Patterson - Died
05/06/1971

Sister - Sadie R. Brown - Died 11/30/1985.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, February 05, 2018, at Highland Hope United Methodist Church in Highland, IL.

Memorial Service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 05, 2018, at Highland Hope United Methodist Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Dr. Beverly Wilkes Null, Pastor, officiating; Rev. Dan L. Perry, Pastor, Tremont UMC, Tremont, IL, co-officiating.

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Hope United Methodist Church or Highland Home.

Previous Events

Visitation- Highland Hope United Methodist Church in Highland, IL

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
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Tribute Wall

TH

“*Mrs. Funkhouser, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I clearly remember you as the best teacher at Saint Jacob grade school, when your name changed from Mrs. Stallard, riding my bike to highland visiting you and Sam on my way to the pool, and then you teaching my children. Great memories. Again, I am so sorry.*

Todd Hanford

Todd Hanford - February 06, 2018 at 04:03 PM

SG

“*Dianne, So sorry to see Sam's name in the paper just now. God love and comfort you at this time. Thoughts and prayers to you...*

Stancey Granger

Stancey Granger - February 05, 2018 at 02:56 PM

YM

“*Dianne, we are very sorry for your loss. We will always remember the kindness and caring you both showed towards your church family and particularly the youth at Highland Hope. We pray that God's peace and the comfort of the Holy Spirit will be strong in your heart and sustain you at this time.*

Steve, Yvonne, Jonathan & Erin Mattson

Yvonne Mattson - February 01, 2018 at 08:35 PM

BG

“ Sorry to hear of Sam's passing. Always enjoyed your smiles and kindness as neighbors back in the eighties.

Tom and Bonnie Goestenkers

Bonnie Goestenkers - January 31, 2018 at 05:51 PM

PM

“ Diane, sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Pat Miller

patrick miller - January 31, 2018 at 12:05 AM

BD

“ Dianne, I was so sorry to hear of Sam's death. I know what you are going through. He was a sweet man and I know he will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Blanche Driemeyet - January 28, 2018 at 08:59 PM

DG

“ Diane, you have my deepest sympathy on your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. May God bless and give you comfort.

Donna Grable - January 27, 2018 at 09:00 PM

LT

“ Mrs, Funkhouser, I am sorry to hear about Sam's passing. Although I was only a middle schooler, I recall you speaking fondly of him with an ever present twinkle in your eye. May the years of memories created comfort you at this time.

Leanne Townsend-Cerame - January 27, 2018 at 06:42 PM

JD

“ Dear Dianne,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I know you have many wonderful memories to sustain you in the weeks ahead. Although I didn't know Sam well, he always seemed like a very nice man who had a smile for everyone.
May God bless and comfort you, and give you peace and strength.
Jeanette Dothager

Jeanette Dothager - January 27, 2018 at 12:53 PM

JB

“ June Barney lit a candle in memory of Robert E. "Sam" Funkhouser



June Barney - January 27, 2018 at 12:51 PM

DM

“ My thoughts are with you today. May you find peace and comfort knowing you were a part of so many lives. Myself and the rest of your " kids" at Hitz will remember you always.
Deb Myatt

Deb Myatt - January 26, 2018 at 01:07 PM

FH

“ Flat Rate, Inc.-Nathan & Molly Henrich purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Robert E. "Sam" Funkhouser.



Flat Rate, Inc.-Nathan & Molly Henrich - January 26, 2018 at 12:34 PM

JF

“ *Dianne*
So sorry for your loss. Many fond memories of the two of you
visiting me in the shoe store - loved the friendship.

Judy Frey

Judy Frey - January 26, 2018 at 10:26 AM

LS

“ *Leann Shoot lit a candle in memory of Robert*
E. "Sam" Funkhouser



Leann Shoot - January 26, 2018 at 07:12 AM

MB

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He was a wonderful*
person

Mary Beth Broughton - January 26, 2018 at 07:11 AM

MB

“ *Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory*
of Robert E. "Sam" Funkhouser



Mary Beth Broughton - January 26, 2018 at 07:09 AM

TG

“ *Diane, we were so sorry to hear about Sam's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Tom & Sandy Giger*

Tom & Sandy Giger - January 26, 2018 at 04:41 AM