



**James R. “Jay” Robertson**

**October 18, 1950 – January 26, 2015**

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ALBANY — James R. “Jay” Robertson passed away in his sleep at his home in Albany, Ohio, on Jan. 26, 2015, from Agent Orange related diabetes and kidney failure. Jay was also known affectionately as Jaybob and Jaybird. He was born the son of John Nick and Jo Marie Robertson of Hinton, West Virginia, on Oct. 18, 1950.

Jay graduated from Hinton High School and attended Bluefield State College before enlisting in the Army where he served one tour of active duty in Vietnam (1970-71) and in the reserve until 1976. After being honorably discharged, Jay worked as a boilermaker with Boilermakers Local 105 in Piketon, Ohio. He served as vice president of the local for three terms over his 32-year career before his retirement in 2003.

A passionate supporter of youth sports, Jay served several years as an assistant coach and advocate for Albany Little League as well as the Alexander High School Golf Team.

Jay was a proud and active member of the Albany Masonic Lodge 723, American Legion Post 21, AmVets Post 76, and of the Albany VFW Post 9893. He was a contributing member to their District 12 Annual Golf Outing benefiting the district's needy veterans.

Jay was preceded in death by both parents.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Charlotte; his sons D.K. (Meredith) Robertson and Matt (Jen Carroll) Robertson, both now residing in Florida; and two grandchildren Caroline and James Robertson, also in Florida. He's also survived by his brother Dennis (Nellie) Robertson of Hinton, W.Va. and his sister, Nicka Jo (Charles) Mann of Nitro, W.Va.; nieces and nephews Kimberly (Gary) Foster of Wayside, W.Va., Nick (Robyn) Robertson of Athens, W.Va., Kevin (Kristy) Mann of Cross Lanes, W.Va., and Lynn (Ken) Price of Nitro, W.Va.; and four great nieces and nephews.

Jay donated his remains to the Ohio University School of Medicine for research. A celebration of his life will be held Sunday, Feb. 1 from 2-4 p.m. at Albany VFW Post 9893. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VFW District 12 Hospital Fund, 3025 Dixon Road, Albany, OH 45710.