



Robert J. Swope

July 20, 1936 - June 11, 2018

Robert J. Swope, age 81, of Zanesville, OH passed peacefully on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Robert was born on July 20, 1936 in Zanesville to Wendell and Sarah (Russell) Swope, brother to Jenilee and Susan. A 1954 graduate of Zanesville High School, he was a member of the golf team and attended Ohio Wesleyan University for his Bachelor's in chemistry in 1958. At Ohio Wesleyan, he was active on the golf and JV football teams and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Robert was an American Physical Science Laboratory Administrator with achievements of research in contamination control, aerospace fluids, aerospace material characterization and has named significant contributions at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Inc., (Boston). He worked as a Chemist of Laboratory Physical Sciences with Pacific Resins (Newark, OH); civilian Chief Chemist for Aerospace Guidance and Metrology Center (Newark, OH); and the Director of Quality Control with Boeing (Newark, OH). He was a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists, a member of American Chemical Society and the Coblentz Spectroscopy Society. Robert was a proud member of the Army Reserve, Central Presbyterian Church and an avid supporter of Zanesville Civil War Roundtable, the Ohio Wesleyan golf team and enjoyed his love for golf at the Zanesville Country Club. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wendell and Sarah (Russell) Swope and sister Jenilee Roberts. He will be missed by his wife of 57 years, Mary (Gerber) Swope of Zanesville, OH; daughter, Erin Swope Votaw and husband

Trent Votaw of Greensboro, NC; Grandsons Lucas Kendall Votaw and Benjamin Russell Votaw of Greensboro, NC; sister, Susan Cooper and husband Donald Cooper of Lexington, OH and family; nephews Dr. Jay and Dr. Richard Gerber of WV along with extended loving family.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held 10:00 AM, Sunday, August 12, 2018, at the Zanesville Country Club. Donations may be made in his name to the Zanesville Animal Shelter Society, 1430 Newark Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Zanesville Country Club
1300 Country Club Dr.
Zanesville, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Swope*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Many memories of Bob since they were neighbors for many years...Prayers for Mary and family 🙏🙏🙏*

Sandra Gorman Lucas - August 06, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss Mrs. Swope, Erin, Trent and family. Please accept our deepest condolences. In Prayer and Friendship, The Patel Family*

Sima Patel - June 19, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss.....remember him at "the base".....I'm sure you must have many good memories. God Bless you!!*

Sally Brigham - June 17, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ *I worked with Robert at Newark AFB and Boeing. He was a very nice person. He will be missed. So sorry for your lose. Joyce Coakley*

Joyce Coakley - June 14, 2018 at 09:54 PM