



# Robert B. "Bob" Van Hook

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**V**AN HOOK, Robert B., age 84 of Bellbrook, Ohio, passed away on January 13th, 2021 at home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph O. and Jeanette Van Hook; and brother Cloyd. Bob is survived by his wife of 48 years, Libby; daughter Lisa; 4 sons, Barry (Missy), Brian (Jenn), Matt (Lisa), Ted Teister, brother Mack (Inga); and eight grandchildren.

Bob was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and the Air Force Institute of Technology. He retired from DESC after 35 years as Director of Command Security and Bellbrook Police Dept. as Crime Prevention Officer. Bob's military service included USNR and transfer to USAFR, retiring as a Lt. Colonel, during which time he served as Commander of Group Seven, Civil Air Patrol. He was an avid volunteer who served as Chairman of Board for Day Air CU, NMUSAF, and AFA treasurer of Wright Memorial Chapter.

Bob loved flying, boating, wood working, traveling and he could build or fix anything.

In memory of Bob, donations can be made to Hospice of Dayton (<https://www.hospiceofdayton.org/donations/>). A celebration of life will be held in the Spring. Conner & Koch Life Celebration Home is serving the family.



## Tribute Wall

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JA

**Jackie Anderson** posted:

Oh, Libby and family: the hole in the world is so much bigger than the size of the man. Bob had such a sweet way of making me feel like family. I will always, easily conjure first his roguish grin and his devilish sense of humor when I think of him. His True legacy in my life is the man he (and you) raised Matt to be. Many times, Matt knew what being a dependable, constant friend to me looked like because Bob set the example. May your shock be the cocoon it's meant to be. May you be buffered and supported. May you lean in to the strange defense mechanisms that show up in these times unexpectedly: the bizarre laughter; the fierce rage; the relief; the peace; the forgetfulness... all of these are normal complex protective systems that are part of our survival. Above all, May you have moments of feeling the love that surrounds you now. Always, Jackie Anderson and family

March 11 at 11:42 AM

SH

**Sharon Hall** posted:

I worked for Bob many years ago at DESC and Libby and I have become very good friends over the years. I know how much he has suffered especially in the last year. May God keep Libby and their family strong during this very difficult time. My heart is literally broken for them. Keeping you all in my heart and prayers and I am here if you need me.

March 11 at 11:42 AM

BS

**Becky Short** posted:

Libby. I am so saddened and sorry for your loss. Bob was a great man who was highly respected by all. May God wrap His arms around you during the difficult days ahead.

March 11 at 11:42 AM

JG

**Josie Greco** posted:

Love to you and your family during this time, I can't put into words what my heart wants to say. -  
Josie

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PD

**Peggy Dean** posted:

Libby, On behalf ( and for myself very personally ) of the class of 201855, I am so sorry to hear about Bob. He was one of our favorites. Love and Prayers to you and your family at this time. Peggy Dean Love and Prayers to your family at this time.

March 11 at 11:42 AM

JB

**Joi Brozek** posted:

Libby, I'll always think of the two of you drinking the best drinks in New Orleans and martinis everywhere else. Love you guys.

March 11 at 11:42 AM

BH

**Brian Van Hook** posted:

First, thank you to all who have shared their condolences per my dad's passing. I am my dad's second eldest. As all of you will agree, he was a truly remarkable man. There is nothing my dad couldn't do, whether fixing a car, wiring electronics, flying a plane, piloting a boat, sculpturing a model airplane, policing the streets, or running a large organization. I'm proud to be my father's son and, I know, he is proud of what I've become. He told me so, many times. That gives me comfort. All that I have and will aspire to is in the image of my father. I miss him terribly. I will miss his sage advice. I will miss his ever-listening ear. I will miss his example, which is an example for all. While I prayed this day would never come, I also know there is no more tragedy than a parent outliving their children. I thank God for taking my dad when He did, so that he will be there to welcome us all in to Heaven. God speed, Dad. See you on the other side. - Brian

March 11 at 11:42 AM

DZ

**Dalton And Zachary** posted:

Love and miss you! Your grandsons.

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RP

**Rockie Preuss** posted:

I will miss him dearly and it was a pleasure caring for him through Hospice of Dayton.

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MG

**Mary C Gravess** posted:

Bob and Libby Van Hook are two wonderful residents of Bellbrook.....Bob will be missed, but always remembered for his smile, happy "Hello", working at the Festivals....being a good policeman for our community.....we were lucky to have had him in our lives and hometown.....my condolences go out to Libby and the family....my prayers are with them in this difficult time.....God Bless You All.....

March 11 at 11:42 AM

JL

**Jennifer Lloyd** posted:

My sincere condolences to you all. Bob was a lovely man to have a drink with (or several drinks). He lived life well. Hugs & Love, Jen Lloyd

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RO

**Ray Otto** posted:

Salute to a great Patriot, builder of future generations of great American/aviation leaders and supporter of his fellow person Wright-Patt/Dayton is a better place for all that he did RIP and positive prayers to Libby and family. Respectively Ray Otto Col, USAF (Ret)

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