



James M. Bodfish

June 1, 1922 - February 15, 2017

James M. "Bod" Bodfish, age 94 of McCandless, formerly of Franklin Park and Cleveland OH on February 15, 2017 passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. James was the beloved husband of the late Betty C. Bodfish. He is survived by a daughter, Kimberly M. Bodfish, a daughter and son in law Rory and Larry Seifert, and granddaughter Corinne M. Seifert, preceded in death by his brother Louis R. Bodfish. James served in the US Navy during WW2. He was a dedicated employee in the tax department of US Steel for 35 years. James was involved in the Eagle Scout Association, Northmont UP Church, Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Tax Executive Institute, and served on many tax committees. Bod was an avid sports fan, never missing a Steelers, Pirates or Penguins game.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to American Heart Association. www.heart.org. Arrangements by Simons Funeral Home. www.simonsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Rd
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Tribute Wall

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“ I loved Mr. Bodfish...he was my mentor, my confidante, my inspiration, and my friend. He taught me so many things...the right decision is not always the easiest one, always try to find the good in people, don't be afraid to love - or be ashamed to cry, and don't forget to laugh and have fun. Since the late 1960's, I've probably asked myself a thousand times "What would Mr. Bodfish do"? whenever I had a difficult decision to make. Yes, he was my moral compass. This is not the time to be sad however - just think of how many people he he will make smile in heaven! God bless you Mr. Bodfish!

Richard Heysek - February 16, 2017 at 02:56 PM

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Rory, you and your family have my deepest sympathies for the loss of your father. I pray you all find peace and comfort in his memory. Love you. - Keely (your Tri Rivers auth girl)

Keely - February 17, 2017 at 06:24 AM

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Jim and I didn't get acquainted until we were both in our eighth decade, but we became fast friends, lunching, going to movies, and visiting for the few years we had to enjoy long conversations which lightened the burdens of those "golden years". I have lost my last friend with whom to share stories of the Great Depression, WW2, our common interests in Religion, Music (he loved jazz and opera), Politics, Government, Economics and such A dedicated sports enthusiast (baseball, football, hockey), I don't think he missed a TV sports event. A couple of interesting stories: (1) When the war came along, he qualified for the Navy's V8 School, but voluntarily took himself out of it "to get into the action". (2) In his early years, he wanted to be a Pro baseball player. He got as far as sitting on the bench for one Cleveland game, but was mostly upset because he had secured free tickets for his family to attend to watch him. (3) He was walking alone in London one night and was attacked by two thugs. He shoved one of them into a brick wall and outran both of them to his hotel. (4) He lived through 3 major beach landings in the war (Kwajalein, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa). His ship was damaged by several Kamikaze pilots, but wasn't sunk. (5) He was involved in 2 legal tax cases that went to the US Supreme Court where he attended as the top Tax Executive for the US Steel Corporation. I had the privilege of talking to Jim about all these events. He was a man of strong convictions, high morality, loyalty to family, friends, and his favorite Institutions. His family, and his friends, will be lonelier without him, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Dick Fisher, Pittsburgh

Dick Fisher - February 17, 2017 at 12:33 PM