



Robert J. Yoakum

October 22, 1935 - February 23, 2009

ADRIAN – Robert J. Yoakum age 73 of Adrian, passed away Monday, February 23, 2009 at Lenawee Medical Care Facility.

Bob was born on October 22, 1935 in Springfield, Illinois, the son of Jesse and Carrie (Rucker) Yoakum. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1953.

Bob worked as a finish carpenter for Krieghoff for many years. Later he worked for Kewaunee, traveling extensively installing their equipment.

Music was an important part of Bob's life. He sang with several acapella groups and spent a year on a European tour while a student at Harding University. Locally, Bob played banjo and sang with the Family Circle Band. He was a member of Adrian Church of Christ.

Bob is survived by two sons, Dr. James D. Yoakum and John S. Yoakum, both of North Carolina; three stepchildren; several grandchildren; a brother, Tom (Joyce) Yoakum of Connecticut; a sister, Shirley (Leon) Bacus of Gladwin; a special niece, Carol (Jeff) Rockwell of Adrian; and a special cousin, Jackie (Richard) Halsey also of Adrian.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey, and three brothers, John, Jesse

and Claude.

The funeral service for Bob will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009 at Wagley Funeral Home with Roger Harkness officiating. Burial will be private. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Friday from noon until the service. You may also send condolences or sign the register book at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com Contributions in memory of Bob may be made to Adrian Church of Christ. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Robert J. Yoakum

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Bob was always a pleasant person, making jokes once in awhile, playing his banjo on the island in front of his apartment, watching my children grow up. He will be missed by many. And even though he kept to himself, his words of wisdom will forever be with me.

Marie Harris ~ Nob Hill Apartments##imported-begin##Marie (MGR.) and Kevin Harris/Nob Hill Apartments##imported-end##

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“ To Robert's family:

I have known Robert for many years. As a waitress at Bob Evans, we became friends and talked about our families and friends. I've been gone from there many years but I saw him often in town. His intelligence and wit were beyond measure. He never forgot my birthday and he always sent me his "philosophies on life". He will be missed. Letting you know how much his family met to him and how his life impacted others.

Sincerest Sympathies,

Jackie McKown##imported-begin##Jackie McKown##imported-end##

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“ I have many happy memories of Bob leading singing and working with the youth group when I was a teenager in the Adrian Congregation. I feel I owe a lot to him for helping me establish a foundation to my faith over my lifetime. I hope to see him again someday!###imported-begin###Pam Cooper Putnam###imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your loss and you're in my prayers.###imported-begin###Vera Kaderabek###imported-end##

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“ 'So sorry about your loss, and sorry that we can't be there. We are in Florida and won't be returning until about March 16th. We seek God's favor on you all.###imported-begin###Jim & Lois (Baker) Williams###imported-end##

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“ I will miss the letters from 'Dear Old Dad', he always signed off that way. I will always keep the songs he recently shared with me. They were beautiful. John 14:27-29###imported-begin###Jill Combs (formerly Yoakum)###imported-end##

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“ I knew Robert from our many times drinking coffee at the Adrian Big Boy and Bob Evans. Robert always was a gentleman and enjoyable to talk to. We had many conversations on our shared faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ and the political situation of the time. He was always a pleasure to meet and chat with. I was always proud to introduce him to my friends and family. Robert, you will be missed at the "counter". You now are rejoicing in the presence of Our Lord.
Your friend Ned##imported-begin##Ned Newlin##imported-end##

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