



Robert John Irvine

October 25, 1938 - August 1, 2025

On August 1, 2025, Robert John Irvine left his earthly body and gained his eternal spot in heaven.

Robert was born October 25, 1938 in Towanda Pennsylvania. Robert, Bob, Bobby, or RJ - no matter how you referred to him - was compassionate, had an amazing work ethic & deep patriotism, and rarely said no when asked to help with anything. Bob spent his first 11 years living on the family farm in Liberty Corners with his parents and siblings. At 11, he left home to work on the Frank Bride farm. Bob worked on the farm until he graduated from Towanda High School with the class of 1956. After graduation, he enlisted into the U.S. Navy. During his Navy service, he was stationed in Lakehurst, NJ before earning the honor to join the first crew of the USS Independence when it was commissioned into service. The ship was stationed off of Cuba and NYC for most of Bob's time in the service. He was very proud of his service to his country and spent many hours over the past year sitting in his chair looking out the window at his Flag.

After returning from the service, Bob worked for several years for Robert Housewart hauling milk from local farms to the Elmira creamery. In July of 1963, Bob went to work at Penelec. He started in the supply room, became a well-respected lineman, and retired as the safety supervisor. After retirement, Bob helped his best buddy John Sullivan bail hay for a few years. He enjoyed this immensely and was always happy when on a tractor.

Bob was the President of the Towanda Gun Club for many years. The Club

was a place he went to relax and enjoy fellowship with many friends. He always said the Club's annual clambake was the best. Bob was also a member of the Wysox Lodge #1152 Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Bob maintained the Odd Fellows building and the Macedonia Cemetery for over 20 years until his health would no longer allow it. All of the original crosses in the Macedonia Cemetery were constructed and placed by Bob. He took great pride in the appearance of the cemetery and honored all of the veterans who are buried there. Bob was a 50+ year member of the Union Royal Arch Masonic Temple, the Towanda American Legion, and the Monroeton Gun Club.

Bob met the love of his life Marion Y. Miller Irvine when they were 5 years old. They fell in love while holding hands to see Santa at the court house in Towanda. They began their formal courtship at 16 and married on 06/22/1958. They recently celebrated 67 years of wedded bliss. During their marriage, they had one daughter, Terrie Lynn. Terrie Lynn will tell you she was the most blessed, loved and spoiled child in the world. Her childhood was filled with camping trips, vacations with her Aunt Janice, Uncle Denny and cousins - who are more like brother and sister - Thomas Dennis and Kathy Martin. Bob very rarely told Terrie no, and if she begged enough, those no's became yeses. What a blessing to know as a parent that your child thinks you were the best and tells you often.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Marion Y. Irvine, daughter and son-in-law Terrie Lynn & Ralph Schoonover II, granddaughter Rebecca Zimmerman, grandson Cory Schoonover & fiancé Allen Wood, sister Marilyn Waluk, sisters-in-law Janice Dennis and Marlene Benjamin, brother-in-law and sister-in-law David & Susan Miller, and niece Nicole Miller Hurley & nephew Christopher Miller who were always treated more like his own children. He also is survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and more friends that you can count.

Bob is predeceased by his parents, Charles and Helen Irvine (Bishop), brother and sister-in-law Ronald and Nancy Irvine, brother and sister-in-law Donald

and Odessa Irvine, brothers-in-law Thomas Waluk , Lawrence Dennis and Layton "Skip" Benjamin. He is also predeceased by Terrie's first husband Harry Jacob Zimmerman.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family as per Bob's wishes.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

French Asylum Cemetery

French Asylum Road
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

BR

“ To the family of Bob I. Sending you my sincere condolences on your loss. He was always smiling and so easy to talk to at the Club. He will be missed by all who knew him. RIP Bob...”



bernita rice - August 25, 2025 at 11:46 AM

EM

“ Terrie, my condolences on the loss of your father. A friend from afar, Eric Mullendore.”

Eric Mullendore - August 09, 2025 at 04:00 PM

SD

“ sorry to hear of the loss of bob,worked with him a few years at penelec,as nice of a person you could find,may he rest in peace.prayers to the family.
skip dunn, new albany

skip dunn - August 08, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ I have known Uncle Bob since 1979 by marriage to Brian Waluk we kept in touch over the years even if Brian and I weren't together. He always treated me like family! Sorry I didn't get to see you before you passed away! Always in my Heart!! Love Shelli ❤️❤️

Shelli Waluk - August 07, 2025 at 11:28 AM

KS

“ Awsome person the Odd Fellows will miss you

Keith Slocum - August 03, 2025 at 06:09 PM

SC

“ Bob was always a great friend at the Towanda Gun Club and a great neighbor in Macedonia. He will be missed by many people. My sincere condolences to the family.

Sally Stempel Cochrane
Winter Park FL

Sara Cochrane - August 02, 2025 at 12:56 PM

BM

Bob was our next door neighbor and friend for 59 years. We could not have asked for a better neighbor or friend. He will be truly missed by us and all who knew him. Our sympathies to Marion and Terrie and all of his family. The neighborhood will not be the same. Rest in piece Bob until we all meet again.

Bill and Margaret Dell

Bill and Margaret - August 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM

 Gila Beers

What a wonderful man, how much he loved his family..Condolences to Marion and Terrie...A great lineman, one of the elite group back in their day with Penelec..Bob had nothing but respect and treasured his friendship..We are so saddened by his passing...Love, Bob and Gila Beers

Gila Beers - August 03, 2025 at 06:49 PM

SW

Sue Wheeler worked with Bob at Penelec. everyone respected him. He was a great guy Saw him alot at Shores with Marian always kept his property and cemetery here in Macedonia beautiful. Loved his family We are very sorry for your loss

Sue Wheeler - August 07, 2025 at 08:23 AM