



## Robert George Meyer, Sr.

October 7, 1923 - March 2, 2008

Robert George Meyer, Sr., 84, resident of Cottonwood, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2008. Bob was born October 7, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York. During WWII, he served as a gunner on a bomber named "Ronnie" on 31 B-24 combat missions in Europe, with the 704th Bomb Squadron, 446th Bomb Group, 8th Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. For his service to his country, he was awarded the European-African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one bronze star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Good Conduct Medal with one overseas service bar. Upon his return from the war, he became a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service in Beverly, Massachusetts. On March 23, 1948, he married the love of his life, Shirley Massey. He retired from the Post Office in 1978 with 27 years of service. For the first two years of their retirement, Bob and Shirley traveled the U.S., crisscrossing the country multiple times before settling in Cottonwood in 1980. Their love of antiquing lead to the start of the Annual Verde Valley Antique and Collectible Show in the early 1980\u0027s. Bob was also one of the builders of the original Verde Valley Community Center and started the tradition of their regular spaghetti suppers. He was also one of the builders of the original VFW Post 7400 at the Cottonwood Fairgrounds. He was very proud of his service to his country and remained active with Post 7400 and the 446th Bomb Group, attending many of their annual reunions around the U.S. In November of 2007, Bob was interviewed for the Veterans History Project and provided a video-taped oral

history of his WWII service to be deposited in the permanent collections of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress. The deposited documentary materials serve as a record of American veterans' wartime experiences and are used for scholarly and educational purposes. Bob leaves behind his children, Robert G. Meyer, Jr. of Castle Rock, Colorado, and Carol Kenney with her husband, Ed of Abilene, Kansas; and his brother, Charles A. Meyer of Greenacres, Florida. He also leaves seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by Shirley, his wife of 58 years; his stepson, Donald K. Nelson; his brothers, Edwin Meyer and Herman Meyer; and his sister, Dorothy Anderson. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Old Town Mission, 116 E. Pinal St., Cottonwood, Arizona 86326. A joint celebration for Bob's and Shirley's lives will be held at Westcott Funeral Home on May 24, 2008 at 10:00am. An online guestbook is available at [www.westcottfuneralhome.com](http://www.westcottfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ We love and miss you, Great Uncle Bob

Jeff & Laura Lysiak - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

BD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss. Love, Bill and Family

Bill & Michelle Dearborn - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

AF

“ Our prayers are with you. Adam, Juliette, Brett, Jordan & Ben Lysiak

Adam Lysiak & Family - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

LM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Linda, Sara & Lisa Meyer - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

JO

“ Bob Jr. and Carol and your families, Bob and Shirley such a wonderful couple. I rarely saw one without the other I'm sure they are together again enjoying each other. They were wonderful friends. I could always ask them about antiques and they knew what it was and how much it was worth. I really missed them when I sold my shop. Bob always had such good stories to tell. My sympathy to all of the family.

JOAN - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We miss seeing Bob's smiling face. God Bless.

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**Derrick and Alyson Lankford** - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

DN

“ Mr Grampy was a wonderful man. He really took very good care of my Nana. Although it has been a couple of years ago when I last saw him, I was very fortunate to see him and Nana when they both came out to California to visit. Also, they were very helpful when my father past away in 1999. He will be missed. God Bless.

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**Derek Nelson** - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM