



Robert E. Hooker

March 30, 1931 - January 31, 2017

Obituary of Robert Hooker

Hooker, Robert Earl, 85, of Leesburg, Florida, passed away January 31, 2017. Bob was born in Painted Post, NY, on March 30, 1931. He graduated from Corning Northside High school and went on to earn his degree from Rochester Institute of Technology after completing his service in the U.S. Army in 1954. He worked for Iszard's Department Store in Elmira, NY, for over 20 years beginning his retail career as a buyer and was Merchandise Manager for the store when he left in 1979. He relocated to Englewood, FL, where he and his wife owned and operated the Red Pelican Boutique & Marina for 10 years before retiring in 1989. In 2008, the couple moved to Leesburg, Florida, to further enjoy retirement. Throughout his years in business in New York and Florida, He was active in several civic organizations including Kiwanis, Elks, SCORE, SPCA, Englewood area Chamber of Commerce, and Tidwell Hospice. He enjoyed N Gauge Trains, reading about our nation's history, and traveling with his wife. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Barbara, of Leesburg, FL; daughters Patricia (Dennis) Ryan of Port Charlotte, FL, and Janice (Edward) Kyle of Sarasota, FL; Sisters Diana (John) Tschantre and Elizabeth Horan of Campbell, NY, and Marlene Palmer of Corning, NY, along with several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Della Hooker, sister, Eleanor Meyers, and brother, Richard. Interment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Memorial donations may be made to the hospice or animal welfare organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ You have all been in our thoughts and prayers during this tough time. So sorry for your loss. I know you have many wonderful memories to carry you til you meet again. Hugs to all.

Janet & Steven Jones - February 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM