



## Robert J. Bird

October 27, 1939 - December 7, 2025

Robert J. Bird, 86, passed peacefully into eternity on December 7, 2025, with his family at his side. Born at home on October 27, 1939, in Darlington, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Richard R. and Marcella E. (Mahon) Bird. Bob graduated from East Palestine High School in Ohio and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green University. A gifted athlete, he excelled in football throughout high school and continued as a standout tackle for Bowling Green, even reaching the final draft stage with the Houston Oilers.

On August 4, 1962, Bob married his high school sweetheart, with whom he shared 49 years of devoted marriage until her passing in 2011. He is also preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Jeanne Bird. He is lovingly survived by his daughter Julie Loos (Jeffrey) his grandsons, Matthew and Tyler Cairns, who were the greatest pride and joy of his life, and his faithful canine companion, Timmy.

Bob dedicated 36 years to Carrollton High School as a teacher, coach, and athletic director, shaping students with lessons in hard work, discipline, and respect. After retiring from education, he continued his life of service at the Salvation Army's Camp NEOSA, working as caretaker and maintenance for 18 1/2 years before retiring fully at almost 80 years old.

A member of the Dellroy Ruritans since 1993, Bob served many years as treasurer and took great pride in contributing to the community he loved. Of all his accomplishments, his greatest was his family. He exemplified selfless

devotion, loving them through quiet acts of service and a subtle sense of humor that brought them all joy and amusement throughout the years. He had a gift for caring for others' needs before they even realized them themselves. Family and friends are invited to honor his life on Thursday, December 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for visitation followed by a service officiated by Pastor Scott Welch at Dellroy Christ Community Church, where Bob was a long-time member. Burial will follow at Baxter's Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dellroy Ruritans to continue Bob's legacy of community service.

# Cemetery Details

## Baxter's Ridge Cemetery

4006 Jade Road NW  
Carrollton, OH 44615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Christ Community Church of Dellroy  
20 East Main Street  
Dellroy, OH 44620

## Service

DEC 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Mr. Bird taught me to drive in drivers education. He was a very nice man. RIP*  
*Tammy Ayers*

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**Tammy Ayers** - December 11, 2025 at 09:40 AM

ML

“ *Majors Josh & Cat Lyle purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Robert J. Bird.*



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**Majors Josh & Cat Lyle** - December 11, 2025 at 12:01 AM

TR

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Bird's passing. I have so many memories of him while we were growing up. I remember riding to football games in the back of the VW bug and him letting us collect the equipment from the football field at the end of the games.*

*I was always struck by his quiet and thoughtful manner and enjoyed seeing him work around in the yard near the big weeping willow tree and pond when I was visiting with Julie.*

*My deepest sympathy to the family, as it was evident to see how much they meant to him, and also how much his family loved him.*

*Here's to a life well-lived, Mr. Bird...*

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**Teri (Westfall) Reese** - December 10, 2025 at 11:14 PM



“ *Condolences to family and friends! Mr. Bird was beloved by many at Camp NEOSA. He always made the campers smile and laugh. Such a beautiful kind hearted man.*



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**Tatum Grace** - December 10, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Bird.*



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December 10, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert J. Bird.*



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December 10, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *From The Bartones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert J. Bird.*

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**From The Bartones** - December 10, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Bird.*



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December 10, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *So sad to hear this! What a great guy ! I'm thinking of your family and prayers for comfort. He can see Patty again . What a day that will be! Sincerely, Darcy Baker*

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**Darcy Baker** - December 10, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Condolences to the family. Loved him as a teacher! He had a great sense of humor. He taught my Driver's Ed class. I don't know how he did it! Teaching my own kids how to drive was so nerve racking! And to think he would just jump in the car with brand new drivers all the time? Oh my! Haha Man must've had nerves of steel! R.I.P., Mr. Bird.*

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**Angela Howard** - December 10, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ *Mr Bird was great! I remember him picking me up by my ears for running through the halls at Dellroy. Funny it's one of my favorite memories. Liked him a lot. He will be missed*

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**Don Power** - December 09, 2025 at 04:55 PM

HH

“ Farewell to a great friend and gentleman! We taught together in Carrollton, and our friendship continued on. His wife was my School Secretary at Dellroy! Our Condolences!  
Harry. Dee Ann Horstman

Harry & Dee Ann Horstman - December 09, 2025 at 03:21 PM

CG

“ He will be missed by so many! He and his wife were such a blessing to my family. Prayers for the family and for all who knew of his kindness and faithful heart!

Carolyn George - December 09, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CR

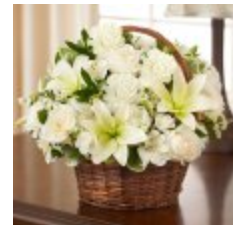
“ Cassidy, Chuck & Tammy, Karen Ricketts purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Robert J. Bird.



Cassidy, Chuck & Tammy, Karen Ricketts - December 09, 2025 at 02:15 PM

MB

“ Mark Ball purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Robert J. Bird.



Mark Ball - December 09, 2025 at 01:56 PM

MB

“ Mark Ball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert J. Bird.

Mark Ball - December 09, 2025 at 01:56 PM

DA

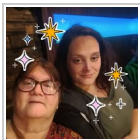
“ Sending heartfelt sympathy to Bob’s family and friends.  
Bill and Doreen Abrahims

Doreen ( Westfall ) Abrahims - December 09, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Prayers to the family. He was a great, yet very patient teacher, when it came to driver's ed inside the classroom.

Sarah Ridgeway - December 09, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ So sorry to hear this...I worked many years with Mr. Bird at camp neosa...he always had a kind word or word of inspiration when I was feeling down or defeated...He will surely be missed.

Tracy Neal - December 09, 2025 at 01:32 PM

MH

“ I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Bird’s passing. I graduated with his daughter Julie and always enjoyed Mr. Bird- had him for driver’s education in high school when they still taught driver’s education in school. He was a very kind and very patient man, perfect person to teach driving to neophyte drivers some of which would put too much pressure on the brake when they were driving and Mr. Bird’s morning coffee subsequently spilled all over him— he never complained, just told the driver to use a little less pressure next time! My deepest condolences to Julie and his grandsons!

Mandal Haas - December 09, 2025 at 12:22 PM

AG

“ *Very sorry to hear that Mr. Bird passed away. Always liked him when I knew him when I was a student at CHS. Prayers to the family.*

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**Amber (Yeager) Grunder** - December 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM

CH

“ *I was very saddened to hear of Bob Bird's passing. Mr. Bird was the athletic director at Carrollton and as a coach I worked for him daily during many baseball seasons. Mr. Bird never had a critical word and always let you do your job without any negative interference. I will always appreciate his support that he gave to the coaches of Carrollton High School.*

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**Curt Hensley** - December 09, 2025 at 11:44 AM

GR

“ *So very sorry for your loss. May God give His comfort and peace to all. We can remember Mr Bird from when we were in High School, a very kind man.*

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**Gene and Barb Roudebush** - December 09, 2025 at 10:51 AM