



## Robert A. Berkemer

May 11, 1926 - September 25, 2019

Robert A. Berkemer, age 93, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2019 with family around him. He was born on May 11, 1926 on Perry Street, in the Columbus Flytown neighborhood to Fredrick and Nellie Berkemer. He was a graduate of Central High School, immediately joining the U.S. Navy where he served in the Pacific theater in WW II. His ship, LCS-79 traveled extensively throughout the Philippines and beyond, and was heading for Japan when notified that the bomb had been dropped, ending the war. He returned to Columbus and studied at Ohio State, but left to become a member of the Columbus Fire Department in the recruit Class of 1948. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Nellie; brothers, Freddy and Harry; infant twins, Elizabeth and Lester; sisters, Anne and Helen; and cousin, Denzil. He is survived by his four children, Robert (Kirsten), Michael, Thomas (Paula) and Linda (Paul) Boldin; grandsons, Christopher Colin Berkemer and Paul John Boldin Jr.; many nieces and nephews; and dear friends. The Fire Department was a huge part of Robert's life, along with The Flytown Club, made up of members who were childhood friends of Robert. His second Canadian home on McGregor Bay for more than 30 years was a place for family and friends to come and relax, fish and create memories of a lifetime, and his door was always open. Robert never met a stranger. He had a long and happy life, and now would say, "was transferred to five unit". Rest easy, dad. You will be missed by all. Family will receive friends from 3-4 PM on Monday, October 21, 2019 at SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL, 1740 Zollinger Road, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221, where a Memorial Service will be held at 4 PM and a reception to follow. Have a drink in his honor, and think of a happy memory you shared with him. That would be his wish for all.

# Events

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Visitation

03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Schoedinger Northwest Chapel

1740 Zollinger Road, Columbus, OH, US, 43221

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Memorial Service

04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Bobby, I will miss you each and everyday. You have been like a Father to me and a great friend. You knew me since I was 3 days old, and became a great friend that allowed me to go to your Canada home for 30 years and more than that on many fishing trips before you bought you home up there. These were some of the best time in my life. I met some of the best people up there that I still call friends. Without you this would have never been possible. Over the last few years I had the chance to pay you back a little but taking you to many meetings and breakfasts with friends and fellow Fire Fighters. Thanks you for being part of my life. I love you my friend. Thank you again, for allowing me to be part of your life. I'll miss you my friend but know your watching over us. Rest In Peace Berky. Tell everyone up there we are thinking of them.

Dale Miller

Dale Miller - October 08 at 10:29 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert A. Berkemer.



September 27 at 09:10 PM

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“ So sorry we will miss this service we will be in North Carolina. I fished with Bob up north. He grew up with my family in fly town. The Petrellas and Tarentellis. I joined the CFD in 1973 and met Bob. He recognizes my name and told me he use to bounce me on his knee. He was a great man with a smile as big as the Great Lake he fished.

Bernie Nance - September 27 at 03:34 PM