



# Robert L. Yanke, Jr.

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### **R**obert Yanke, Jr. Obituary

Robert L. Yanke, Jr., 65, of Lorain and formerly of Elyria, died June 28, 2012 at his home. He was born August 13, 1946 in Elyria and was a 1964 graduate of Elyria High School. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and was stationed in Taiwan. Bob was formerly employed for 20 years at General Motors Fisher Body in Elyria. Later in life, he was passionate about helping Vietnam veterans and was a founding member of Veterans Who Care Ohio Chapter. He was a fundraiser for the Retired Police and Firefighters of Ohio; The Blue Knights and Veteran Firefighters of American Legion #339. Bob was a member of St. Lads Club in Lorain and was a fun loving guy, always ready to tell a joke, play poker or have a beer with his buddies. Bob is survived by a daughter Jennifer L. Yanke of Lorain; son Jeffrey L. Yanke of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Kimberly Yanke, of Huron; stepson Dante Santiago of Savannah, Georgia; stepdaughter Dawnelle Santiago of Strongsville, Ohio; grandchildren Orlando and Erica L. Velez and Marisa and Ciera Yanke, one great granddaughter and former wives Linda Basile and Cindy Yanke. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert L. and Lois A. (nee Fell) Yanke, Sr. Friends will be received Monday, July 2, 2012 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Dicken Funeral Home, 323 Middle Ave. Elyria, OH. A graveside service will be Tuesday, July 3, 2012, 11:00 a.m. at Brookdale Cemetery in Elyria. Reverend Jonathan McCleery will officiate with Elyria V.F.W. #1079 conducting military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to The Bob Yanke Funds for Vets, C/O First Federal Savings of Lorain, 2233 East 42nd Street, Lorain, OH 44055.

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MR

**Mrs. Barbara Resch** posted:

To Jennifer, Olley, & Erica & family, A famous historian Toynbee wrote: "From the moment of birth there is the constant possibility that a human being may die at any moment; and inevitably this possibility is going to become an accomplished fact." Unfortunately this is the the fact today for you all. But with the wonderful memories you each posses of your Dad or Grandad will help in future days when you miss him so. It is best also to know that in the Bible it says there will be a time when "all those in the memorial tombs will hear His voice and come out to life" John 5:28,29. So, with knowing that we we can look forward to that near future time. Know as friends we too share your sadness and hope this will comfort you. The Resch family

July 8 at 8:00 PM

TG

**Tom Gutowski** posted:

RIP old friend. I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I had just tried to make contact with him in January but to no avail. Bob and I were best friends in high school and enlisted in the USAF together before we graduated along with another classmate, Bob Trockley. We never gave Vietnam a thought until we were all well on our way through basic training. Anyway, Bob and I shared an adventure together to Florida during our sophmore year in high school for spring break. We should have never double dated to the drive-in to see "Where the boys are" with Connie Francis and swore that night that we had to go! What young adventurous young men we were. We got lost in New York on the way there too - Harlam in the 60's no less! - and hitchhiked from VA the rest of the way. We slept in a pool hall and washed boats in the marina to make money. I wished we would have kept in touch all of the years. They split us up after basic training and that was that. My sincerest sympathies to the entire family and I would welcome anyone that would care to write. Tom

July 4 at 8:00 PM

KH

**Kathy Kiely Horvath** posted:

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful guy I remember fondly from high school.

July 1 at 8:00 PM

NR

**Nancy Fike And Fran Ramos** posted:

We are so sorry for your lose. Will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers and if there is anything that we can do to help in this sad time please let us know.

June 30 at 8:00 PM



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**Linda And Charles Cecil** posted:

We will always remember the good times with Bob, Jim and Cindy. We miss you all and will miss Bob's humor and good times we shared. Bob was always a lot of fun and he will be missed.

June 30 at 8:00 PM



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