



Robert W. Yeazell Jr

November 21, 1928 - August 22, 2022

It is with a heavy heart that we have to inform you that Robert W. Yeazell Jr (Bob) has passed away in his sleep at home on Aug. 22, 022. He was comforted by many family members. Bob was the only child of Robert W. Sr. and Ellen Ayer Yeazell. He was born in Springfield, Ohio. He was educated at St. Raphael Elementary, Springfield Catholic High School, and University of Dayton.

Bob became a Master Electrician like his father, owning and operating The Yeazell Electric Company. There was an exception here. At an early age his father gifted him with an alto sax, and this changed his life forever.

While in high school he organized a small dance band, playing any gig they could - school dances, service and social clubs. Then had organized a 12 piece band. This paved the way for gigs at country clubs, ballrooms, wedding receptions and more service and social clubs all over Ohio.

Then Bob was drafted into the Army (Korean War). He was stationed at Red Stone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama as a Technical Writer. With music running through his veins, he soon had a small band playing at a lounge in town. Not long after, General Vincent called him to come to his office. Bob didn't have a clue what he had done wrong. Gen. Vincent soon began asking about his musical background and was very impressed. Then the reason for the

summons was announced..Gen. Vincent stated that all the posts had a marching band except him. Did Cpl. Yeazell think he could field a marching band for him? The answer was YES! With recruiting members from base, borrowing instruments and charts from schools, and lots of practice a band arose. Gen. Vincent was was so proud of his "45 piece marching band" that he had them at every parade within miles.

After his discharge, Bob & family returned to Springfield. He then organized a 15 piece dance band under the name BUDDY YOUNG. This then evolved into The Buddy Young Dance Band and Show. They played ballrooms, country clubs, fairs, senior centers, etc. from coast to coast and Canada. Buddy eventually moved to Florida, playing the same venues. The only difference was that all his children were very talented and also played in the band.

We miss you Buddy..

Buddy is survived by his wife, 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

His funeral Mass was held at St Jude Cathedral , St. Petersburg. with Military and Committal Rites at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Clearwater, Fl

Arrangements by R. L. Williams & Son

Cemetery Details

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

5233 118th Ave. N
Clearwater, FL 33760

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home
3530 49th Street N
Petersburg, FL 33710
(727) 527-1177
rlwilliamsfh@yahoo.com

Service

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Jude Cathedral
5815 5th Avenue N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Committal

AUG 27. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Calvary Catholic Cemetery
5233 118th Ave. N
Clearwater, FL 33760

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the Yeazell family on the loss of "Mr. Yeazell." The notice in the paper brought back a flood of memories from the old 44th O.V.I. days to the old family homestead on Stratford. May the family cling to all of the memories---especially the musical memories---in finding peace.*
Warmest regards and prayers. Richard Carey

richard carey - September 26, 2022 at 09:39 AM

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“ *Dear Family: My husband Gil Byerman substituted on saxophone in Bob's band many times. We lived in the Springfield and Enon areas. I don't remember ever having met Bob myself. Gil developed Parkinson's disease at age 46 and lived with it for 35 years. He passed 5 years ago. He was a music teacher, taught private music lessons and played professionally in many bands and orchestras. I am sorry for your loss.*
Blessings to all, Ann Byerman

Ann Byerman - September 24, 2022 at 06:40 PM



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Tim Yeazell - August 31, 2022 at 08:28 AM

DR

“ Cindy, I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Our prayers are with you and your family. Denise & Frank Reilly

Denise Reilly - August 28, 2022 at 05:53 PM

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“ I met Mr Yeazell when I became best friends with his daughter, Cindy. He was always kind, laughing, boisterous and the home was always full of fun and friends of his children. He was very passionate about his music and he instilled that in his children. God speed Mr. Yeazell, that "big band" is waiting up above for you to blow your horn.

Nanette Rhodes

N Rhodes - August 26, 2022 at 12:50 PM

BH

“ George & I send our condolences and prayers to your family. It is so hard to lose a loved one. May he rest in peace.

Brenda Hensley - August 24, 2022 at 04:23 PM

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Diane Yeazell - August 24, 2022 at 01:08 PM