



## Bob Christian

June 13, 1921 - January 20, 2022

Mr. Robert Thomas “Bob” Christian, 100, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Miller’s Merry Manor in Indianapolis. He was born in Lebanon, Indiana on June 13, 1921, a son of the late Thomas L. “Tommy” and Winnie Mae (Ashley) Christian.

On September 28, 1946, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Fae (Hollingsworth) Christian. They had celebrated sixty-six years together before she passed away on November 23, 2012

On July 20, 1942, Bob was inducted into the United States Army and was assigned to the 109th Engineers (Combat), 34th Infantry Division as a clerk typist. He was sent to Casablanca, Morocco and then travelled to Oran and Algiers, Algeria. He then left for Tunisia and took a ship to Italy. While serving in Italy, he visited Rome and Florence. After being away for 3 years, 3 months, and 6 days, Bob returned to Camp Atterbury. On November 9, 1945, his parents and 15-year-old sister, who he hadn’t seen in over three years, picked him up to take him home.

Upon his return, Bob finished his bachelor’s degree in Engineering at Wabash College. In 1951, he began work for Western Electric in Indianapolis as an electrical engineer. He retired after 34 years of service. After retirement he told his family, “I cannot remember going to work and not enjoying myself.”

Bob was a member of the Elks Club, American Legion, and VFW. He and his wife loved to travel, so he took her to Italy to show her the sites he had visited and served during WWII. He loved to play Bridge and golf during his retirement years. He also enjoyed playing the piano and other instruments.

In June 2021 his family celebrated his centennial birthday with a dinner. At that time, Bob shared with the family his handwritten birth certificate which everyone enjoyed seeing.

Survivors include his two children, Terrence W. Christian and Melissa C. Ebert; grandson, Matthew C. Ebert; great grandson, Aiden C. Ebert; brother-in-law, James Hilboldt; nieces and nephews, James Hilboldt, Katherine Farrell, Suzanna Hilboldt, Thomas Hilboldt, Melanie Goff, Perry Irwin, Todd Irwin, Kristina Smiley, and all of their families.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Bob was preceded in death by a sister, Martha Hilboldt; brother, Charles Christian; son-in-law, Steven L. Ebert; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Brontelle "Brontë" Christian; and two grandchildren, Benjamin Thomas Ebert and Holly Kristen Ebert.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Myers Mortuary with military rites. Burial of ashes will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon. Memorials in Bob's memory may be directed to the VFW or Wabash College. Online Condolences: [www.myersmortuary.com](http://www.myersmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
(765) 482-0620  
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<https://myersmortuary.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob Christian*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Melissa & family: condolences and prayers for comfort during this time*



**Elaine Kinsler** - May 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *My husband and I have enjoyed the game of bridge for the game itself and also for the pleasure of spending time with other bridge players. We met Bob and Marge over the bridge table and enjoyed some years of playing in the same bridge group with them—always interesting conversation and fun times. They were a joy to know—our sympathy to the family.*

*Ruth Tout*

**Ruth Tout** - January 29, 2022 at 10:02 AM



*Sorry to hear of Bobs passing. My husband worked w Bob and we played Friday night couples bridge with he and Marge for many many years. My sympathy to Terry and Missie.*  
*Coila Stevens*

**Coila Stevens** - February 15, 2022 at 09:41 AM