



## Mr. Robert Mason Kipp

April 17, 1928 - April 14, 2014

Robert Mason Kipp, 85, of Hartsville, SC, passed away on April 14, 2014, with his family by his side.

Bob was born to the late George and Mildred Kipp, Apr. 17, 1928, in Piqua, Ohio. Upon graduation from Piqua Central High School in 1946, Bob joined the Army serving honorably as a medic in occupied Europe following the end of WWII. Returning home, Bob attended Ohio University on the GI Bill receiving both a BA and MA in History in 1955. While at OU, Bob met and married his wife of over 60 years, Norma Jeanne McCally of Mansfield, OH.

Bob was a career military historian retiring as the Chief of History for Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs, CO in 1991 (Peterson AFB). During his distinguished civil service career, Bob and family lived in Omaha, NE (Offutt AFB, HQ Strategic Air Command) and Germany (Ramstein AFB). Bob was a passionate reader of military history books and an accomplished painter of miniature military soldiers. He was an avid supporter of the Denver Broncos and The Ohio State University Buckeye sports teams. Most importantly, Bob was a devoted family man and a living embodiment of Tom Brokaw's 'The Greatest Generation'.

Bob's death was preceded by his son, Bryan. Bob is survived by his loving wife and three adoring children: Susan Kipp of Lothian, MD; Karen Payne of

Evergreen, CO; and David Kipp of Hartsville, SC. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Vincent, Cameron, Anastasia and Vivian.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Funeral arrangements are being made by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home of Hartsville, SC, and will be announced at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ I enjoyed getting to know Mr Kipp; he was a sweet man ! I am praying for your family.  
Jenny Rogers

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**jenny rogers** - April 16, 2014 at 06:35 AM

RB

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Please find comfort in the resurrection promise at John 5:28,29 that reads: "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all that are in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come forth."

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**R Brown** - April 15, 2014 at 06:31 AM

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*I am truly sorry for your loss. Mr Bob was a dear sweet man. He will be missed.*

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**Elaine Lewis, RN Agape Hospice** - April 15, 2014 at 09:49 AM