



Robert Deaver Holtzman

December 31, 1933 - September 23, 2025

Albany, NY-Robert D. “Bob” Holtzman, 91, died suddenly on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. He was born and lived in Hyde Park, New York until October 2024 and most recently was a resident of Coburg Village, Rexford, New York.

Born in Poughkeepsie, New York on December 31, 1933, he was the son of the late Gerald R. Holtzman and Gwendolyn M. “Gwen” Temple and was the stepson of the late G. William “Bill” Temple. He attended school in Hyde Park, New York and graduated from Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in 1951. He married Kathleen Murphy Holtzman on April 24, 1966, in Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park, and they shared 44 years together until her passing on April 27, 2010.

He served on active duty for the U.S. Navy aboard the flight deck of the USS Midway (CV-41) from 1952 – 1956, followed by four years of inactive reserve service. Bob then worked for IBM in Poughkeepsie, New York, retiring in 1991 after 35 years as a Systems Analyst – Data Management.

Bob lived a full life on his own terms, remaining in his Hyde Park home after his wife's passing before later moving to Coburg Village, where he had the opportunity to spend more time with family. A devoted husband, his steady love and quiet strength carried Kathleen through sickness and health,

standing faithfully by her side with compassion and grace. As a father and grandfather, he was always there, offering support, a listening ear, thoughtful experiences, or simply enjoying the time spent together – that was what he really enjoyed. He took immense pride in his grandchildren, always eager to hear about Emily and Tommy's lives, and spoke of their accomplishments with great joy.

Bob wore many hats over his lifetime and as a dedicated NY Yankees fan, he passed as he lived, with his Yankee ballcap on. He was also a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, baseball coach, and a proud member of the American Legion, serving as Commander – Post 1303 from 1965-1966. During his many years of his retirement, Bob enjoyed traveling with Kathleen and pursuing his passions for skiing, fishing, and shotgun shooting.

Along with his loving wife, parents and stepfather, Bob was predeceased by his brother Ronald R. Holtzman and his wife Joyce; sister-in-law, Patricia H. Young; nephews Kenneth Holtzman and Brian P. Young.

Bob is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Mark R. Holtzman and his wife, Patricia, of Clifton Park, New York; and his son, Scott A. Holtzman; as well as two grandchildren, Emily and Thomas Holtzman.

Other survivors include his niece, Teresa Ellmyer; great-nephews, Daniel (Stefanie) Ellmyer, Steven Ellmyer and Matthew (Courtney) Ellmyer, along with their collective children Theda Mae, Daniel, Raymond, Henry, Lorretta, Bryn, Alissa, Madison and Emily; brother-in-law George Young; two nephews George Young and wife, Dorothy, and John Young and companion, Chris McCartney; and great niece and nephew Megan and Joseph Young.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bob's family 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear

parking lot entrance only. The Funeral Service will immediately follow at 1:00 pm.

The Rite of Committal will be held at a later date.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Equinox, Inc, 500 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 or Scouting America-Twin Rivers Council, 253 Washington Ave, Ext., Albany, NY 12205.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Deaver Holtzman*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JB

“ *I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Bob Holtzman. My condolences to his family. I worked with Bob at IBM in Poughkeepsie at the South Road Lab's MVS Storage Management department in the 1980s. Bob was a technical leader in our department. My older half brother Joe knew him in High School too. In the 2000s, when I moved to the Roosevelt Road area, I would see Bob working on his home or in the neighborhood. He was a down to earth guy with a great sense of humor. He was the type of guy this world needs more of, he'll be missed. Rest in peace, Bob.*

Joel Bogart

Joel Bogart - November 25, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Deaver Holtzman.*

September 27, 2025 at 10:51 AM



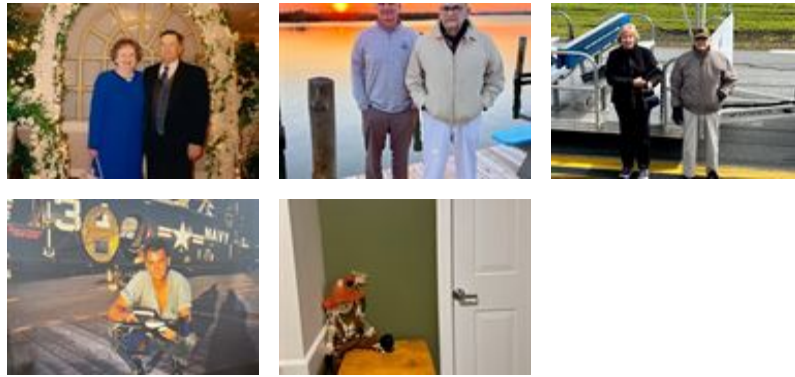
“ Greg Voyzey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Deaver Holtzman.



Greg Voyzey - September 26, 2025 at 12:27 PM



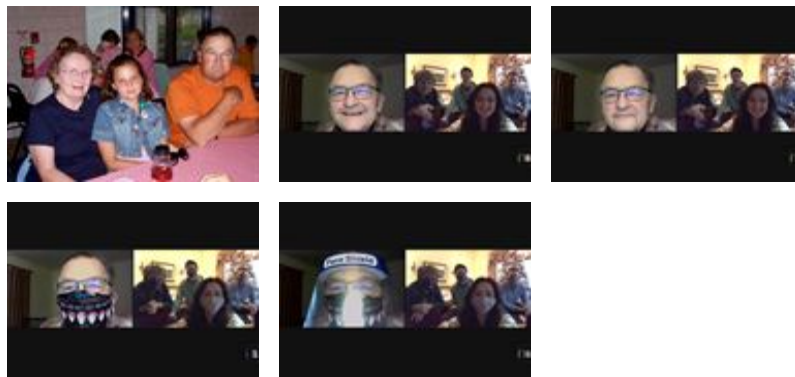
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“ John Young and Christine McCartney purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Deaver Holtzman.



John Young and Christine McCartney - September 25, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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“ John Young and Christine McCartney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Deaver Holtzman.

John Young and Christine McCartney - September 25, 2025 at 02:07 PM

GR

“ My deepest sympathy and continuing prayers for Bob and his wonderful family that he was so very proud. Bob was a great father, father in law, grandfather and person that was dearly respected and loved by his family and for his involvement in the Hyde Park, NY community We had many coffee's and a few donuts at Dunkin Dounuts over the years with interesting and enjoyable conversations about our families, fishing, Hyde Park and the Yankees.

I'll truly miss him!!!

Sincerely,

Gerry Reynolds, friend, Hyde Park, NY.

Gerry Renolds - September 24, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Deaver Holtzman.



September 24, 2025 at 05:19 PM



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