



## Robin David Deneke

January 29, 1957 - November 8, 2013

Robin "Rob" David Deneke, 56, of 219 Cornelson Drive, died unexpectedly November 8, 2013 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Wayne County, Ohio, son of the late Robert Wallace and Vita Hartzler Deneke, he was an employee of Litco International and a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Rob graduated from Smithville High School in Ohio, class of 1975, where he was an active athlete in most sports. He continued to be an active softball player throughout his adulthood. Once he had children he coached softball and soccer then supported his passion of sports through Blue Ridge Athletics in South Carolina.

Surviving are his wife, Annette Dalessandro Deneke of the home; two daughters and son-in-law, Chelsea and Asa Kinnunen of Greer and Mary Beth Deneke of the home; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Judy Deneke of Greer; and three sisters and brother-in-law, Pat Frary and Bea Deneke both of Greer, Sue and Phillip Horst of Granville, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held 5:00 p.m. Wednesday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Pastor Jeff Lageman and Pastor Scottie Burkhalter.

Visitation will be held 3:00-4:45 p.m. Wednesday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to the South Carolina Special Olympics, 1276 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
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## Service

NOV 13. 5:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL  
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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ So Sorry for your loss. Rob and I shared so many years together having played baseball and football with him in High School. Then moving on in life we worked together at Buckeye Container, and still playing softball {slo-pitch and fast-pitch) til we were in our late 30's...still seems like yesterday. Can't leave out the poker playing either with the guys. He missed as he was one of my true friends for most of my life. Thoughts and Prayers go out to the family

*Bruce Beichler*

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**Bruce A Beichler** - November 20, 2013 at 05:42 AM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss. Laura Bonham Stuart, Kannapolis, NC

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**Laura Stuart** - November 16, 2013 at 08:32 AM



“ *I just learned of Rob's passing and am sitting here in disbelief.*

*Hobbit was one of my favorite people at Smithville High School. I was two grades behind him but remember him well-not just from football but from many other contexts as well. We played cards together often with our friends David Blough, Mike Yoder, Bruce Beichler, Jon Peterman and other guys when thier parents and wallets would allow.*

*Other times Hobbit and I would meet at the Smithville Park and play tennis for hours in the sweltering summer heat. He was a true competitor and those were among the most spirited games and among the best of times. Neither of us would give in. Neither of us would quit. Hobbit had the kind of tenacity and grit that I admired.*

*Even though I was younger than Rob he treated me with respect and kindness. He was someone I admired. Someone I looked up to. Someone I really cared about. I regret his passing and look forward to being reunited with him when my number is called.*

*With great respect, Rod Blough. SHS Class of '77*

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**Rod Blough** - November 15, 2013 at 05:34 PM

JG

“ *Very sad to hear about Rob. He and I were good friends on the Sterling fastpitch softball team coached by John Calame. We shared a lot of stories going to games and during the games. May the family be comforted knowing Rob is in a place where there is no more pain. Your teammates from former years will always remember you.*

*Jim Glessner,  
Sterling, Ohio (still)*

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**Jim Glessner** - November 13, 2013 at 08:08 PM

JM

“ Sad to hear of the loss of Rob. It brings back many memories - some from over 45 years ago. I remember staying at his house in grade school. Eating whatever his mom put in front of us - including her outrageously large sugar cookies. Doesn't seem that long ago. Rob also worked for my dad around 40 years ago as a summer job... asphalt paving. ...Too many memories to mention here. Hopefully through the Saving Grace of our Lord I will see him again. Praying for all of Rob's family and friends through this time of grieving.

*John Most*

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**John Most** - November 13, 2013 at 02:55 PM

KJ

“ It is with a heavy heart that I send my thoughts and prayers to Rob's wonderful family. He was a great guy and so instrumental in the development of an unimaginable number of youth in the Blue Ridge community. He meant so much to so many people that I fear I can not do justice to his importance and impact. He was a valuable asset to the softball program at Blue Ridge High School and even after Mary Beth graduated, he was often there to watch the girls play. It is said that the most important part of a person's final memorial is not the date of birth or the year of death but that tiny dash in between that represents a life full of love, memories, and accomplishments. Rob's dash is phenomenal. Coach Jones

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**Kevin Jones** - November 13, 2013 at 09:02 AM

EB

“ So sorry for your loss, he was a great guy..Eileen Bender

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**Eileen Bender** - November 13, 2013 at 08:33 AM

LF

“ Praying for your family at this time of your loss. My Thoughts and Prayer are with you Debbie and your entire family at time. May you find peace knowing he is with his heavenly father. Linda Franks, an old friend from Shreve Ohio.

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**Linda Franks** - November 13, 2013 at 08:05 AM

CS

“ Very sorry to hear about Rob.He was a great classmate. Don't think I have ever heard anyone say anything negative about Rob. Remember the good times!

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**carmen schrock** - November 12, 2013 at 08:06 PM

SB

“ Was so sorry to read about the loss of Rob in the paper today.Annette keeping you,Chelsea and Mary Beth close in my thoughts as well as the whole Deneke family.Annette please let all of the Denekes know we are thinking of them as well. Sarah and Tim Brenneman

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**Sarah Brenneman** - November 12, 2013 at 04:29 PM

DH

“ Sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Rob. Rob and I were good friends and teammates during our years at Smithville. I remember "Hobbit" for his great cross field blocks (often times in the back) and returning to the huddle with a big smile on his face. There is even a picture of Rob in the yearbook depicting his "technique"! Thoughts and prayers to Rob's family.

*Doug Henshaw  
Wooster, OH*

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**Doug Henshaw** - November 12, 2013 at 12:25 PM

KG

“ Prayers go out to the family. Knew Rob from school, sports, & life. A lot of memories from football & baseball. Played baseball with him & was a lineman beside "the hobbit" on our football team. Remember Rob as not only a committed athlete, but a fantastic person too. I'm sure he'll be an asset to the "Big Guy's" team now !!

Ken Gilbert - November 12, 2013 at 10:12 AM

KE

“ Prayers to the family. Knew Rob "Hobbit" from school, sports, & life. Fantastic person!! Have many memories of playing football & baseball with him. He'll be serving the Big Guy now, I'm sure.  
Ken Gilbert

ken - November 12, 2013 at 09:43 AM

JF

“ I was Rob's high school baseball coach and will always remember him by the nickname his teammates gave him of "Hobbit" - he was one of the best I had in 30 yrs. of coaching baseball at Smithville in being able to drive in the runner from second or third base - I usually batted him ninth in the lineup because he wasn't the speediest runner in the world- sad for me to read in today's(Tues. Nov.12th) Wooster Daily Record of his passing- much too young to leave this earth and his family behind - my prayers and best wishes to all of you from his old coach! God Bless All of You in this time of your need! Submitted with the upmost respect for what he did with his life! Coach John Foster - Smithville, Ohio 11/12/13

john foster - November 12, 2013 at 09:17 AM

PG

“ To the family of Rob Deneke, so sorry to read about Rob. I will think of you and your family at this time. Paula Geiser Gerber

Paula Gerber - November 12, 2013 at 08:02 AM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear of Rob passing. I have a lot of great memories playing football with Rob and other sports and playing cards with him in High school. We had some really good times except when Rob won all our money and guys lost bets and ended up streaking down the street. We were all much younger then. Your family is in my prayers.

*David Blough  
Wooster, Ohio*

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**David Blough** - November 12, 2013 at 06:48 AM

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**Chelsea** - November 11, 2013 at 01:13 PM

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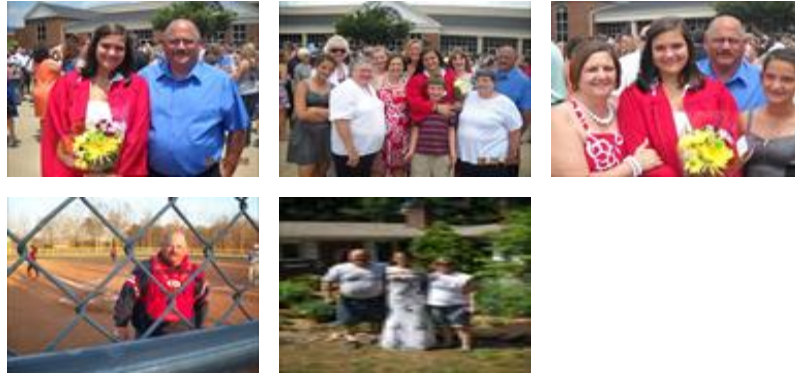


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**Chelsea** - November 11, 2013 at 01:12 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album Robin David Deneke



Chelsea - November 11, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robin David Deneke.



November 10, 2013 at 06:27 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robin David Deneke.



November 10, 2013 at 04:36 PM

KB

“ Rob was a great guy and a good friend to me. With coached softball against each other with our girls. We always wanted to beat Deneke. You only want to beat the best. Will miss you ole buddy.  
Keith Buck

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**Keith Buck** - November 09, 2013 at 03:14 PM

MH

*So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you! maxine Howell*

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**maxine howell** - November 10, 2013 at 03:32 PM