

## OBITUARY



Robert David Grant passed away Friday, October 7, 2011 at the Malcom Randall VAMC in Gainesville, FL. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Phyllis Grant; his daughter, Donna Jean Garrett; his son, David Grant, his step-daughters, Lori (Dan) Smith and Terri (Gary) Consalvi; his step-sons, Tim and Torrance (Gina) Countryman; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and those whose lives he touched during his 86 years of life. Born October 7, 1925, to William Henry Grant and Lila Inscho Grant Watson in Morristown, NJ, Bob grew up in nearby Hackettstown sharing interests in both sports and music. He acted not only as the kicker

for his high school's varsity football team, but played trombone in the band as well. At the age of 17, Bob made the commitment to serve our country in the [U.S. Navy](#) during the height of conflict in [World War II](#). After serving, Bob graduated from Ithaca College with a B.S. in Physical Therapy in 1951. In 1959, while working as an instructor and athletic trainer at [Purdue University](#), he completed his Master's Degree in Physical Education. Bob went on to work as a professor and athletic trainer at Boston University, then The University of Vermont, and finally Ithaca College. During his professional career, he influenced the lives of hundreds of young physical therapists, acting not only as a professor, but a mentor as well. After retiring from Ithaca College in 1983, Bob became the Sports Medicine Coordinator at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the head track and field trainer for the Empire State Games '81-'82, and the '87 National Veterans Wheelchair Games and a member of the medical team at the Watkins Glen Car Races. An avid football fan, Bob loved to share stories about players he had trained, and his many experiences on the football field. He loved reading historical novels, playing golf, singing in the church choir, and spending time with his family. He was also a skilled woodcraftsman, whose creations will adorn his family's homes for many more years to come. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 2011, in the Muller Chapel at Ithaca College. In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Robert David Grant may be made to the Franziska Racker Centers, 3226 Wilkins Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

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