



Mr. Reuben F. Bumpus

March 21, 1936 - April 8, 2015

Mr. Reuben F. Bumpus, founder and sole proprietor of the R. F. Bumpus Co., died Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 1:20 p.m. at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Mr. Bumpus had been ill for nearly a year before passing away at the age of 79. Mr. Reuben F. Bumpus was one of 8 children born to Thelma M. and Johnny O. Bumpus, Sr. on March 21, 1936. He was a graduate of Libbey High School. He attended the University of Toledo and held licenses in all the construction trades. He was a faithful member of Regina Coeli Catholic Church.

Mr. Bumpus served in the Army from 1957 to 1961, in the Medical Corps., achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged after having served his country faithfully. He and Judann Rose Arhutich were married in 1961. She preceded him in death on August 10, 2003.

Mr. Bumpus was a jack of all trades and a Master of Numerous. He started his company in 1961 on a part time basis while working full time as Chief Technologist of the Laboratory at St. Luke's Hospital, then located in the Old West End.

Mr. Bumpus expanded his company in 1968 from specializing in plumbing, heating and residential remodeling to new building construction, institutional, commercial, factory and maintenance and rehabilitation of residential. By 1975, he incorporated his company and resigned from St. Luke's Hospital after many years of dedicated service. He then entered into commercial and industrial construction on a full time management basis.

The R. F. Bumpus Co. did remodeling and new construction. His company

expanded from urban renewal to building schools, gas stations, fast food eateries, fire stations, Toledo Zoo projects, shopping centers, a Ford Plant in Avon Lake, OH and an airport in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The R. F. Bumpus Co. left its mark in the community after almost 50 years in business.

Mr. Bumpus was a man of many accomplishments. He and his wife found the time to run a stable where they also hosted Blue Grass festivals, rodeos, and many other events.

Following is a list of some of the Organizations and Service Recognitions:

American Society of Sanitary Engineering for Plumbing and Sanitary Research, the Associated General Contractors of America, The Kiwanis Club, Lucas County Children's Service Board, Greater Toledo Community Chest Board, Citizens for Toledo Committee, Maumee Valley Historical Society, the Jamaican Social Club of Toledo, Lucas County Sheriff's Department, National Police Officers Association of America, Occupational Education Network Ohio Board of Regents, Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, American Red Cross, American Society of Medical Technologists, EMS-the Stars of Life, Epilepsy Center of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., Metroparks of the Toledo Area, National Republican Sustaining Committee, Toledo Museum of Art, the Toledo Club and he was a benefactor to the Montego Bay High School for Girls.

Following is a list of Elected or Appointed positions: Lucas County Ohio Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County Ohio Plan Commissions, Chairman of City of Toledo's Plumbing and Heating Board of Control, President of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractor Association of Northwestern Ohio, Chairman of the Carpenter's Joint Apprenticeship Committee, Chamber of Commerce- Toledo Area: Trustee 1982, Vice Chairman 1983 and Chairman 1984, President of Associated Building Contractors of Northwestern Ohio, Toledo Area Small Business Association- Elected to 3 year term, Elected Toledo's Small Business Person of the Year, Elected Chairman of the Private Industry Council, Appointed to Chairman Children Services Board, Associate Trustee of the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo, Member of the Lucas County Sheriff's Department Posse and Director of the Board at Huntington National

Bank.

He was proud to have testified in Washington on enterprise zones and related legislation, before the senate committee on finance in 1983.

Mr. Bumpus retired in 2010. He was a well-traveled man, truly enjoyed cooking specialty meals and spending time with his family, especially in Jamaica.

He was also preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his brothers, Johnny Jr., William, Jimmie Sr. and Jerry W. Bumpus; brother-in-law, Leon Brown and son-in-law, David Wolf. Surviving are all of his children, Monica Bumpus-Wolf, Tamara Bumpus, Reuben (Patricia) Bumpus II, Ann Marie Hammond; siblings, Ann V. Brown, Bonnie Jean (Donald) Cranon, Robert L. (Patricia) Sr.; sisters-in-law, Lauretta Bumpus, Shirley J. Bumpus; also by his 11 grandchildren, Valeri, Amelia, Rachel, and Elizabeth Wolf, Madeline Bumpus, Ashley Bumpus, Brad Wolf, Melissa Bercaw, and Rashayla, Abrina, and Angell Brown; 4 great-grandchildren, as well as, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday, April 15th from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, April 16th from 2-8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Regina Coeli Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

Mr. Bumpus was a fair and strong man who believed in doing everything the right way. From a child with big dreams to a successful, respected and admired man, he was a gentleman and a scholar. He lived his life with dignity and class.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

APR **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Funeral

APR **17**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Regina Coeli Church
530 Regina Pkwy.
Toledo, OH 43612
<http://www.reginacoelitoledo.org>

Tribute Wall

“News article) Reuben F. Bumpus, founder of a construction and contracting company who was known widely for the civic boards and commissions he led, died Wednesday in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, South Detroit Avenue. He was 79. He had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, his daughter Tamara said.

He was president of the R.F. Bumpus Co. from its start in 1974 until he closed the doors about three years ago. Early projects included rehabilitating an apartment building in the Warren-Sherman neighborhood. He was the contractor when the J. Frank Troy Center was built at Division and Dorr streets, said Theresa M. Gabriel, a member of Toledo City Council and a former city administrator.

"He's always been a people person and very active in the community," Ms. Gabriel said. "He was very compassionate, very intelligent. He had a business mind that beat many today. He was ahead of his time when it came to construction and planning."

Mr. Bumpus' firm was hired primarily for commercial projects, from a Ford Motor Co. plant in Avon Lake, Ohio, to urban renewal efforts and an airport at Montego Bay, Jamaica.

"My dad was always firm, fair, and consistent," his daughter said.

"He enjoyed seeing a job well done."

The Old West End resident was named 1984 Small Business Person of the Year by the Toledo Area Small Business Association. He was a former chairman of the city's plumbing board of control and was a former chairman of the Associated General Contractors of Northwest Ohio. Leadership posts in other community groups, often voluntary, followed.

He was a former chairman of the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commissions for about a decade, much of that as chairman. He was known for presiding over hours-long meetings with a stern hand, but some Toledoans complained to City Council members that they found him intimidating.

"None of that has ever been personal," Mr. Bumpus told *The Blade* in 1993.

His daughter said, "You may not like my dad, but you'd never say he's not fair. You might not want to hear what he had to tell you, but

it would be true. He was straight from the hip."

He was a former chairman of the Lucas County Children Services Board. He was active in the Toledo Area Private Industry Council from its founding in 1983 to administer federal employment and training funds until it closed in 2002 as the Private Industry Collaborative. He became chairman in 1990. The agency said it helped 75,000 residents of Lucas and Wood counties as it oversaw \$14 million in grants annually.

He was born March 21, 1936, in Toledo to Thelma and Johnny Bumpus. He was a graduate of Libbey High School and was an Army veteran. He attended the University of Toledo and took technical courses to become a master plumber. He was a chief lab technician at St. Luke's Hospital, then in Toledo's Old West End. Mr. Bumpus was a member of Regina Coeli Church.

He and his wife, Judann, married in 1961. She died Aug. 10, 2003. Surviving are his daughters, Monica Bumpus-Wolf, Tamara Bumpus, and Ann-Marie Hammond; son, Reuben F. II; sisters, Bonnie Jean Cranon and Ann Brown; brother, Robert L., and 10 grandchildren.

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Blade - May 12, 2015 at 09:44 AM

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“ *I am praying for you all and so grateful that I had the privilege to know and love Mr Bumpus. He will always be in my heart. God Bless you all.*
Tammy Battle



Tammy Battle - April 16, 2015 at 09:30 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - April 15, 2015 at 11:34 AM

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“ *My thoughts are with Tamara and her family. I had no idea the remarkable story of Mr, Bumpus, who I only dimly remember as a quiet man, the father of my schoolmate. Truly a remarkable life well lived.*

Eric Karolak - April 14, 2015 at 09:54 PM

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“ *I worked with Mr. Bumpus while he was Board Chairman at the Private Industry Council. He was always prepared and knowledgeable, and I learned a great deal from him and the management team at PIC. He was always a gentleman and was a champion and advocate for job training and skilled trades for young people in Toledo. I respected him immensely. His family can be proud of his impact on this community.*

Donna Barnes

Donna Barnes - April 14, 2015 at 05:47 PM

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“ Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of Reuben. We have known the family for many years and mourn his passing.

May God continue to give you strength, courage and peace.

Charles and Lera Doneghy

Lera Doneghy - April 14, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Reuben F. Bumpus.



April 14, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Reuben F. Bumpus.



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“ Sorry for your loss praying for your peace.

Lanaya McDonald

Lanaya McDonald - April 14, 2015 at 09:50 AM

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“ *I would like to extend my sincere sympathies. Many years I took care of Mr. & Mrs. B at the dentist. I especially remember Mr. B's beautiful smile.*

Ann Ramlow, RDH

Ann Ramlow - April 13, 2015 at 08:52 AM

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“ *My father, Don calabrese, grew up down the street from Reuben on Elizabeth street. They reconnected at Regina Coeli and enjoyed many years together as ushers. My dad is now at home with hospice services so he hadn't been able to be at church for quite a while. He wanted me to send his best wishes and thoughts for this lovely man.*

kate malone - April 12, 2015 at 02:13 PM