



Robert Edward Brown Jr.

November 30, 1940 - February 25, 2014

Robert Edward Brown, Jr.
"Bob" (Age 73)

Bob was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma, to the late Robert Edward Brown, Sr. and Dorothy Mae Hostick, on November 30, 1940. Bob passed peacefully in his sleep on February 25, 2014.

Bob is an easy man to admire, ever committed to his family, his country, and his community. He was commissioned at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1963. He is a decorated combat veteran after serving two tours in Vietnam. After retiring from his 27-year military career, he continued his service to our country with appointments to the Departments of Defense and State, and to the Executive Office of the President, to protect our communities and combat the flow of illegal drugs into our country. Following his second retirement from national service, he volunteered the past four years teaching English in the community for adults in need and those preparing to become new U.S. citizens.

Bob was a model husband and father. He cherished his wife of 50 years, Mary Louise Colombero, his high school sweetheart and soul mate, and together they nurtured their three children Robert III, Randy, and Jennifer, and grandchildren Madeline and Sophia. Bob is also survived by his sister Judy Crane (of Washington State) and brother Ray Brown (California), and step-sisters Carla Lee, Carolyn Mehus, Cindy Bryant, Christie Lee and step-brother

Greg Lee.

The family will celebrate Bob's life on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Pierce's Funeral Home at 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA, 20110. Visitation will begin at 2:00 with a memorial service at 3:00 and a reception to follow. Bob will be laid to rest at West Point Cemetery on March 4, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to BEACON for Adult Literacy of Bristow, VA (www.beaconliteracy.org) OR Serve our Willing Warriors - Bull Run Warrior Retreat (<http://www.willingwarriors.org/aboutbullrunwarriorretreat>).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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<https://www.piercefh.com>

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LY

“ Dear Mary Lou,

Can't tell you how sad I am for your loss of Bob - He was such a special man and you two were a wonderful, wonderful couple. Please know I send you my love, sympathy, and prayers.

Linda Younger

Linda Younger - March 06, 2014 at 11:08 AM

JB

“ Mary Lou,

We were so very sorry to hear about Bob passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Les and Judy Bell

Judy Bell - March 05, 2014 at 06:10 PM

RB

“ Very sorry to hear this news. Our deep condolences to the family. Yeah he was one of the good guys at Chaffey. A universal personality. He served his country well. (Go Army) I was an Army guy. No combat, but I was in Korea during Viet Nam war. Take care....Robert Brady Class of '58. Robert & Linda Brady

Robert Brady - March 05, 2014 at 04:36 AM

JM

“ BOB AND I HAD A GREAT TIME ON AND OFF THE FOOTBALL FIELD, I'M SO SORRY MARYLOU, I KNOW HE WILL BE REALLY MISSED BY EVERYONE WHO HAD THE PLEASURE TO KNOW HIM, MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME, MY LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU, WITH LOVE AND RESPECT,
JODY MARKER

JODY W. MARKER - March 04, 2014 at 06:20 PM

LD

“ Mary Lou,
So sorry to here of Bobs passing. He always had something positive to say. God be with you and your family. I will never forget in American Legion playing Upland on their field one summer Bob was coaching first base and after the first inning he had stolen the catchers signals to the pitcher, If he yelled out your first name it was a fast ball if he used your last name it was a curve we were knocking the ball out of the park and Bob was chuckling the whole time. What a sense of humor. Again may God be with you and your family and give you strength to deal with your loss.

Sincerely,

Larry Dyer 59

Larry Dyer - March 04, 2014 at 06:17 PM

GS

“ Mary Lou,
Mary Jane and I were shocked and saddened when we received the word of Beau's passing. He was a great guy and was well respected and liked by classmates and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Gary and Mary Jane Sausser

Gary Sausser - March 03, 2014 at 03:11 PM

JS

“ I hadn't seen Bob for a couple of years, but am so glad I saw him at the gym just a couple of weeks ago. We had a great, lively conversation - he spoke about his family and how they "keep him young" :) What a wonderful, caring, and positive person Bob was!

Jennifer Svienty - March 02, 2014 at 05:39 AM

RB

“ *Mary Lou and Family:*

I had the great pleasure and honor of working for and with Bob for about five years at ONDCP. He taught all of us how to deal with tough challenges with good humor and hard work. I never saw someone so good at keeping the environment positive and fun, while focusing so adroitly on getting the job done. He was a wonderful mentor and friend. My deepest condolences on your loss.

Sincerely,

Richard Baum

Richard Baum - March 01, 2014 at 09:26 PM

CB

“ *Dear Mrs. Brown, Robby, Randy and Jennifer,*
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear husband and father. May the peace and comfort of our Lord surround you during this time and in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cole Bedford (Kecoughtan Class of 1982)

Charlene Bedford - March 01, 2014 at 05:07 PM

NR

“ *Mary Lou and Family,*

Oh my.... seems like yesterday we were running through the halls of Chaffey High School to the next class! The years have flown away but we never forgot you and Bob. I still have the basketball with his name and number 35 on it.

Our hearts are with all of you as you share memories, tears, and laughter while bidding your tender adieus.

*Niki & Andy Rapattoni
(Niki Brown class of 58 and Andy class of 57)*

Niki Rapattoni - March 01, 2014 at 03:00 PM

MB

“ *Mary Lou,*

Julie and I are very saddened by the loss of Bob. He was the definition of the phrase good neighbor. I will miss his hearty greeting of "Howdy Neighbor". He was one of the kindest people I have ever met.

Much love to you and your family.

Mike Burke

Mike Burke - March 01, 2014 at 08:41 AM

EN

“ We met Bob at Spanish Group in Bull Run Library. He used to spoke Spanish very well. We will remember his kindness and his deepest love for his family, which was very important for him. He always show us his willingness to help others. He had a great sense of humor.

The Spanish group will miss Bob. Our condolences to his beloved family. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Rosario Granda, Elisa Noblecilla.

Elisa Noblecilla - March 01, 2014 at 12:24 AM

JR

“ Dear Mary Lou and family, Bob's sudden unexpected passing leaves us stunned and at a low for words. We will miss his cheerful smile and good humor. Our hearts go out to you at this most difficult time.

Jay and Kathleen Rottier

Jay Rottier - February 28, 2014 at 02:27 PM

JM

“ Dearest Mary Lou and family, we are so terribly sorry to hear about the loss of our neighbor and friend! I will miss the Bob waves from the driveway or a shout across the court in greeting! I will miss his custom pumpkins at Halloween. My kids even remember how nice you have both always been buying goodies they were selling and Bob taking us on a tour of the basement. He was so proud! Mary Lou, we are here for you in your time of need! Please call on us! Our deepest sympathy and love to you all! We will be there tomorrow to celebrate the life of this amazing man we were all blessed to know! <3

James and Courtney McNary - February 28, 2014 at 12:32 PM

BF

“ We are so shocked and saddened by Bob's sudden passing. Our love and condolences to his entire family.

Bob and Jeanne Farris

Bob and Jeanne Farris - February 27, 2014 at 10:32 PM

DC

There will never be another Boferd. My family loved and respected him so much. He will live in our hearts and memories forever.

David, Connie, Staci and Tiffani Cole

David Cole - March 01, 2014 at 06:26 AM