



Robert Charles Goessman

July 25, 1934 - February 17, 2021

Robert Charles “Bob” Goessman of Manassas, Virginia passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Prince William Hospital with family by his side. He was born July 25, 1934 in Brooklyn, New York where he graduated from Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute and Adelphi University with degrees in Electrical Engineering and Physics. While living in Brooklyn he met and married the love of his life Adrienne Wright in 1955. Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1953. He was stationed in England until 1957 and was immensely proud of his military service. Subsequently, Bob was employed by Sperry-Grumman and eventually went to work for the International Business Machines corporation which brought him and his family to Manassas, Virginia in 1970. Bob worked for IBM for more than 30 years, retiring in 1991.

Bob and his family were members of All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas. Bob also lived in Warrenton, VA where he was a member of St. John’s Catholic Church. Bob was a life-long train and model train enthusiast and world traveler. He enjoyed music, particularly The Four Freshmen and attended many of their yearly conferences. He loved to read, especially Sherlock Holmes mysteries and historical novels. Bob was a volunteer with SERVE, Inc., CASA, and United Way. Bob loved his family and grandkids and was always present at their events. Bob had many friends and did his best to enjoy every day.

Bob was the son of the late Charles and Edna (nee Dondero) Goessman of Brooklyn, New York. He is preceded in death by his wife of 30 years.

Survivors include his four daughters: Caryn Wells (David) of New Canaan, CT; Suzanne Mitchell (Curtis) of Gainesville, VA; JoAnn Polen (David) of Manassas, VA; and Laurie Crawford (Carl) Warrenton, VA. Bob was affectionately known as Pop to his nine grandchildren: Morgan Bjerke (Ben); Kelsey Mitchell; Mark Polen; Melissa Polen; Shannon Mitchell; Rachel Crawford; Jason Crawford; Christopher Wells and Adrienne Wells, and one great-grandson, Jack Bjerke. He also leaves behind his cousin, Henry John Dondero of Glen Cove, NY; his brother-in law, Edward Wright of Orient Point, NY and 10 nieces and nephews.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private viewing and funeral service will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from (11:00am- 11:30 am) for family and relatives at Pierce Funeral Home. For those that would like to attend the funeral virtually from (11 - 11:30 am) please go to Obituaries | Pierce Funeral Home - Manassas, VA (piercefh.com) Under Bob's obituary and videos you will be able to live stream the service. Interment is open to family and friends at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, VA and will be held at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dementia Society: www.demantiasociety.org or the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

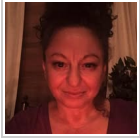
Tribute Wall




“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Funeral Service for Robert Charles Goessman in memory of Robert Charles Goessman*



Pierce Funeral Home - February 21, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *In the days since his passing, I've realized how good it's been to get to know Suzanne's father through her, and Shannon's, eyes. They have shared such great stories - many of them funny - as well as just day-to-day "life as usual" happenings; and it became clear that Suzanne, her sisters, and their families enjoyed the secure and constant presence of a humorous, slightly cynical, good old-fashioned dad/grandfather/great-grandfather from Brooklyn. They're the best kind.* 

*All of our love,
The Smiths*

Helene Smith - February 24, 2021 at 10:36 AM

SD

“ Bob was an exceptional mentor to many of us just starting our careers back in the old IBM days in the 1980's. Wise and always very generous in his advice. I currently sit a couple of doors down from where he sat for many years and every so often I imagine that I hear his voice and laughter booming out I will always be thankful for knowing him.
Steve Danziger

Steve Danziger - February 23, 2021 at 01:34 PM

DP

“ Great person, great manager and colleague, always sharing is opinions with a passion,
May he rest in everlasting peace, Dinu Patel and family

Dinu Patel - February 23, 2021 at 11:25 AM

MC

“ JoAnn, Laurie, Suzanne and all family members,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. Robert was so loved and so well cared for by you all. It was a blessing for me to be able to learn a little more about his life's accomplishments and interests. My thoughts and prayers go with you today.

Megan Catherwood

Megan Catherwood - February 23, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Goessman.



February 22, 2021 at 04:25 PM

DJ

“ Suzanne,

I'm so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. His obituary is a wonderful tribute to him. I'm wishing you and your family everything your hearts need for comfort during this sad and difficult time.

Dale (Potts) Jepson - February 22, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Goessman.*



February 22, 2021 at 11:41 AM

PR

“ *Continuing to send love and prayers to you, Suzanne, and your entire family. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Pam

Pam Ryan - February 22, 2021 at 10:16 AM

GB

“ *Our thoughts & prayers to Laurie & her sisters & loved ones on the loss of their dear father. Gail Barb & the Fauquier Circuit Court Clerks' Office "family"*



gail barb - February 22, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Goessman.*



February 21, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family. I have very fond memories of Bob who was my manager and close friend at IBM Manassas. I feel so blessed that I was able to talk with Bob in early December, his love of people and laughter always shined through. Bill & Karen Felton*

Bill Felton - February 20, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Our prayers are with your entire family during this time of need. We hold you close in our thoughts and hope you know you can lean on us for whatever you may need. I was lucky enough to have known Pop. Especially, during his trips to Connecticut. Always cherishing the conversations that we had. He will hold a special place in my heart! Love
-Nina & Justin Brunyansky*

Christina Brunyansky - February 20, 2021 at 08:02 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Goessman family. We have known Bob for over 45 years as a co-worker at IBM and also witnessed his love and support to the Manassas and Prince William community. We emailed the sad news to our IBM family on our IBM retiree email list. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Maury and Vera Gerson - February 20, 2021 at 07:43 PM

AB

“ There will be times the trigger tears and others that will bring laughter... things that you never expected. But they'll gently remind you of all the wonderful details that made your life with your dad such a precious gift. Praying for you during this time.
Angela & Peter



Angela Buzzeo - February 20, 2021 at 05:41 PM