



Robert Marvin Snuggs III

November 27, 1944 - December 3, 2024

Robert M. Snuggs, known to most as Bob, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2024 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born November 27, 1942, in Montgomery, Alabama to Robert and Eloise Snuggs.

The family moved to Panama City, Florida where Bob graduated from Bay High School and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He continued his education, receiving his PhD in Physics from Georgia Tech and worked for the Department of the Navy for 38 years followed by 12 years as an employee in the private sector serving the submarine community. Bob was a pioneer in the application of digital technology to submarine combat systems and underwater systems and was instrumental in replacing analog system processing with state of the art technology. Throughout his career his engineering contributions, his leadership in driving systems through the new technology and innovation and his mentoring of engineers and managers profoundly influenced the success of vital combat systems. For his extraordinary value to the success of the United States Navy Submarine Program, he was awarded the Distinguished Civilian Award for Submarine Professional Excellence.

He loved his work and sports, and he had a big brain that was evident when anyone talked to him. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time around them. He fought hard to overcome the challenges and the limits associated

with the disease. His caregivers and Hospice provided him with excellent care that enhanced his life and the family will be forever grateful.

Bob was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Bob is preceded in death by his son, Robbie, and his parents. He is survived by his wife of forty years, Debbie, his brothers Bill and Andy (Sarabeth) and a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be at a later time.

Tribute Wall

BJ

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My prayers are with you Debbie.

Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson - February 19, 2025 at 07:54 PM

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“ Bob was my husband Terry's first roommate and fraternity brother at Ga Tech. Terry says he was the smartest person he ever knew but was humble about it and never bragged on himself. It was a treat for Terry and me when Bob and Debbie would visit Atlanta to attend a Football game and trips to Charleston with other fraternity brothers. Sincere condolences to Debbie and family...we will miss Bob..

Sharon Barber Dewberry - December 21, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JL

“ Farewell, Bob. What a rich life you led. All sympathy and no doubt see you soon. Judy Patton Lotas

Judy Lotas - December 19, 2024 at 11:17 AM

CE

“ There are those in History who force a change in the path we record as history. Dr Snuggs was one of history's very few brilliant creators, teachers and guides who quietly, skillfully and adroitly changed history's path. The Navy and the Nation are in his and Debbie's debt.

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CEBarron

CEBarron - December 06, 2024 at 03:07 PM

MG

“ Debbie, our deepest sympathy

Maury Gerson - December 05, 2024 at 03:38 PM

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“ Those who know his name know the work he did, and valued his friendship.

Owen Carlson

Owen Carlson - December 05, 2024 at 02:23 PM


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“ Bob's contributions to the submarine and surveillance community cannot be overstated. A lifetime commitment to ensuring our warfighters had the best possible tools to do their jobs and ensure their safety. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and who had the honor to work with him and learn from him.



Ron Murdock - December 05, 2024 at 07:42 AM



I'm so very sorry to hear Debbie. My thoughts and prayers are with you


December 05, 2024 at 04:32 PM



My deepest sympathy and prayers for you and the family Debbie1  

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