



Robert (Bob) Eugene Sturm

April 17, 2018

Robert (Bob) Eugene Sturm, 69 years old, of Manassas, VA, passed away early Tuesday morning, April 17, after a heroic battle with a long illness. Not only was he deeply loved by his family, but his strong character and impeccable sense of integrity influenced the many young people who were his students at the Northern Virginia Dance Academy. Bob was the Executive Director and a choreographer of the Asaph Dance Ensemble, and his talent inspired thousands of people with its endless supply of humor, poignancy, and creativity. Bob served his country as a civil servant for thirty-three years on Capitol Hill, and he was the Chief Clerk at the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. His most recent years were also spent working at American Target Advertising.

Bob is survived by his wife, Robin, his children Jeremy of Leesburg, Rebekah of Santa Monica, CA, and Samantha of New York City. He is also survived by his sister Connie (Verle) Meister and his brother Ron (Joy) Sturm.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., at The Life Church, 11234 Balls Ford Rd, Manassas, VA. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Hwy, Manassas, VA 20109.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Northern Virginia Dance Academy (501c3) will be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Service

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Life Church
11234 Balls Ford Road
Manassas, VA 20109

Tribute Wall

TW

“ I don't know if anyone will see this since it's been more than two years, but I just found out today. I want to say what a kind-hearted and patient man I knew Bob to be. As an adult with no natural talent, I took a beginner's jazz class from him. I was terrible, but he just kept encouraging me to try. It was a lot of fun! I consider it a great privilege to have known the Sturm family and to have been in one of your productions, *Thy Kingdom Come*.

Teresa (Ponchock) Wooley - July 24, 2020 at 07:08 PM

TW

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Teresa (Ponchock) Wooley - July 24, 2020 at 07:09 PM

CR

“ I was so saddened to read of Bob's passing. We recently re-connected at a 50th year high school class reunion last year. And, today the reunion committee sent a letter and mentioned Bob's passing. It was so great to see him at the reunion last year. His energy and super positive attitude was in full display as it always was. He has always been such a kind person and someone who would lend an ear to help a friend in need. He was a star—he just loved dance down to his bones. He had such a special talent. He will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathies to Robin and his entire family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Clarine Nardi Riddle - July 30, 2018 at 10:18 PM

AK

“ Bob was a strong person, Probably the only one to march the whole length of the Rose Bowl parade and preform in the bowl game with a broken toe, which he incurred hitting his toe on a bed post while staying in the UCLA dorm before the events.

He shared this with me several years after it happened, as I didn't know even though I was rooming with him for the rose bowl events.

Alan Kleeman

Alan Kleeman - April 19, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Eugene Sturm.



April 19, 2018 at 05:39 PM

CM

“ Bob was a good man in every way a man can be a good man. He and Robin saved my little girls when they needed saving the most. The world is a darker place without Bob Sturm.

Camille Moffat - April 19, 2018 at 11:57 AM

JH

“ Bob will always be remembered for his kindness and the wonderful example he set for all of the dancers he touched through the years. Robin, you and your family are much-loved even though many have moved on in their own life paths. You and Bob made a difference to so many! God Bless you, Jeremy, Bekah, and Sam. You all are in our prayers.

Jeanne and Jim Haley

Jeanne Haley - April 19, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Eugene Sturm.



April 18, 2018 at 11:57 PM

 Kathy Maguire

“ I remember how many times you and Bob prayed for me, Robin, and I appreciate it so very much. Also, when you were sick, and I brought you food, he was the most charming husband ever. He went around the house and showed me all the beautiful things you made that was hanging on your walls. He was a jewel. I am praying for you and your family.

Kathy Maguire - April 18, 2018 at 10:00 PM

 Dawn
Stump

“ *Bob was one of the nicest, most sincere and ever helpful people I have known. I count myself lucky to have known him and the remarkable example he set for all of us at the Senate Agriculture Committee.*

Dawn Stump - April 18, 2018 at 07:26 PM

TL

“ *Hi Robin - I wanted to offer our condolences, so very sorry to hear about Bob. What a sweet smile he had. Keeping you and your family in prayer, for God's comfort and peace in the days to come. God bless you. Terry and Jim Livingston (Erin Mewes' parents)*

Terry Livingston - April 18, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Eugene Sturm.*



April 18, 2018 at 05:20 PM

CK

“ *Bob was loved and respected by all of us in the Senate. He was a kind and loving man and had such a big heart. I have so many happy memories of working with Bob and will always treasure our friendship. We also shared a love of the theatre and dance, and I always enjoyed seeing pictures and hearing about the dance recitals at the studio. Love and prayers to Robin and their children. May all your happy memories of Bob bring you comfort. With love and deepest sympathy, Clara Kircher*

Clara Kircher - April 18, 2018 at 02:52 PM

KP

“ Bob and I worked together at ATA for over two years. What a caring and positive person he was. He made working there a joy! He will be sorely missed!!!

Kate Plourde - April 18, 2018 at 02:26 PM

CS

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss of dear, sweet Bob. We reflect back on our time together in the Senate and a lovely dinner not long ago to hear of his pride in his children and lovely wife Robin. Rest In Peace, Bob.
Love, Chris and Pat Sarcone

chris sarcone - April 18, 2018 at 02:21 PM

SG

“ I am so very sad to hear of Bob's passing. I know what a valiant struggle you have all been through. Robin, you and Bob were such a light in my life during my teenage years when I first came to know you. You and Bob and Bekah and Sammy continued to shine your light in my lives in recent years - and for that I will always be grateful. I am so blessed that I was able to spend such valuable time with you both and Jeremy this past holiday season. My thoughts are with all of you now. May Bob rest in peace and may his memory always be for a blessing to all of you. With my love,
Sarahbeth Grossman.

Sarahbeth Grossman - April 18, 2018 at 11:50 AM

LR

“ *Sending my prayers and heartfelt condolences to the entire Sturm family. Robin, so many times I've credited you and Bob when I speak about Melissa and the successful woman she is. You all were the ones that taught her about commitment, dedication and hard work. Know that we all mourn with you.*



Libby Ramirez

Libby Ramirez - April 18, 2018 at 11:25 AM

MS

“ *Bekah and family - your Dad had to be a wonderful person. He and your mom gave the world talented and loving children. You will be in our thoughts and prayers, Mary Schaffer*

Mary Schaffer - April 18, 2018 at 11:15 AM

MR

“ *My heart is breaking. There are no words to show how much we love Bob. When we were in Virginia we all spent a lot of time together laughing and crying! Today I am so happy to know Bob is with Jesus, probably cracking a joke or dancing all over the place! You will never be forgotten and I look forward to seeing again when I get to heaven. Love to you all, my thoughts and prayers are with you .*



mary robbins - April 18, 2018 at 10:27 AM

JE


“ Bob and my friendship goes back to 7th grade. It seems we have always been friends. I am sad for everyone who knew him. He was an incredible human being and will continue to be an incredible soul. My thoughts and prayers are with Robin and his family. He was certainly one of my most treasured friends.

Jim Earnest - April 18, 2018 at 09:10 AM

KB

“ My best memories are of the times I brought Britton to visit and dance over the summer. He (and Robin) treated Britton like a star. They spoiled her and made her feel so special. He took her for ice cream every night after dinner. She knew she only had to ask and he would grab the keys and say "Let's go" He foundly nicknamed her "Sparkle Girl" and she loved it. One evening during our visits Britton was playing with a Barbie Doll that Robin had just purchased for her. The doll came with supplies to color her hair bright pink. Bob thought that was so cool and he told Britton he wanted his hair pink. So he sat in the kitchen chair and let her dye his hair pink. He had the most bright streak of pink hair and we laughed and laughed. I think the next day he went to work with a little pink tint because it didn't wash out like it said it would. He was a wonderful soul loved by many. We will miss him greatly. We love you Bob.

Kristy Bonomo - April 18, 2018 at 08:55 AM

 Janna Hogan

“ My sympathy to Bobs family. I have memories of Bob from Dana. So sad for all of you.

Janna Hogan - April 18, 2018 at 07:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Eugene Sturm.*



April 18, 2018 at 01:49 AM