



Robert Michael Tanner

October 4, 1937 - March 26, 2019

Robert “Bob” Michael Tanner passed away peacefully in his Wilsonville, Oregon home on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. He was 81 years old.

Bob was born on October 4, 1937 in Omaha, Nebraska to Robert Burke Tanner and Mary O’Toole Tanner. He was the second of four children. Bob and his siblings, Mimi, Dick, and Nancy, enjoyed a childhood in Nebraska, Iowa, Georgia, Tennessee and Illinois. Bob graduated from Creighton Prep School in 1955 and credited his Jesuit education for much of his success in life.

In 1961, Bob married Phyllis Darlene Rivera. They had four children and lived coast to coast, including Omaha, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Portland and Boston. Bob went back to school in the 1980’s and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business. He was the valedictorian of his class.

Bob enjoyed a distinguished career in the computer technology industry. He spent 20 years with Honeywell and later worked for Sequent, Interlake, Data General, Microtest and Safetylogic. His work took him to all the ends of the earth and he enjoyed sharing stories from the many countries he visited. Bob’s colleagues remember him as an extraordinary leader and mentor. He was very proud of his contributions to the early tech industry.

In his retirement, Bob enjoyed spending time with his children’s families and his seven grandchildren, who lovingly called him Pop. He was the go-to babysitter and cherished his time with each grandchild. Bob’s family remembers him as a man who worked tirelessly but gave generously and always found time to tell a tall tale.

Bob is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 46 years; his son, David (Rosemary); his daughter, Danielle (Dan); his daughter, Deborah; his son, Douglas (Sarah); his beloved grandchildren: Dominic, Tanner, Darian, Grayson, Haidyn, Jadon and Jesse; as well as his brother Richard (Diane) and his sister, Nancy (Jim), in addition to nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bob was predeceased by his mother, Mary Tanner and his father, Robert B. Tanner; and his sister, Mary Margaret (Mimi) Tanner.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Parish in Lake Oswego, OR. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

Gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to Jesuit High School, Portland Oregon, Creighton

Prep in Omaha Nebraska, or to the American Heart Association.

Cemetery

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

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Events

APR Funeral Mass 11:00AM

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Our Lady of the Lake Church

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Comments



“ Bob was a fair and thoughtful man. I enjoyed working with him, as I'm sure everyone would say so.

Randy Melder - April 10, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ Very sad to hear this. I did not know Bob well, but had spent time with him on a few occasions where he had generously provided valuable insights and perspective on our business. I found him to be a true gentleman, and am certain he will be sorely missed by many. Best wishes to Bob's family and friends.

Paul Herschell - April 10, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear this news. Bob was by far the best boss and a wonderful mentor and friend. Bob was such a classy person. My condolences to his family as I know how grateful I was to know him just a little.

Karen Yip - April 09, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ Bob is my father-in-law. For those who know him, what I'm about to say won't surprise you. He is a man who will not say a bad word about anyone. His family has always come first. When he talks with you his total attention is with you. His weakness are his children and grandchildren.
What you may not know is how much I love him and miss him. I only hope he knows that.
Rest In Peace, Pop.

Dan Liu - April 05, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ Bob was my big brother whom I loved very much. We were 3 years apart in life, but Bob was years ahead of me in real world things. We carried papers together in Georgia and Omaha and had a good time doing so. He moved around so much after marrying Phyllis Rivera that we didn't stay in touch that much. I moved a lot myself spending 25 years in the Marine Corps. Hence, we did not see each other very often during that time frame. However, when we did see each other we exchanged stories, had a few beers, and laughed a lot. I'll always remember him and our good times together. As sad as his death is, he will once again reunite with our parents, Bob and Mary Tanner, and our sister, Mimi. God bless them all, and remember to keep a place for our sister, Nancy, and me..
Miss you, bro.

Semper fi, Dick

Richard Tanner - April 04, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ See you soon, soldier.

Dan Liu - April 05, 2019 at 10:14 AM