



Robert Stephen Flumach

November 28, 1941 - June 30, 2019

Robert Stephen Flumach, beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, went home to Jesus and Mary on Sunday, June 30th, 2019. Born in New York on November 28, 1941, he moved with his family to the Canal Zone, Republic of Panama, at the age of 9.

As a young man, Bob served as an altar server at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Balboa Panama and is fondly remembered by others who served with him in this capacity as the "gold standard" for altar servers in those days. His faith and his service to God and God's people were of paramount importance to him, even in his youth. Bob also was a member of the Jr. R.O.T.C. program at Balboa High School, where he earned qualifications as an Expert Rifleman. His great passion for baseball began in his youth as well, a passion which he carried with him into his senior years as a pitcher and a manager during his years in the senior softball league in Houston. He lived to be on the field with the other ball players!

After Bob graduated high school, he became an apprentice on the locks in the Panama Canal, where he spent many a night on the graveyard shift.

Eventually, he became an electrician for the Panama Canal Commission.

When he decided that he could not spend the rest of his life crawling around in hot attics as an electrician, he applied for and received a scholarship in 1969 to Texas A&M University, where he studied Electrical Engineering. After receiving his degree, he returned to Panama, where he was hired to work in the Engineering Department at the Administration Building in Balboa, Canal

Zone. Bob retired from the Panama Canal Commission after 23 years of service and moved to San Antonio, Texas, and from there to Houston. The move to Houston came after he was hired at Rice University to be the Electrical Engineer at the Facilities Engineering and Planning Department in 1991. Robert retired from Rice University in 2013. He held both electrical engineering credentials and a Master Electricians License, which enabled him to serve the Rice University Community in a unique capacity until his death. Those who worked with and knew Bob in Panama, those who knew him in San Antonio, and those who worked with and knew him in Houston, held him in high esteem. He is known as a man of great faith, integrity, intelligence, kindness, and humility. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others and using his skills to assist and inspire them. He was a fantastic provider to his family over the years, both materially and spiritually.

It was in Houston, while out square dancing, that he met his soulmate, Velma. Ever true to his faith beliefs, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, Bob guided Velma gently into the Catholic Church. Bob and Velma were then married on December 31, 2005, and they enjoyed a wonderful life together during their 13 1/2 years of marriage. The love and companionship that they shared was too short, but it was the best love and friendship of their lives.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Frank, his mother, Ada, and his elder sister, Betty. He is survived by his loving wife, Velma; his children, Elizabeth, Robert, Pamela, Catherine and Stephen and his devoted step-daughter, Cheryl; his grandchildren; his great-grandchildren; his surviving siblings, extended family, and his dear friends. Bob's light lives on in his Church family of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; in his softball family; and his Rice University family. He is much loved and already greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Bob's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Tennessee at www.stjude.org

Cemetery Details

Red Rock Cemetery

San Jacinto County, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
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Rosary

JUL 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
6646 Addicks Satsuma
Houston, TX 77084

Graveside Service following Holy Mass

JUL 11 (CT)

Red Rock Cemetery
7800 FM 1725
Cleveland, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Stephen Flumach*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Robert Stephen Flumach*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Robert Stephen Flumach*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Robert Stephen Flumach*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Mrs Flumach, I'm sorry for your loss even though I didn't know Mr Flumach, but I knew Stephen and I'm sorry about his dad.*

Elaine Roberts - April 02, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *May his memory be eternal. He probably is pitching a softball game in heaven without the net, or the shields on his legs.*

Mike Spartalis - July 13, 2019 at 01:10 PM

AS

“ Our condolences from Panama Canal Lodge No. 1414. Rest in Peace Brother Flumach.

Arthur Mokray, Lodge Secretary - July 10, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ I have such fond memories of the entire Flumach family when we (the Crowells) were neighbors on La Boca road. My deepest condolences to the family. Sending hugs.

Jacque Vowell - July 09, 2019 at 02:11 PM

BS

“ Dear Flumach family,

While I didn't know Robert (Bob) well I always found him to be very gracious, diligent and service-oriented in how he served Rice in his role as our contracted Master Electrician. We could not have gotten accomplished what we have over the years without his qualifications, expertise and commitment to Rice.

In my few short years here at Rice, it was always a pleasure for me to greet and interact with Bob. He always had a smile on his face and came across to me as a humble servant ready to support his customers at the highest levels.

On a more personal note, I pray that God's tender mercies would be yours during this difficult time of personal loss.

*With My Sincere Condolences,
Bart Salmon
AVP, Facilities at Rice University*

Bart Salmon - July 09, 2019 at 12:27 PM

MH

“ *Velma I was shocked when you called,I am humbled that Bob wanted me to know. He will be missed. Prayers to you and yours.*
Mark Hamman

mark hamman - July 09, 2019 at 08:40 AM

PS

“ *Velma, we are so sorry to hear about Bob! He left us way too soon! We will miss visiting with the two of you during the softball games! From the time we first met in our Little Rock Bible Study group years ago, our Faith, Fellowship and Friendship began to grow and flourish. It is with the same bond of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE that we share in the belief of our Lord Jesus Christ, that HE will help us to persevere and find some strength and peace during the days that follow! We are praying for you and your family. Please let us know if you need anything! We love you!*



Pam & Stan

Pam Smith - July 08, 2019 at 07:45 PM

DS

“ *Velma, other than the few short visits at our CHS60 lunches I didn't get to talk with Bob much. But, from those times & reading his obituary it was obvious that he was a very caring & smart man. And he being an Aggies gives he & I a special connection! So, sorry for your loss.*

Dave Smith - July 08, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ 93 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dettling Funeral Home - July 08, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Dear Velma and family, we will remember Bob as a kind, giving neighbor. He was always generous with his time and knowledge. Jon and I are grateful to have known him. Telesia & Jon

Telesia Coulson - July 08, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ Wendy Weston lit a candle in memory of Robert Stephen Flumach



Wendy Weston - July 08, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Velma, I am so sorry for your loss. He was such an asset (both in talent and temperament) to our softball group. He will be missed. And I, personally, will miss the long chats we had at my annual Christmas party. Wendy

Wendy Weston - July 08, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Stephen Flumach.*



July 08, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Dear Velma,
The Londa famjly shares you grief at this time. Charlie and I enjoyed our Sunday brunches at Mc Donald's with you and Bob. Hhe will be missed. Keep in touch. God bless.
Love,
Jackie londa*

jackielonda - July 05, 2019 at 10:54 AM