



Robert K. "Bob" Murphy

February 1, 1930 - November 29, 2016

Robert K. "Bob" Murphy, 86, of Houston, passed away November 29, 2016. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and his wife Joan Bowers Murphy. Bob is survived by his children; Mary Beth Murphy and husband Ralph Hasson, Marilyn Carruthers and husband Jim, Jim Murphy and wife Kathleen, Barbara Vanikiotis and husband John, Kathleen Woodhouse and husband Don, grandchildren; Christopher Carruthers and wife Priscilla, Jonathan Carruthers, Patrick Carruthers, Nicholas Vanikiotis, Robert K. Murphy, II, Pace Murphy, Katie Vanikiotis, Benjamin Woodhouse, Emma Woodhouse; and great grandson, James Carruthers. Bob was loved by all his family including nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Bob was born in Chicago, Illinois to Richard E. and Loretta Murphy. He grew up in Chicago and graduated from Loyola Academy before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He proudly served his country as a Master Sergeant during the Korean War. Returning from Korea to Chicago, Bob married the love of his life, Joan, in 1954. He started in the insurance industry and moved his family to Houston in 1963. His career with Mass Mutual spanned five decades.

An active member of his community, Bob served on neighborhood boards, school boards, and community watch groups. He was active in local politics throughout his 50 plus years in Houston. He was an involved member of St.

Cecilia Catholic Church and a patron of the Holy Name Retreat Center.

Bob's life was full. He loved the outdoors as a golfer, an avid hunter, and especially at his home on Inks Lake. He adored spending time with his children and grandchildren. Bob loved his music. He was a dynamic, optimistic, proud, strong willed Irishman with a gregarious laugh and sense of humor. Bob truly lived his life on his terms.

The Murphy family will receive friends Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 4:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A Funeral Mass will commence Monday, December 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Dr., Houston, TX 77024. A reception will follow Holy Mass on the church campus.

In addition to customary remembrances please consider contributions in Bob's memory to Holy Name Retreat Center at <https://holynameretreatcenter.com> .

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Vigil Service

DEC 4. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
11720 Joan Of Arc Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Reception

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert K. "Bob" Murphy

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Robert K. "Bob" Murphy

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Robert K. "Bob" Murphy

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Robert K. "Bob" Murphy

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Bob was my friend. And many will miss him.

thomas r bailey - July 21, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ Condolences to the Murphy family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

Williams Family - December 13, 2016 at 11:57 AM

JW

“ Dearest Kathleen and family,

*So very sorry for the loss of your dear "Bob."
You are now and will be in our thoughts and
prayers. May the Lord comfort you in this time
of grief and loss.*

Jacque Marinac and Kenny Walters

Jacque Marinac Walters - December 06, 2016 at 10:05 AM



CH

“ Dear Kathleen, Jim, and the entire Murphy Family,

*So sad to hear about the passing of Mr. Murphy. Our family sends
prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

With deepest sympathy,

*Cherin & David Hall
Kingwood, TX*

Cherin Hall - December 05, 2016 at 02:42 PM

EH

“ Marybeth and family,
*So sorry to hear of your loss. God bless you all.
My prayers are with you and RIP Robert.*

*Ellen Harless
Houston, TX*

Ellen Harless - December 05, 2016 at 10:41 AM



JK

“ *Marilyn and Jim and family -*

Our prayers are with your Dad all of your extended family. So sorry for your loss.

Hard to say goodbye to such a fine man.

Mike & Jane Koenecke

Richardson, TX

Jane Koenecke - December 04, 2016 at 01:35 PM

DO

“ *Dear Mary Beth, Marilyn, Jim, Barbara and Kathleen,*

We are so sorry we can't be with you at this time, but our hearts are with you.

Hope you can travel our way soon so we can meet spouses and children. They would hear us talk a lot about Fonn Villas, the best neighbor we ever lived in.

We called our Panjo's friends in California, Paul and Jackie Fair. They join us in sending regards to you.

Love and God bless,

Doug and Pat O'Kelley

Doug and Pat O'Kelley - December 04, 2016 at 11:43 AM



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Dettling Funeral Home - December 02, 2016 at 05:03 PM