



Robert "Bob" Elting Overton

September 19, 1936 - February 5, 2014

Robert "Bob" Elting Overton, 77, is now at perfect peace, experiencing all joy in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, after passing away at his home in Katy, TX on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, following a 16+ year battle with cancer. Born in Glen Ridge, NJ in 1936 to Elting and Velma (Bird) Overton, Bob graduated from Grover Cleveland High School and Pennsylvania Military College (Widener University), where he was a Theta Chi and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Bob was very proud of his service to our country from 1958-1961 and has always supported our Troops. Following his service in the Army, Bob had a remarkable career in Sales and Direct Marketing with Shell Oil Company, Sperry & Hutchinson Company (S&H Greenstamps), Gulf Oil-President of Gulf Consumer Services Company, and Overton Direct Marketing Services/Direct Marketing Services, International. He was an active member of many organizations including the Board of Directors of the National Direct Marketing Association, the U.S. Representative for the International Direct Marketing Association, President of the Eastham Part-Time Residents Association on Cape Cod, a proud member of the Order of Elks, President of his former Church Council, and served as emcee for many functions in his professional and social life.

Bob and his wife, Carolyn, moved 13 times to 9 states before settling in Texas. They also traveled the world together through 48 countries, 2 Olympics and several Cruises, including 3 with all 17 of their family members. Bob cherished

every moment with his wife and family.

Bob was a dynamic personality who besides traveling the world, enjoyed boating at their lake house, relaxing on Cape Cod (where he & Carolyn met 57 years ago), working on household projects, socializing with friends, and watching his favorite sports teams. Bob loved to tell jokes. He was generous, compassionate and gave freely to charities and causes close to his heart. Bob especially delighted in time with his family, most recently enjoying the achievements and activities of his nine grandchildren. Bob was truly passionate about his faith, family, and friends... He Never Met A Stranger. Bob's favorite scripture, Isaiah 43:5 was a great source of comfort and inspiration to him: "Do not fear, for I am with you."

Bob will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend. Left to cherish his memory is his loving and devoted wife of 55 years, Carolyn (Johnson), The Love of His Life. Carolyn and Bob partnered in every way. Bob was also extremely loving and proud of his three daughters and their husbands, Cheryl Overton Spaans and her husband David, of Coppell, TX; Susan Overton Barré and her husband Tony, of Lake Jackson, TX; and Lori Overton Fisher McMahan and her husband John, of Katy, TX. Bob "Grampy," is also survived by his precious grandchildren Samantha (and husband Brett), Shannon, Stacey, Lauren, Michael, Robert, Colton (and fiancée Melissa), Ashley, and Jacob. He is also survived by his brother Bruce B. Overton and sister-in-law Charlene of Gainesville, GA; his sister-in-law Elaine J. Nelson and husband Brad of Quincy, MA; his brother-in-law Donald Johnson and wife Shirley of Lady Lake, FL; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Bob's family would like to thank the compassionate staff at MD Anderson hospital, whom we consider Angels. We would also like to thank Bob's Hospice Caregivers Golda, Prince, Cheryl and Gloria.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 14th from 5:00-7:00pm at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX. A celebration of Bob's life

will be on Saturday, February 15th at 11:00am at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 14200 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079 with a reception and light lunch following in the Fellowship Hall. Inurnment will be in Eastham, MA.

Bob was passionate about getting a new sign for the front of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church to convey our Church's mission. He worked hard researching sign companies all over our region.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to join us in contributing to the "CMLC Sign Fund" to honor Bob's memory and fulfill his wish. Checks may be made payable to Christ Memorial Lutheran Church and forwarded to their address at 14200 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Eastham, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

FEB 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church
14200 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Elting Overton

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Robert "Bob" Elting Overton

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Robert "Bob" Elting Overton

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Robert "Bob" Elting Overton

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

SU

“ *Dear Carol and Family,
We enjoyed getting to know Bob and all of
you during the few times we have seen each
other up at the lake. He will be missed.
Someone gave me this when my dad passed
and we hope that you will be comforted by the words.*



*Love Always,
Sharon and Shahid Ullah and Family*

A rose grew where all could see, sheltered beside a garden wall.

*And, as the days passed swiftly by, it spread its branches, straight
and tall...*

*One day, a beam of light shone through a crevice that had opened
wide ~*

*The rose bent gently toward its warmth, then passed beyond to the
other side...*

*Now, you who deeply feel its loss, be comforted ~ the rose blooms
there ~*

Its beauty even greater now, nurtured by God's own loving care.

<http://lerrah.com/roseoncegrew.htm>

Sharon Ullah - February 18, 2014 at 10:05 PM



“ *Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Elting Overton.*



February 14, 2014 at 09:07 AM



“ *Our love, thoughts and prayers are with the Overton family. Carolyn and Bob, for so many years, have shared the use of their wonderful Eastham home with the extended Burgert family over Memorial Day weekends and Thanksgivings. Their thoughtfulness and generosity has allowed our families, who live far apart, to be able to come together. Summer vacations on Thumpertown Road have left us all with so many wonderful memories of campfire s'mores and evening gatherings on the back deck. Bob's stories, wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed.*

*Joan Burgert, The Southwick's, The Gottschalk's, The Laslavic's,
The Piszcz's, Ric Duarte, Paul Moran*

Barbara Gottschalk - February 13, 2014 at 06:55 PM

BJ

“ Dear Carolyn, I read in the paper this morning about Bob. Every time we pass your house when we walk, I wondered how he was doing. We did not know you had moved to Katy.

Please tell the girls we are thinking about you all & sending prayers up to Bob as well.

Blessings,

Brenda * Fred Jackson

Brenda Jackson - February 12, 2014 at 02:42 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Elting Overton.



February 11, 2014 at 08:22 PM

JP

“ When we moved to Butterfly, nearly 31 years ago, Bob was already famous: For his unique sense of humor, and for knowing everybody and everybody knowing him. He and Carolyn were always ready to help, to organize parties, and to take part in all neighborhood activities.

We expected a visit from one first grandchild; he disassembled the sturdy Overton baby crib, dragged it to our home and upstairs, where three guys tried to reassemble it.

At about the same time, Bob started to have the first signs of what would become a constant and evergrowing fight for his life. His amazingly devoted wife and his daughters and their families fought bravely with him.

A very tight-knitted family, their love and support surrounded him until the very end.

It has not sunk in yet. We shall miss Bob as long as we live.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Carolyn and the whole family.

Helga and Chris Pratsch.

JC Pratsch - February 10, 2014 at 07:41 PM

DP

“ David and Verdalee Pierce purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Elting Overton.



David and Verdalee Pierce - February 10, 2014 at 06:03 PM



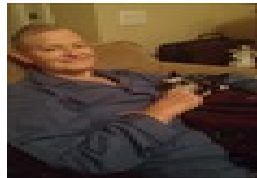
“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Elting Overton.*



February 10, 2014 at 12:02 PM



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Ashley Fisher - February 09, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ *We are deeply saddened at the loss of our dear friend Bob. As his and Carolyn's neighbor on Butterfly Lane, Lake Conroe and our many visits to their Cap Code home we have so many wonderful memories of good time with him. Bob had such a great sense of humor and when you were with him there was never a due moment. One of the things that I will always remember about Bob was the love that he had for his family. I know he will be dearly missed.*

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Carolyn and the entire family.

Jean Smith King and John King

Jean Smith - February 09, 2014 at 06:39 PM

MK

“ We are heartbroken at the loss of such a dear friend and neighbor. Charles and Marge have told many great "Bob" stories over the years and loved having Carolyn and Bob as neighbors. Heaven has received a wonderful angel...Bob will keep them all laughing. Much love to all of the Overton family. We are praying for your peace during this difficult time. Charles & Maria Kelley

Maria Kelley - February 09, 2014 at 05:47 PM

FP

“ Mary Jane and I are priviledged to have been friends with Bob, Carolyn and the Overton family since 1962, when Bob and Fred were young salesman with Shell Oil in Worcester, Massachusetts. We have shared a special frienship for 52 years that is filled with memories of Bob and his special sense of humor that is memorialized as, "totaly Bob". There are only a very few people in our lives who leave footprints in the sand that will never wash away and Bob was one of those few people.

Fred & Mary Jane Parrow
Spring, Texas

Fred & Mary Jane Parrow - February 09, 2014 at 01:54 PM

LF

“ We will always remember Bob as a great neighbor on Thumpertown Road in Eastham. We knew his parents and then Bob and his brother, Bruce. Bob had a great sense of humor. He will be missed in our small beach community. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wonderful family. You are in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Linda Finkral - February 07, 2014 at 04:30 PM

LF

“ *What a great Cape Cod neighbor. We knew his parents and then Bob and his brother Bruce. We really enjoyed Bob's sense of humor. He will always be remembered as the kind and generous neighbor he was on Thumpertown Road in Eastham. Our deepest sympathy to his entire family. Our thoughts are with you all.*

Linda Finkral - February 07, 2014 at 04:25 PM