



Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin

November 1, 1980 - October 18, 2014

On the morning of October 18, 2014, Rob Ruhlin passed away at Methodist Dallas Medical Center in Dallas TX, as a result of injuries received in a traffic accident. Rob was 33 years old.

Rob was born in Houston, TX on November 1, 1980. He was the oldest child of Judy Mosley Ruhlin and Bruce Michael Ruhlin.

From his early years Rob was a planner and strategic thinker who enjoyed masterminding activities which would get his little brother in trouble. Where other children had excuses, Rob had a detailed analytical argument reviewing the pros and cons.

Rob and his family moved to Charleston, WV in April 1990. Rob went to Sacred Heart Elementary and was a graduate of Charleston Catholic High School in 1999. In High School Rob developed his love for playing guitar and drums, and bought his first vintage Cadillac.

In 2003, Rob graduated from The Ohio State University in Columbus Ohio with degrees in Psychology, Philosophy, and Political Science. He received his Juris Doctor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law on June 11, 2006. He received a Master of Law in Taxation from the New York University School of Law in 2010. Rob was licensed to practice law in Texas, New York,

several US District Courts, and the United States Tax Court.

On July 5th 2003, Rob married his high school sweetheart, Kristen Adele Pinkston. Although the marriage ended in 2010, Rob and Kristen remained friends. Kristen has custody of their beloved dog, Chip.

After law school in 2006, Rob and Kristen moved to New York, NY. Rob enjoyed life in a big city, the only drawback being the small space causing him to part with his classic cars and musical equipment. While working for a couple of small law firms, he attended NYU.

In August 2010, Rob relocated from New York to Dallas with 3 boxes, a suitcase, and a snowboard.

In Dallas, Rob worked for Meadows Collier before starting his own practice and was of counsel with Blanscet, Hooper, and Hale; and was most recently of counsel with Chad West.

Rob embraced life in Dallas. When he first moved there he lived on Allen Street, but eventually felt he had to relocate because he felt like he was the old man in the neighborhood.

In 2013, Rob bought a home in Oak Cliff and invested hundreds of hours uncovering its hidden beauty. With room to expand, he began to collect vehicles, guitars, and drums.

Rob loved music, running, snowboarding, traveling on the open road, and singing karaoke. He loved being out with people. He loved his extended family, and he always attended reunions, weddings, and other gatherings.

Rob is predeceased by his maternal grandfather William Charles Mosley.

Rob is survived by his parents Bruce and Judy Ruhlin, his brother Michael “Mike” Paul Ruhlin, his maternal grandmother Shirley Laverne Whitley Mosley, his paternal grandparents William Bradley Ruhlin and Joan Theresa Kavanaugh Ruhlin; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

The Ruhlin family will be present to receive friends Thursday, October 23 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77079. The funeral service will commence Friday, October 24 at 10:00 AM at the Dettling Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Rob's memory to Child Advocates, Inc. at www.childadvocates.org

UPDATE: There will be a memorial gathering in Dallas from 5:30 to 7:30 on Thursday, Oct 30 at the Magnolia Hotel Dallas, in the downtown area at 1401 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX 75202

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
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Memorial Gathering

OCT **30**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Magnolia Hotel Dallas
1401 Commerce Street
Dallas, TX 75202

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

DM

“ I did not know Rob very well, but contacted him a couple of years ago on a legal issue. We met together to discuss the issue at his Dallas office and I was immediately struck by his kindness, his soft-spoken nature, and his sincere desire to help me in my issue. I was distraught before meeting with him, but after meeting with him, I felt calmed and at peace. This seems to be the general opinion of those who loved him, from reading this beautiful tribute wall.

Rob also emailed me once, out of the blue, to ask how I was doing since my issue had surfaced. This shows he was such a caring individual....especially for someone he did not even know very well.

Also, I want to stress that Rob was obviously highly intelligent, as he was readily able to discuss matters of law with me for an outside state where I needed the help. He was as knowledgeable about that state as he was about Texas. I found that extremely comforting and I was extremely impressed with his expertise.

I find myself very saddened tonight to hear that Rob passed last year. I wish his family nothing but peace and my sincere condolences. God bless all of you.

*David M.
Dallas, TX*

David M. - July 10, 2015 at 08:10 PM

RV

“ *Bruce, Judy and Family,*

Our deepest condolences on the passing of your son Robert. I just came to know about this sad news only yesterday. I pray to God to Bless You all, & peace be with you and your family during this time and the months ahead and pray that Rob has received his ultimate peace in the hands of Almighty God.

*Raj & Murthy Vinnakota
Houston, TX*

Raj Vinnakota - November 03, 2014 at 02:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.*



October 31, 2014 at 10:36 AM

MR

“ *Our Father in the heavens, let your name be santified. Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also on earth.
With Sympathy*

Ms Ruby - October 31, 2014 at 10:10 AM

KR

“ *In art class he had to watch the movie What Dreams May Come for the art color value or whatever...he would never watch it otherwise, but he loved it and bought it, then had me watch it again with him. He loved the idea, that we could be re-born again, living all these different lives and making different choices. It scared me in a way, but it thrilled him...he wanted me to see the possibilities of transforming the energy we have in our souls, so that it keeps going somewhere..so nothing ever ends. His point was no matter what happens in this life or the next, when we love someone we'll find them again in another life...maybe it'll be that puppy dog we just love for some reason we can't explain or being attracted to stranger and walking up to strike a conversation and feel like we've instantly known this person our whole life. The idea that use to scare me, now comforts me.*

Kristen Ruhlin - October 25, 2014 at 05:48 PM

TJ

“ *Judy, Bruce and Family,*

My deepest condolences on the passing of your son Robert. I had received an e-mail this morning from Rob, trumpet section leader at Houston Concert Band. Been active this last year in 3 bands in my church and was shocked to receive this news, which I found out via e-mail today Friday mid morning. I sat next to Judy in the trumpet section for several years. I pray that the peace that surpasses all understanding will be with you and your family during this time and the months ahead and pray that Rob has received his ultimate peace in the hands of our Lord.

*Tom Joullian
Houston Concert Band
Trumpet Section*

Tom Joullian - October 24, 2014 at 08:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.



October 23, 2014 at 12:15 PM



“ *david travis purchased the Sweet Tenderness* for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.



david travis - October 23, 2014 at 07:42 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.



October 23, 2014 at 06:52 AM

LM

“ Dear Bruce , Judy and Mike, Our hearts ache for you in the loss of your beloved Rob. He certainly grew to be an outstanding man. We know you are deeply proud of him and that this loss is truly immeasurable. May the abundance of cherished memories you hold in your hearts sustain you in your deep sadness. Know that your Charleston family is grieving with you and that we reach out to you tenderly with comfort and consolation. We pray that peace will be upon each of you. Warmest regards, Jeff and Laure Marino, Garrett, Spencer and Taite Hughes (CCHS 2005, 2007, 2008)

Laure Marino - October 23, 2014 at 05:46 AM

KK

“ Dear Bruce and Family, I am sorry to hear of Rob's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. Kurt Krieger

Kurt Krieger - October 22, 2014 at 08:37 PM

JZ

“ Dear Bruce and Judy,

Many times recently I thought about you and wondered how you were doing. Then I read about Rob and remembered when you first moved to Charleston and how young he and Mike were.

I am so sorry for your loss and I know his memory will be eternal.

May he rest in peace.

Jackie Zakaib

Jackie Zakaib - October 22, 2014 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.*



October 22, 2014 at 02:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.*



October 22, 2014 at 01:08 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.*



October 22, 2014 at 10:50 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our prayers. - Kevin France and Emily Calwell France, Charleston Catholic, Class of 1996*

Emily Calwell France - October 22, 2014 at 08:40 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.*



October 22, 2014 at 07:52 AM



“ *Bruce and Judy,*

Words fail. Please find comfort in the knowledge that Rob was loved while he was in your life. As daughters and sons, and mothers and fathers, that is all we can hope for during the journey.

Mike Walker

Mike Walker - October 22, 2014 at 06:21 AM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss.*

Elizabeth Dissen Webb

Charleston Catholic High School (class of 1995)

Elizabeth Webb - October 21, 2014 at 10:02 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Rob Ruhlin, renaissance man. Xxxx*



Sarah Bollwitt - October 21, 2014 at 06:35 PM



“ Rob was one of the few other snowboarders at Catholic. His deep-voiced jokes always made you smile.

Christopher Taylor - October 21, 2014 at 05:15 PM



Rob lived with me for a brief time while doing an internship in Cleveland, I enjoyed his company and was always amazed at how smart he was. My prayers to the Ruhlin family and all close to Rob.
Christopher Frank

Christopher Frank - October 21, 2014 at 05:32 PM



“ Louise Hammer and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.



Louise Hammer and Family - October 21, 2014 at 05:06 PM



“ Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.




October 21, 2014 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin.*



October 21, 2014 at 03:25 PM

 Sarah
Bollwitt

“ *3 files added to the album Rob Ruhlin, renaissance man. Xxxx*



Sarah Bollwitt - October 21, 2014 at 10:07 AM

JK

“ *To the Ruhlin Family:*

I went to law school with Rob and spent a summer with him in Cleveland as a summer associate for a law firm. He was also on my law school bowling team. We had a lot of fun times together and I can't tell you what I would give to go back in time and keep in better touch with him the last couple of years. When I first met Rob, he was very quiet and reserved. As I got to know him though, I found him to be a warm, caring, adventurous and funny person. He was so nice and respectful, but could rock out to a karaoke song like no one I've ever seen before. I just adored him and was shocked when I heard the news about his passing. I know there is nothing I can say to undo the pain and loss you are feeling, but please know that your son was an amazing person who I'm sure had a positive impact on many lives. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Kirby

Jennifer Kirby - October 21, 2014 at 08:50 AM

GT

“ *Gail & Justin Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Robert "Rob" Charles Ruhlin*



Gail & Justin Tolbert - October 21, 2014 at 08:41 AM

AR

“ *Missy and I were so sorry to hear about your loss. We are no longer on Parkwood Road but remember the great times with you and the kids. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Art & Missy Rubin

Art Rubin - October 21, 2014 at 08:06 AM