

Robert Paul Muldoon

July 19, 1925 - May 20, 2020

Robert Paul Muldoon passed away on May 20, 2020 at Bell Trace Senior Center. He was born on July 19, 1925 in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. He was known for his love of family, service, gardening, and his Catholic faith.

In 1943 at age 17 Bob joined the Army. He was transferred to the Army Air Corps shortly afterwards and served 3 years. He served as a radio operator on B-17s and B-29s. After discharge he returned to Philadelphia to complete his education, finishing high school and attending Villanova University where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. During this time he met and fell in love with Maryclaire Comber. They were married in 1952. Over the years he held a number of electrical engineering positions in a range of companies. In 1969 he and his family of 13 packed into their 1967 VW microbus and moved to Bloomington, IN where he was a Chief Engineer for Sarkes Tarzian's power management division to where he rode his bicycle daily. He and Maryclaire strongly encouraged education in the family, and all eleven children graduated from Indiana University. Both were also active in St. Charles Borromeo Church and many community organizations. Bob was an avid gardener and golfer. He retired in 1997 at 72.

Once retired Bob began his second career volunteering for a range of organizations in Bloomington, primarily helping those in need within the

Bloomington community. He put his considerable handyman skills to helping seniors in the Area 10 Agency on Aging, washed many a dish and pulled many an overnight shift at the Shalom Community Center, provided building expertise to New Hope for Families and was instrumental in organizing the Hope Builders tools and supplies, and assisted numerous individuals and families through his work with Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent DePaul, Habitat for Humanity and Community Kitchen. In 2018 Bob was recognized for his many contributions when he was presented with the Be More Dedicated Lifetime of Service Award by the City of Bloomington. On receiving the award, he gave a short but beautiful acceptance speech to the audience of volunteers: "I came to Bloomington 50 years ago and I've never regretted it. It is because of people like you who reach out to other people that makes Bloomington the community it is. Thank you."

Bob enjoyed visiting his family, particularly seeing his grandchildren. He loved playing games with them and seeing them grow up. He also loved to help his children out with handyman and home improvement projects. He was well read and had an active and inquiring mind. His library contained a wealth of books on history, technology, philosophy, and faith.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Maryclaire and daughters Maryclaire and Theresa and son John Richard. He is survived by his daughters Karen Muldoon-Hules, Margaret Burger, Eileen Armas, Bridget Muldoon and his sons Paul, Tom, Bob, John, Mark as well as 11 grandchildren: Alec, Daniel, Douglas, Ethan, Hannah, Katta, Katie Lynn, Lenny, Patrick, Robby and Ryan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church in Bloomington on Tuesday May 26, 2020 with a public viewing at 10:00 a.m and the funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m,. Burial will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery where Robert will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife Maryclaire. The family requests that attendees wear masks. In lieu of flowers the family

requests that contributions be made to St. Vincent DePaul. If you would care to make a memorial gift in memory of Robert Muldoon please go to St. Vincent DePaul donation site at <https://www.svdpbloomington.org/donate>

The funeral Mass can be watched live by going to the St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church YouTube Channel during the time of the Mass.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

West 4th Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church
2222 E 3rd St
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385
(812) 336-6846

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ With my warmest and deepest condolences to you. It was a pleasure, and remains to be a treasure, the times spent together through the years while living on Saratoga Drive. My husband, Andy and Bob shared many profound conversations, and in recent years spent a good day on the golf course with his Saratoga buddies. Bob was exceptional, honorable and a remarkable person, he has enriched out life forever. My thoughts and prayers and heart have been with you and are there for Bob and his family. Connie Sweetana

Constance L. Sweetana - May 27, 2020 at 02:09 PM

MM

“ I remember Bob primarily from being a Eucharist Minister at Friday Prayer Service at Bell Trace. When I started there, he came up and introduced himself and offered to do a Gospel reading, pass out papers, and close the chapel doors. He was such a kind, helpful man.
When our group, shared cookies and coffee after the service, I always enjoyed Bob's intellect, wit, and wisdom. How very sad to lose him.

Mary Miller

Mary Miller - May 26, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JG

“ *Gene and I loved Bob; he was a warm, caring, exceptional man, who gave his all for his community. May God bless each of his family members, and always know how much he was loved by those who worked with him, were helped by him (especially the homeless), and were mentored by him with grace.*

Jo and Gene Gilbertson, SVdP members

Jo A Gilbertson - May 26, 2020 at 12:11 PM

AM

“ *Dear Family,
I send you my thoughts and sympathy at this time. I was lucky enough to spend time with Bob at Bell Trace when I was volunteering with the writing group. What a delight it is to have spent time with Bob. He was funny, clever, serious, friendly, and an important member of the group. Always bringing an interesting piece of work which he was willing to discuss. He had a unique view of life and I am richer from having spent time with him and to have heard his work.*

Sincerely, Antonia Matthew

Antonia Matthew - May 26, 2020 at 10:07 AM

KM

“ Dear Muldoon Family,
I'm saddened to learn of Mr. Muldoon's passing. I truly feel that if times weren't what they are, he would have lived to celebrate his 100 birthday. This is a loss not only deeply felt by his family and friends, but by the greater Bloomington community as well. Luckily, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. His legacy will live on in his children and grandchildren whom I am sure embody his spirit and hopefully also his great smile. So happy to see all the family photos. Let us celebrate a life well lived. He was a great man who will be missed. God Speed. Kathy Burton Moore

Kathy Burton Moore - May 26, 2020 at 09:38 AM

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Kathy - May 26, 2020 at 09:28 AM

SC

“ *The Levato family shares many memories of the Muldoon family. Dad (Lou Levato) worked with Bob at Sarkas Tarzian's (uptown) for many years. As kids, we always expected to see Bob and one or two of the kids at the Tarzian's swimming pool nearly every day. As an adult, I shared many days with Bob working the food line at the Community Kitchen. The patrons loved Bob and thought of him as their personal friend, which he was. He was so kind and loving. Really quite a remarkable man. Bob, I'll miss you and hope you will pray for all of us when you enter those pearly gates. I also hope the Lord will bless you with a chance to see my Dad again. May God bless you for all eternity. ~ Sara (Levato) Chambers*

SARA J CHAMBERS - May 26, 2020 at 12:06 AM

BC

“ *Hi Muldoon family,
I remember when you moved in next door to us on Saratoga Drive. You were the best neighbors. I remember the hot-cross buns you would give out at Christmas - yum! Your dad was a sweetheart to us when our mom passed - he came over and helped with a few handyman things. So sorry for your loss. Your dad was awesome! Great Obit tribute; I never knew all that about him. I pray you all feel God's loving arms around you at this time!
Much Love and Prayers,
Beth Bomber Chambers*

Beth Chambers - May 25, 2020 at 02:02 PM

FV

“ Bob was indeed a true human being. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, friend, gentleman, community activist, Christian. A humble man, he did not serve others because of pride but out of true love- doing good for others and expecting nothing in return. He was a person you could always count on being there when needed.

I will miss him as a neighbor, friend, brother Knight. I remember an early remodel job I was doing. I borrowed a reciprocating saw from Bob. Our young sons called it a “Bob Muldoon saw”, a term we use these many years later.

I am convinced our community is a better place, we are better people because of Bob and his friendship. May he now rest in peace.

Gayle & Frank Vilardo

Frank Vilardo - May 24, 2020 at 10:19 AM

TM

“ My mother said that my Uncle Bob was the easiest to speak with about her new-found faith among my father's siblings. Uncle Bob sent me \$1,500 about twelve years ago in memory of way that my father helped him when they were growing up.

Thomas Muldoon - May 24, 2020 at 10:19 AM

AB

“ For several years, Bob and I co-facilitated a small group ministry circle at Belle Trace. We would get together twice a month, at Bloomingfoods, for lunch to plan our meetings. At those meetings Bob would often share his excitement about a book he was reading and would tell personal stories about a theme we were considering for the next circle. I felt that I was getting an inside view of a great and gentle man.

At one meeting, when he was about 90 years old, he seemed down, which was unusual. I asked him what was bothering him. He shared that he had been fixing a person's washer and was having trouble figuring out how to repair it! That was Bob--always thinking about the needs of others.

I will always cherish our times together and what I learned from Bob about being a thoughtful, caring, human being.

Alan Backler

Alan Backler - May 24, 2020 at 07:36 AM

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Paul Muldoon - May 22, 2020 at 10:17 PM

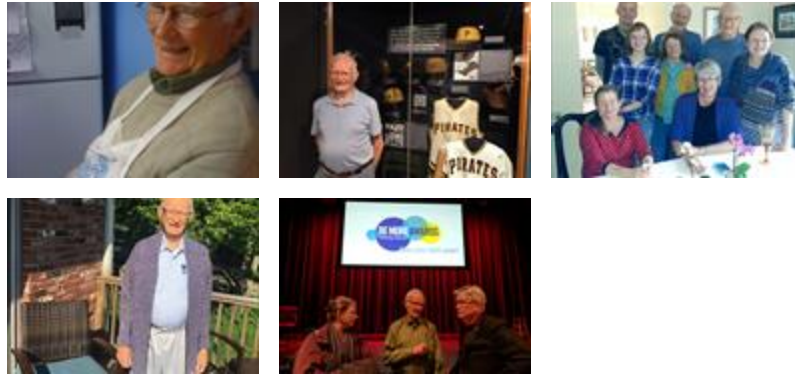
CP

I worked with Bob at ST Semiconductor. Always a smile and I remember him riding his bike to work. Sorry for your lost. Claudia Polley

Claudia Polley - May 24, 2020 at 11:48 PM

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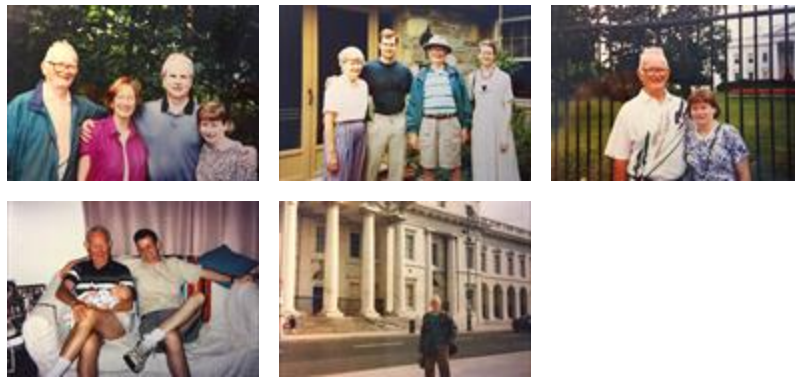
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