



Robert A. Laurence

April 5, 1939 - February 27, 2019

Robert Alexander Laurence, devoted husband, father, and grandfather, peacefully departed this life Wednesday, February 27, 2019, in San Antonio, Texas.

Robert (Bob) was the son of the late Elizabeth (O'Brien) and Alexander John Laurence and was born April 5, 1939, in New Rochelle, New York. Losing his parents at a young age, Bob was raised by his paternal aunt Mildred and uncle Richard Luby. Mildred and Richard raised young "Bobby" along with their son Richard in Cranford, New Jersey.

Bob graduated Cranford High School in 1957 and soon after joined the Navy. Upon completing his military service, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he attended Los Angeles Trade-Tech College. Bob had an exciting 37 year career with Union Pacific Railroad. While working at the Los Angeles offices for Union Pacific, Bob met his loving wife Virginia "Ginny" Conroy. Ginny and Bob were united in holy matrimony on November 29, 1969, in Portsmouth, Ohio, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Their union was blessed with two children, Robert and Kelly. The Laurence family relocated with Bob's career from Los Angeles, California, to Anchorage, Alaska; Fullerton, California; Riverside, California; Palestine, Texas; and Hermiston, Oregon.

Throughout his life, Bob was always a regular at his local Catholic Church and had a passion for his dogs. While in Palestine, Texas, Bob served as a prison minister with Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Upon retirement from the

railroad, Bob and Ginny moved to San Antonio, Texas. The move back to Texas brought them closer to their children and allowed him to enjoy golf year-round. Bob worked as a marshal at Silverhorn and Pecan Valley Golf Clubs when not out on the course playing rounds. He became a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs of Texas and raised several dogs for their program. Bob later participated in raising puppies for service as drug enforcement dogs through a program at Lackland Air Force Base.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, aunt, uncle, and brother. He is survived by his devoted wife Ginny; son Robert Laurence and wife Jennifer of Trophy Club, Texas; daughter Kelly Laurence Hill and husband Blake of Houston, Texas; and five grandchildren Robert Alexander "Alex" Laurence III, Caleb Jones, Colin Hill, Ethan Hill, and Sebastian Hill.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 9:30AM on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at St. Luke Catholic Church, 4603 Manitou Road, San Antonio, Texas, with a grave site service following at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. A visitation will be begin at 6PM and conclude with a rosary at 7PM on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at Mission Park Chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

A special thanks to the Summerfield family for their love and support of the Laurence family from California to Texas. Additional thanks to Michelle Garza with Primrose Daycare for the wonderful care of Bob and assistance to Ginny over the last several years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Guide Dogs of Texas or the Alzheimer's Association.

<http://guidedogsoftexas.org/how-to-help/donate/donate-now/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

MAR 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78230
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Funeral Mass

MAR 14. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Interment

MAR **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert A. Laurence.



March 13, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert A. Laurence.



March 13, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert A. Laurence.



March 05, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *Candy Chilcote lit a candle in memory of Robert A. Laurence*



Candy Chilcote - March 02, 2019 at 10:39 AM

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My heart and prayers are with Ginny and family. May you feel the love of friends from a distance and know we mourn with you. So thankful to have know Bob. He was very instrumental in assuring me the apartment I was moving to in San Antonio was safe. God Bless All.

Candy Chilcote - March 02, 2019 at 10:42 AM

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*“ We remember good times working with Bob in Palestine. I often think of him and Ginny and the kids. We always considered him a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Gary and Renee Gunnels*

Gary a d Renee' Gunnels - March 01, 2019 at 08:23 PM

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May the wonderful memories bring the family joy and comfort..and to Ginny "Kay" , this year will mark the 73rd or 74th year we first moved next to one another....much love, my friend. "E"

Eva Kessinger - March 01, 2019 at 09:00 PM