



Robert "Bob" Lye

November 8, 1962 - June 20, 2017

Bob Lye passed away on June 20, 2017. He lived 54 wonderful years. He was a man defined by many things: deep love for his family, love for all children, the way he cared for those around him, and his passion for work and sports.

Since his birth in Leominster, Massachusetts, he was instilled with the strong family bond and values characteristic of the Lye family. He possessed an especially quick wit, sense of humor, and sarcasm that made him unforgettable. He moved to Houston, Texas when he was two years old. Later he met the love of his life in high school, Caryn Lye. Despite his humor, striking eyes, and bright smile, it was his perseverance that got him his first date with Caryn which led to them marrying in the summer of 1984. They moved to San Antonio where Bob founded his company, Washing Equipment of Texas, in March of 1988. His drive, superb salesmanship, and management skills made the company successful; more than that, his genuine concern for his customers and employees was the cornerstone of his success. Even though he cherished his success, he always measured his wealth by the time he spent with his family and friends. In this respect Bob considered himself the richest man alive.

In 1989, Bob became what he wanted to be most in life, a father. He had three children: Bobby, Garrett, and Kristen. His unconditional love, somewhat limited patience, corny dad jokes, and high moral character shined brightly. The

biggest joy in his life was spending time with his family whether it was vacations to state and national parks, numerous weekends at the lake, skiing trips, or coaching and supporting his children in sports. Bob lived and loved well in everything he did, and left an indelible impression on all those who were honored to know him. He will be carried in the hearts and memories of so many.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Elizabeth Lye; brother, Ron Lye; sister, Mary Malinak; and nephew, Jim Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Caryn; daughter, Kristen; two sons Bobby and Garrett; sister, Lyn Thomas; brothers, Dennis and Tom Lye, and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak

23755 US-281

San Antonio, TX 78258

(210) 576-3377

<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall

“ Until I met Bob Lye, I hadn't given a great deal of thought about the meaning of a 'friend'. We sometimes take the process of developing friendships for granted, and perceive that friendships must evolve over extended periods of time. A 'friend' can be described as a person with whom we develop of bond of mutual respect and affection. It is in this context that I am overwhelmed with the feeling that I found a new friend in Bob Lye.

Because I met Bob for the first time last November, I came to appreciate that I didn't need to know him for very long to feel friendship. Perhaps this is one reason I felt comfortable with calling Bob a friend. Despite the prognosis of living with a terminal disease, Bob's quiet courage was projected as an innate character to be able to put me (and others) at ease as I got to know him over a period of only 14 weeks during 9 separate occasions when we attended TLU women's basketball games. By the way, as 'partner fans' we accumulated together a perfect 9-0 home record for which I took full credit!

On 2 occasions, I brought my granddaughter Jocelyn to the games. During the first pre-game warm-ups I introduced Jocelyn to Bob, who was sitting about 3 rows in front of us. Jocelyn was ecstatic to know that Bob was the father of Kristen, for Kristen and her teammates had become instant athletic heroines for this young soccer and volleyball player. At halftime, Jocelyn asked me if she could sit with 'Mr. Lye'. I told her that she'd have to ask Mr. Lye because we didn't want to bother him. I was overtaken by the warmth that Bob showed Jocelyn, and the two of them enthusiastically cheered together, and an ongoing dialogue (mainly one-sided I'm afraid) continued throughout the 2nd half. The patience and sincere interest that Bob showed toward this 9-year-old girl reflected another characteristic that supported a bond of friendship that I felt for Bob. Two weeks later Jocelyn and I returned to the "Dog House" to watch another Lady Bulldog basketball game. Somehow I was not surprised when we entered the gym and Jocelyn immediately asked where Mr. Lye was sitting. Bob was not

feeling well enough to attend that game, and Jocelyn was deeply saddened that her 'new friend' would not be by her side to cheer for the team. At that moment I was struck by the POWER of Bob Lye's character to make a child as well as an adult experience a special bond of friendship after only a single meeting.

The short yet deeply profound conversations that Bob and I shared during pre-game warm-ups and halftimes revealed common beliefs and philosophies of life that became a figurative 'glue' that bonded Bob and I in friendship. We shared thoughts and aspirations for our children that reflected Bob's deep commitment to family. Bob described technical aspects of his business that reflected to me a great deal of pride in his ability to successfully build and run his own company. The love and respect that Bob received from his family was apparent in the special efforts made by Caryn, Bobby and Garrett to assist him to-and-from his seat in the bleachers at each game, assuring that he was as comfortable as possible. The countless number of 'hugs' that Bob received from TLU friends who attended those games was a stark reminder of the deep affection that Bob had earned from this community. It became more clear to me than ever that this was a man that anyone would want to call a 'friend'.

There are no words that can ease the pain associated with the passing of Bob Lye. But I take great satisfaction in knowing that my character has benefitted for having the opportunity to get to know Bob and call him 'my friend'.

Rest in Peace my Friend – Dr. C

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“ Aunt Linda, Carla and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Bob" Lye.



Aunt Linda, Carla and family - July 07, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Lye.



July 07, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Lye.



July 07, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Lye.



July 05, 2017 at 09:22 PM