



Robert L. Raab

April 6, 1924 - November 14, 2019

Robert Lee Raab was born on April 6, 1924 to parents Elizabeth Emma (Rubinetz) and Reinholdt William Raab. Born during the Depression years, Robert took his role seriously and followed older brother Edgar through the neighborhood on his bicycle to help deliver newspapers. He learned early on to help his mother in the garden where they grew their own vegetables. He remembered good times with friends when they would take off on their bikes and head off to Bandera to hunt rabbit, fish, and smoke rolled up bark from the trees. His favorite dessert from those hard times was a piece of bread he would sop up bacon grease with and pour Karo syrup over the top. And it was during these times that Robert acquired his love for a piping hot bowl (in his case, PAN) of oatmeal every morning for breakfast...a close second was Cream of Wheat.

After graduating from Harlandale High School in 1941, Robert worked with his father on construction jobs doing sheetrock and plastering before joining the Army on April 29, 1942. He served as an Automotive Mechanic in the medical Corp, 16th Armored Division in the European Theater of Operations. He rose in rank to Tech Sergeant (TSgt) and supervised a group of men who repaired and kept in service the ambulances for their Division. Robert separated from the Army on April 12, 1946 after serving (as he told the story) 2 years 11 months and 14 days. His decorations and citations included the WWII Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon and One Bronze Service Star.

Robert became a member of Hermann Sons in 1942 where he would later meet the love of his life. He and Lucille were introduced to each other there by mutual friends while bowling. Their love for each other grew and they were married on February 3, 1951. Ten months later, Rosalyn would be born followed closely by Sylvia, Stephen, and Ronald. Their home was always full. Bob & Lucy hosted Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for both sides of the family each year in their home. They both thrived on the love and laughter that the holidays brought. Later years brought them sons and daughters in law, followed by grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Their house was full again. Bob and Lucy enjoyed 49 years 1 month and 29 days of married life together before her passing on March 31, 2000.

Robert made his life's career as an Inventory Management Specialist at Kelly Air Force Base. He received many awards for his outstanding performance in his management of fuel related repairable parts for Air Force Aircraft. He retired July 20, 1979 at age 55 with 30 years of service.

Robert was a kind man, living a giving life as he was taught by his parents & his church growing up. He played an active role in his much younger brother in law's life, even acting as the voice of reason and fairness when Lucille and Paul butted heads. Paul would later call him his hero, even if he didn't always rule in Paul's favor. Robert was a member of American Legion, Post 2. He led boys in the Boy Scouts of America. He loved bowling and loved to bring that joy to others through the managing of Hermann Sons Bowling Lanes and coaching in the American Junior Bowling Congress. He was also privileged to serve as a Director for the San Antonio Bowling Association. Later, Robert was voted to several terms as President, followed by his service as a Past President. Robert and Lucille loved that their bowling would take them from lanes to lanes, tournament after tournament, town after town, even state to state and that there were so many wonderful new friends to be made as a result. When asked about his highest game, he bragged that he had bowled 17 strikes in a row but never had a perfect 300 game. Robert loved to tinker on machinery, garden, fish, and play cards, dominoes, or computer games.

Robert lived his life as he taught others to live...be honest, love truly, be kind, take responsibility for your actions, and love God & this country.

Robert Lee Raab went Home to be with our Lord in the early morning hours of November 14, 2019 at the age of (as he would have said) 95 years 7 months and 8 days. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Lucille, parents, brother Edgar, and youngest grandson Corey. He is survived by his children: Rosalyn (Martin)Dikes, Sylvia (Sid)Loe, Stephen (Dottie) Raab, and Ronald (Robin)Raab; grandchildren: Lauren Dikes McMillin, Kevin (Susannah)Dikes, Ashley Loe (Dale)Kusmec, Stephen Jr (Suzanne) Raab, Robert (Andrea)Raab, Shanon (Naomi)Raab, and Dustin (Sara)Raab; great grandchildren: Kirk, Karli, & Chase McMillin; Peyton, Cecily, Marion, & Trevor Dikes; Ashley, Adrianna, & Annalisa Raab; Seth, Drake, & Noah Raab; and Savannah, Mason, Michael, & Madelyn Raab; great great granddaughter: Merci Saucedo; brother in law: George Paul Skrobanek; numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Robert's family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Villagio in Kerrville for their loving attention and making our father feel like the king that we know him to be. You will always be family to us. We would also like to thank all of the staff of Peterson Hospice for their care and compassion for our father and us during these past few months.

A gathering of Robert's family and friends will be from 5-8pm, Sunday, December 1, 2019 at Mission Park North, 3401Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, Texas. Funeral services will be held in Mission Park North Chapel at 11:30, Monday, December 2, 2019 followed by a processional to Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, for burial at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to your charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Skrobanek Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert L. Raab.*



The Skrobanek Family - November 30, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. Raab.*



November 28, 2019 at 06:38 PM

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“ *I am Blessed beyond measure, beyond words, to have been able to call him Daddy! He loved with his whole heart, was generous, willing and giving of his time, and anyone who knew him, loved him! We're sure going to miss this kind and gentle soul! We love you as you loved us!! Sylvia and Sid Loe*

Sylvia Raab Loe - November 28, 2019 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Toshiba International Corporation purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Robert L. Raab.*



Toshiba International Corporation - November 26, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert L. Raab.*



November 25, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - November 22, 2019 at 09:41 AM