

Robert Parker Kaufman

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Robert Parker Kaufman "Bob" 61, passed away on July 22nd in Scottsdale, Arizona after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Bob was born July 18th, 1949 in Boise, Idaho. Throughout his childhood, Bob actively pursued his passion for sports, and his talents earned him an athletic scholarship to the University of Kansas in 1967. As a pitcher for the KU Baseball team, Bob's lifetime love for the Jayhawks began. Off the field he was also an active member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. In 1971, Bob graduated with a degree in political science and began law school at KU that fall. He married his soulmate, Gail Duensing, on November 27, 1971 and the two remained in Lawrence until he received his Juris Doctorate in 1974. Upon completion of his education, Bob moved to Scottsdale, where he practiced real estate law for 36 years. He joined the Ellman Companies in 1995 as the Senior Vice President and General Counsel, and remained there until his passing. Bob loved life and was extremely passionate about his family, friends, career, and hobbies. His greatest joys and memories came from spending time with his wife and three daughters, taking immense pride in their interests and achievements. He also enjoyed a great game of hearts with his parents and brothers. When he was not spending time with his family, "Lefty"

could almost always be found at Paradise Valley Country Club where he was an avid golfer with his regular "golf buddies." He also thoroughly enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, watching sports, and spending summers on Coronado Island. Bob is survived by Gail, his beloved wife of 38 years, daughters: Katharine, fiance, Jason Cabias, Anne, fiance, Christopher Osborn, and Molly, parents Richard and Marget Kaufman, brothers Steven, John (Nancy), and Richard (Laurie), sister-in-law Diane (Tom) Tierney, brother-in-law David Duensing, and his 10 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his in-laws, David and Evelyn Duensing. A celebration of Bob's life will be held Monday, July 26th at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Barnabas on the Desert, 6715 North Mockingbird Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions in the name of Robert P. Kaufman to the Arizona Cancer Center Lung Cancer Program, 1515 North Campbell Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, 85724-5013, or to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 East Flower Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85014-5656. Arrangements by Messinger Indian School Mortuary.

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July 18, 2020

Honoring Bob once again with a thank you for a saying he said to a few of us at our graduation dinner he so graciously took us to... You can always get more money, but you cant get more time. I literally think of this every single time I make a choice about my life path. Thank you, Bob! Your legacy, indeed, lives on in so many ways! My love goes out to you, Molly, and the entire family.

Jacob Whetter

Friend

August 9, 2010

Gail and girls,

I was shocked and saddened to learn of your loss. Don't know if you remember me but I sure remember all of you. I worked for Bob (along with Roy Harrell) in St Pete during the Bay Plaza days. It was pure pleasure working with him. I will always remember his 40th birthday (and the fun Roy had with it too!) there in St Pete. Bob and your family were so gracious and fun to be around. I still have and cherish the gifts and memories your family gave my family. Through Bob we met Bart Starr and my husband still remembers that day. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you all.

Teresa Hobbs

August 6, 2010

Gail and Kaufman family,

Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

Becky (Laurie's sister)

Becky Cheatham

July 27, 2010

I met Bob a few times when he would come meet David at Applebees and he always had some good stories to tell. Even though I havent seen him in quite a few years I do have fond memories. We will keep your family in our

prays,
Sandi and Denny Jones

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July 27, 2010

I worked for Bob just after law school. He taught me precision writing and the concept of "just do it" before the phrase was coined. Bob was always positive and had a great sense of humor. He was a wonderful mentor. His family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Pierce

July 27, 2010

Dear Gail, Molly and Family, I am so sorry for your loss, the Weymouth family mourns with you during this time. Bob and I used to talk every so often and discuss our girls. I will miss his friendship and his great wisdom. You probably do not no this, but Bob use to give me advice on business and other things when i needed it. He was a brilliant and great man who loved his family. What a terrific role model and example for all of us dads and husbands. Please accept our deepest regrets that we did not make his services but we were all out of town.

Our Prayers are with you,

Brian Weymouth & Family

July 27, 2010

I worked for Bob in the St. Pete area at Baynard, Harrell. He was one of the most upstanding gentlemen I have had the privilege of knowing and working with. Bob, you will be sorely missed. God Bless your family during this difficult time. You will in our hearts forever.

Sherri Harris

July 27, 2010

dear gail came back to phoenix today to check on house and got the sad news via e mail. i remember how generous bob was. he went out of his way to get hockey tickets for my grandsons who had never been to a hockey game. he along with you, raised 3 beautiful daughters and he will always live in their hearts. will call you soon. on behalf of frank and i we are deeply saddened. love and prayers, fran case

fran case

July 26, 2010

Dear Gail, Molly, Katie and Annie,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I've had the great opportunity to be a part of your family through my friendship with Dyni through out the years. I have special memories of you and Bob as you opened your home to us Arizona State girls for family, food and fun. Bob was a terrific man as husband, father, son, brother, colleague and friend. He will be missed by many. Gail, may you and the girls find strength and comfort amongst each other.
Love, Colleen

Colleen McKay Martin

July 26, 2010

I worked with Bob on the Bay Plaza project in St Petersburg, Florida, from 1987 until the mid-1990s. Bob was a pleasure to work with and he was a creative thinker. He was also always upbeat and had a great sense of humor. I learned the phrase "intellectually honest" from him, and he always strived to achieve that standard.

He will be missed by all that knew him. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.

Rick Mussett

July 25, 2010

The memories of Bob race into my mind over coming the blinding sadness... each one makes the heart smile, each one prompts another fond event. For Bob was one of the Great Ones who you wanted to emulate and just wanted to be around. For he could learn of unsurmountable odds and with his grin, say "perfect." For me, he was like a big brother who welcomed me into his loving home and shared his blessed family and his adventurous life. My heart felt thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Each one of us is better because of his magic! God indeed blessed us!

Michael Van Butsel

July 25, 2010

Gail, with sadness I read of the loss of your husband. Even though I did not know Bob, I know you shared a lifetime of wonderful experiences and adventures. I have so many fond memories of you, Diane, and David ,and

our childhood days in Glen Ellyn. Your parents were always so kind and I know my sister (and I) loved to spend time at your house. May the love and support of your children and family surround you at this difficult time. Barbara Peters Prior (Scottsdale, AZ)

July 25, 2010

Bob was one of the "good guys". He always was upbeat even in complex or difficult business situations. Though I am very poor singer, he even allowed me to sing with him several times at a local St. Petersburg, FL bar. The entire family should know that he cared about them every moment of his life. He'll look down now on them and keep them on the right path.

John Trotter

July 25, 2010

I will miss his smile as he walked in, those funny stories, the way he always took time to listen as well as talk to people, and always the pride in his face and voice when he talked about his family. He was a great person and that greatness will be continued through his wife Gail and his children, lives touched by him, are better because of him. I am thankful for having been one of those people and will treasure the memories.

David Salmon

July 24, 2010

I grew up with Bob's younger brother John and spend many hours at the Kaufman house. I remember him from baseball a big strong left hander. always willing to givr advise to us young up starts.

Bruce Elliott

July 24, 2010

I have known Bob since high school back in Illinois. We had a group of other classmates and we enjoyed dinners together over the past couple years. Bob was a wonderful guy and we will miss him terribly. My prayers and thoughts are with the family during this time.

Stephanie Walters

July 24, 2010

I always have looked up to Mr. Kaufman as a role model and a teacher of life, and how one is supposed to live it. There is not a week of my life in the last 13 years that I didn't think of you in some way with the fondest of memories. In my eyes you always exemplified what being a loving parent and father is all about. Mrs. Kaufman and your girls were extremely blessed to have you as a husband and father. The world lost one of the most amazing and caring men I had the esteemed pleasure of knowing. Mr. Kaufman, thank you for being apart of my life and sharing your brilliance, your love, and your wonderful family with my own. I will miss you greatly. Thank you for all the memories that I hold dear to my heart.

I love you

Jim Pomfret

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July 24, 2010

What an amazing man! Mr. Kaufman brought so much joy to his family and friends. He's also the only guy that taught me how to remove a cork from a wine bottle without damaging the cork or the bottle - you never know when you need to utilize this skill. :-) My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Jacob Whetter

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