



Robert "Bob" V. Dufner

March 16, 2022 - March 16, 2022

Robert Volk Dufner, a 68-year Wenatchee resident died on March 16th, 2022 following a brief illness, surrounded by his children. Bob was born in Savoy Montana in 1929, to Andrew and Teresa (Volk) Dufner. He and his three sisters and two brothers spent their primary and secondary school years in Montana, moving to Spokane to facilitate college attendance in 1948. In 1951, he married Patricia Anne O'Hare. Bob graduated from Gonzaga University and the University of Idaho with degrees in Chemical Engineering. Following graduation, he and Pat moved to Wenatchee where he was employed as a process control engineer in Alcoa's newly built aluminum smelter.

Bob served two years in the Army, in the Quartermaster R & D Field Evaluation Agency, as a test engineer, in Fort Lee Virginia. Following his discharge, he returned to Alcoa in Wenatchee. Apart from 5 years spent in Alcoa's Indiana Smelter, his entire 37 years of Alcoa service were spent in Wenatchee.

Bob was an active member of St Joseph's Catholic Church for over 60 years, serving it in many differing capacities.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Patricia; his parents; two sisters, Margaret and Mary Louise; two brothers, Jerome and Andrew [Fr. Andy Dufner SJ]; and one son Robert Joseph. He is survived by two daughters, Diane Sanders and Susan (Robert Koons) Dufner; one son, Daniel [Fr. Dan

Dufner]; one sister, Joan Breidenbach of Missoula, MT; and by five grandchildren: Danielle Sanders, Niki (Nick) Madunich, Caitlin Sanders, Anne Ray Dufner and Miles Koons. He is also survived by numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

An Evening Vigil Service will be held at Chapel of the Valley on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 7 pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday March 24, 2022 at 11 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee.

The internment service follows at Holy Cross Cemetery in Spokane on March 25, 2022 at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's School in Wenatchee.

Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.