



Robert "Bob" Eley

August 17, 1935 - January 31, 2023

Our Lord decided to take Robert Henry (Bob) Eley home on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. He was born August 17, 1935.

Bob graduated from O'Dea High School, attended Saint Edward Seminary, and belonged to Holy Family Parish, all in Seattle, Washington. Bob also served in the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged after completion of four years active-duty service and four years of reserve in the United States Air Force. Bob began his civilian career serving as a volunteer for the missionaries in Alaska. He went on to marry his sweetheart Katherine (Katie) Zoric on May 3, 1958, until her death on June 4, 2011. With Katie, he raised six beautiful daughters, all of which are still living - Katherine Sotnik, Theresa Eley, Ann Sargent, Mary Eley, Rose DeGoede, and Carol Mosman.

He accepted a job at Boeing with practical strength in electronics. Bob also taught electronics at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Washington. He later graduated from Central Washington University with a Master's Degree in Education and established as Associate Dean of Instruction at Wenatchee Valley College in Wenatchee, Washington in 1979. Bob earned a Doctorate in Education from Seattle University while working as Dean of Education at Highline College in Des Moines, Washington (the faculty of which he highly praised, and from whom upon retirement, Bob received the honorary title of

Dean Emeritus). Bob and Katie both returned home to Wenatchee in the year 2001.

Bob was an extraordinary teacher. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others and understood many subjects. He taught the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). He attended and was supportive of Cursillo - a Roman Catholic spiritual retreat. Bob was also dedicated to attending Holy Mass.

We love you, Bob! You were fun, smart, hardworking, and loyal. Your advice was always good. We appreciate you always being present during important events in our lives. We are grateful you were always there for your family, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. May You Rest in Peace.

Bob is survived by his lovely wife of six and one-half years, Patricia (Trish) Wilmoth Eley whom he married on June 11, 2016. Bob is also survived by his four sisters Jean Holmes, Sister Pat Eley, Marge Tavis, Barb Cords, and two of his three brothers, Joe Eley and John Eley. Bob was preceded in death by both of his parents; Henry Joseph Eley and Mary Jane McDaniel Eley, and by one brother, Hank (Bud) Eley.

Rosary will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 10:00am; followed by a Funeral Mass, at 11:00am at Holy Apostles, 1315 8th St NE, East Wenatchee, WA.

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Bob was incredible at applying himself to whatever he wished to achieve. I remember his excitement when he told me he had purchased a new bike. Well, it was not new; it was an older Yellow, Black, and white gold wing that had seen better days. Still, he had such a grin, almost like a child who stole cookies out of the cookie jar. Well, he put that bike in the basement, tore it down, and rebuilt it from the frame up. Still remember when he purchased the new parts and was told they would not fit on the frame he owned. Bob didn't care in fact when he was done building the bike. The local bike club they road with showed his bike with all the new Gold Wings and so many couldn't tell the difference. I try telling people and have for years. We can not take it with us but our memories we get to keep it..and I am keeping that one..- Kevin C*

Kevin Collinge - December 19, 2024 at 04:04 AM

MA

“ *Prior to his retirement, Bob was my predecessor at Highline. I had very large shoes to fill, but he mentored me with passion and care. I recall our discussions about both being brought up as some hardcore Catholics. I went to O'Dea, too. Rest in paradise, Bob! He made a significant difference in so many lives.*

Michael Allen - April 06, 2023 at 09:34 PM



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Chapel of the Valley - February 06, 2023 at 01:39 PM



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Chapel of the Valley - February 06, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *My favorite thing about Uncle Bob, is how he would always make me feel important, even with all the other kids running around, he would find time to spend a few minutes with each of us. Not to mention I got to ride motorcycles with him when I got older. Im not sad, because I know he is in heaven with grandma and grandpa. It is comforting to know I have loved ones in heaven and when my time comes, I will see them again.*

Andrew Kelley - February 03, 2023 at 10:22 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Cords lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Eley*



Barbara cords - February 02, 2023 at 11:47 PM

BC

“ A fond memory growing up with Bob as my elder brother, was walking up the sidewalk on 13th from Cambridge. This dog was running close at my heels and I was in such great fear. Running fast as I could, Tears rolling down my face, as I spotted Bob. Out in his coveralls underneath the street light by Smith's house working on his car. I yelled with all I had for Bob. Bob peaked around from underneath the hood. Smiled and came to my rescue. Such relief as he lifted me then said to me, " It's just a little puppy. It just wanted to play with you" While giving me a hug and setting me safely inside our fenced yard. I love you Bob, I am so proud of you and Thank God for Blessing me with you for an elder brother! 💕 forever Barbara

Barbara cords - February 02, 2023 at 11:42 PM

MK

Mike and I are saddened by Bob's death and offer our condolences to all his children and his wife Trish. May you be comforted in knowing he lived a good, happy life.

Martha M Kullman - February 07, 2023 at 01:39 PM