



Robin "Toby" Droz

September 19, 1955 - June 14, 2023

Robin Humbert Droz, known by his family as Toby, a resident of Portland, OR for 50+ years, passed away suddenly of natural causes June 14, 2023.

Robin was born September 19, 1955 in Wenatchee, WA at St. Anthony's Hospital. He was educated at both Wenatchee and Vancouver, WA schools graduating from Columbia River High School in 1974.

Most of Robin's working years were spent in the hospitality business. He retired in December, 2022 from Terwilliger Plaza after 14 years of service. When notifying the Terwilliger team members of Robin's death, the CEO said that Robin was thought of by many as more than a co-worker, but as a friend, as he genuinely demonstrated care and concern for those he encountered.

Many comments have been made about Robin's kindness to others. Robin was a passionate photographer with an eye for the artistry of buildings, flowers, travels and exquisite antique cars. He made two trips to Europe in 1978 and 2014 making lifetime friends there. He was an avid reader and collector of fine books. He was passionate about researching his ancestors.

Robin was a long-time member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, OR. Among his belongings was this Epiphany: To acknowledge the light at the

door; to embrace Jesus. To salute the life which has passed; to greet the life which has arrived. A transitory commendation; to celebrate the new life.

Survivors include his sister-in-law Susan Droz Rankin, nephew Joshua Droz and family, niece Sarah Babbitt and husband and numerous cousins. Robin was preceded in death by his father and mother Bernerd and Inez Droz and his only sibling Rex Droz.

Family and friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society or Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Avenue, Portland, OR 97209, or the charity of your choice. No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements are in the care of Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ I went to high school with Toby, we were good friends. One very favorite memory was trip we took to the Portland airport. They were removing and the carpet and the bare floors were exposed. We wore our wooden shoes, and clonked everywhere while Toby chattered loudly in Dutch he had learned as an exchange student... It's still a favorite memory.



Mary Jo Hawkins - May 18, 2024 at 11:57 AM

RS

“ I am a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and I met Robin there in the 1980s. I was a frequent patron of the Georgian Room at Meier and Frank, Downtown Portland, and the Aladdin Room at Lloyd Center. I frequently saw Robin around town, and the last several years I would see him at the Hollywood Branch Library. I went out of my way to be friendly, and we shared many laughs over the years. I was shocked to see his name listed in the Faithful Departed at the All Souls service at Trinity -- we are very close in age. I am very glad that the Cathedral was notified, because I mourn his passing and pray for the repose of his soul. Rob Stoltz, Portland, Oregon

Rob Stoltz - November 29, 2023 at 12:42 AM

SR

Thank you, Rob for sharing your memories. I am grateful to hear from Robin's Portland friends as I never had the opportunity to meet any of you. Susan Droz Rankin

susan droz rankin - December 31, 2023 at 04:59 PM

CS

“ I am a Member of Terwilliger Plaza and only now found the obituary and the contact information for Robin. Nobody here at Terwilliger ever posted anything about him! Maybe you could ask them to post this notice so people can reach out to you. I'll give a donation to Terwilliger Plaza in his name. My name is Carolyn Savage and my husband taught British History at Lewis and Clark College. Robin liked to talk with me about England. I'm glad he is at peace now, but the rest of us are left to mourn.

Carolyn Savage - September 14, 2023 at 08:29 PM

SR

Hi Carolyn,
I was informed that a posting was made at Terwilliger Plaza immediately after I notified the office of Robin's passing. I was sent a copy of it. I am so sorry that you were not aware of his passing. Susan Droz Rankin

susan droz rankin - December 31, 2023 at 04:43 PM