



Robert "Bob" J King

February 17, 1942 - April 29, 2023

Robert "Bob" J. King, 81, of Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away peacefully after a short illness on April 29, 2023. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on February 17, 1942, Bob was the son of the late Ruth and William King, and brother to William (deceased) and Marilyn Scanlon. He is survived by his devoted wife, Edie, and by his loving children Melinda (Robert) Murphy, Elizabeth Skvorak, and Robert Skvorak. He also leaves behind four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Meghan (Braden) Myers, Michael (Rachael) Skvorak, Matthew Murphy, Kelly Murphy, Violet Skvorak, and Lincoln Myers, who will all miss him greatly.

Bob's love for education and football began in Charleroi, PA, where he graduated from high school. He then continued on to receive his B.S. from California (PA) State University and M.S. from SUNY Potsdam. Bob exercised his lifelong passion for coaching football as a head coach at both the high school and collegiate levels. He coached at the high school level in the states of NY and PA and at the collegiate level at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. Bob was honored as Pittsburgh Press Coach of the Year in 1980 and was selected to coach the Pennsylvania "Big 33" All-Star Team in 1981.

After retiring from teaching, Bob's passion moved from the gridiron to the golf course, where he loved to play as often as possible. He also enjoyed coaching his playing partners before, during, and after any given round.

He belonged to the Youghiogheny CC in McKeesport, PA, before joining Prestwick CC in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Bob was a consummate gentleman with a hearty laugh, a penchant for storytelling, and was always a gracious host. He will be dearly missed by all.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Prestwick CC, Myrtle Beach, SC on Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 2 - 4pm. Donations can be made in memory of Bob to First Tee at <https://firsttee.org/donate/>

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Bob always had a smile and a kind word. And always a story to tell about sports and his love for speed and fast cars. I wish we knew him longer. He is loved and missed. Sharon and John Mayberry

Sharon and John Mayberry - June 03, 2023 at 08:08 PM

JZ

“ When we moved in we knew nobody but quickly met our neighbor, Bob, who was so welcoming with his good nature, sense of humor, and great stories. You could tell he had been a good coach who led his teams well and was loved for it.

James Zalaznik - May 26, 2023 at 01:19 PM

MH

“ Bob and I shared many rounds of 18, many stops at the 19th hole, years of teaching n coaching in same district, and a friendship that transcended 40+ years. Every trip to Myrtle Beach had a round and a beer. More memories that space available.

Mickey Hornack - May 23, 2023 at 05:10 PM

DB

“ The best way to describe Bob King is that he was a big man with a big personality and an even bigger heart. He loved golf, football, playing cards and mostly his family. He was so proud of all of them . He also deeply loved and appreciated his wife, Edie, who took excellent care of him whenever he needed it. Bob will be surely be missed.

Love Denise & Bob Ballerano.

Denise Ballerano - May 22, 2023 at 12:10 PM

MD

“ When I was a senior in high school, I covered Coach King's 1977 Elizabeth Forward team. He wasn't always enamored of what I wrote, but years later, on several occasions when I was a golfing guest of friends at Youghiogheny CC, I encountered Coach King and he was so happy to see me and we had such lovely conversations. I want to wish his entire family the best and hope they know he was a friend to many.

Michael DeCourcy - May 08, 2023 at 01:56 PM

GK

“ It is with great sadness I pen this message. Bob will be missed by many as a gentleman and lover of sport. Our condolences to the King family.

GERY KATALINICH - May 08, 2023 at 06:54 AM

KL

“ For me, Bob brings memories of laughter, golfing, Prestwick as a country club, the Kentucky Derby, and sports, especially college football. He was a friend who always had a good word of encouragement and loved to have fun. He was a character who will not be forgotten by anyone that spent time with him. I am sure he is holding court about the virtue of sports in heaven as I write this... Our deepest sympathies to Edie and the family on their loss. He will be missed.

Kevin Lemmons - May 07, 2023 at 05:38 PM

MG

“ Euchre, ✓. Golf, ✓. Kentucky Derby party, ✓. Poker, ✓. Football on the big screen, ✓. Winning the Member/Member, ✓. Too many other things to list here, ✓. These are only a few of our favorite things that Max and I will miss now that Bob is gone. Deepest condolences to Edie and the King clan. Remember the good times.

Max and Richie Gale - May 04, 2023 at 06:27 PM

PK

In many ways Bob was larger than life. His enthusiasm for everything he loved was something to behold. He will be missed for so many reasons. Bob loved to bet, and I will bet that he has already made his hole in one in heaven. Rest easy my friend!

paul Kaplan - May 07, 2023 at 03:58 PM

AK

“ Coach King kept asking me in the weight room to join the football team. I should have made a deal; OK 👍, but only if you let me date your beautiful daughter Mindy.

Adam Scott Kruse - May 04, 2023 at 10:00 AM

AK

My condolences to the King family 🙏🙏🙏💔😞😞

Adam Scott Kruse - May 04, 2023 at 10:02 AM

RG

We had many good times in the past, the poker games, golf, the Kentucky Derby parties and many more social “get togethers”. Bob was fun to be around and really like any competition. He didn’t know “quit” and always worked hard to win. Bob, you certainly will be missed. Our condolences go out to Edie and their family. Ray Gauthier

Raymond Gauthier - May 07, 2023 at 09:32 PM

FL

Bob King welcomed my wife and I to Prestwick with open arms. When I told him I was a Steeler fan we were close friends from then on, and we shared the same birthday. I will fondly remember the drinks and laughs we had together and the fabulous Kentucky Derby Party. We sincerely offer our condolences to the King Family. I know Bob is at Peace and looking forward to the Steeler season. RIP Bob

Fran Lizauckas - May 08, 2023 at 12:27 PM

LD

Bob has been a part of our lives for as long as he's been at Prestwick. We'll miss his generous hospitality, his big personality, and his enthusiastic storytelling. His spirit will be with us especially on New Years Eve, Superbowl Sunday, and Kentucky Derby Day. Our sympathy is with dear Edie and the family. Never forgotten....Linda and Cliff Dittrich

Linda Dittrich - May 09, 2023 at 10:20 AM

JP

The picture of Bob says it all. He was a happy person who was fun to be around. A character in the true sense of the word. Hard to beat at euchre; boy did he know his football and loved old western movies. My "bee stings" will miss him. Our condolences to his lovely wife, Edie, and their family.

Jay and Susan Pearly

Jay Pearly - May 15, 2023 at 09:37 PM

CR

Edie. So sorry to hear of Bob,s passing. He gave Edward his first chance at coaching high school foot ball and I'm sure he loved every minute. He passed away in 2019. Janet Normile and I , Carol Robinson, had a pillow that read, This marriage has been postponed due to the football season! I will never forget that lobster and fireworks party. We had so much fun in that chapter of our lives. These times are not so easy. Take care, Edie, and thanks!

carol robinson - May 19, 2023 at 11:20 AM