



Robert Routt

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Bob Routt of Surfside Beach, SC, died Friday, August 14th, at Grand Strand Medical Center surrounded by family.

Bob was born July 12, 1939 in Washington, DC to the late Francis Ray and Catherine Rita Gallagher Routt. He lived most of his life in the Maryland/Virginia area, moving to Surfside Beach in 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Lynn Routt; two daughters, Cynthia Leah Schwartz and her husband Daniel of Raleigh, NC, and Teresa Marie Padgett and husband Charles of LaPlata, MD, two sons, Robert Francis Routt, Jr. and his wife Kammie of Spokane, WA, and Thomas Lamar Routt and Brooke of Bend, OR, and stepson Scott Bouwkamp of Grand Rapids, MI; two sisters, Rita Jean Roman and her husband Bob, and Frances Rae Routt, both of Surfside Beach, SC and one brother John Joseph Routt and his wife Kathy of Silver Spring, MD; ten grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Joyce Routt.

Bob graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, DC in 1957, where he played football as a tight end, basketball and baseball. He

attended the University of Maryland leaving to pursue a career with the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, DC. Starting as a GS-1, he retired after 36 years as the Director of ADP and Financial Audit and Security.

He was an avid bowler, including duck pins, and played pool since childhood-growing up with a pool table in his childhood home, and he loved getting together with friends and family to play cards. He especially enjoyed playing baseball/softball. He played on the VA's inter-agency baseball team, as a pitcher and shortstop, practicing after work on the National Mall, and continued to play through the senior leagues. He also bowled on the VA's inter-agency bowling team.

He was an excellent dancer and would jump at the opportunity to dance some of his favorites such as the foxtrot, four step, jitterbug and his James Brown moves to "I Feel Good". A big fan of the Washington Redskins and the Washington Nationals, he loved watching them play. Watching the horse races was a favorite, especially attending the Preakness. He enjoyed going to Atlantic City and on cruises, driving his Cadillacs and spending time on the beach, which is one reason he decided to retire in Surfside Beach.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, August 22nd, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, in Murrells Inlet, SC. We are saddened that due to Covid-19 restricting attendance, the services are limited to family, but are heartened that so many of his family will be able to attend. Interment will be held after the service at St. Michael's Catholic Church Columbarium, Murrells Inlet, SC. As this service is outside, attendance is open.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Michael's Catholic Church, 542 Cypress Avenue, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is serving the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Routt.*



September 08, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Dear Teri, Charlie and Family,*

Joe and I send our heartfelt condolences to you all. We pray that the peace and love of God surrounds you during this very difficult time. I didn't know your Dad very well but I knew how much he meant to you. My friend you were such an exceptional daughter!

We Love you and wish we could be with you tomorrow.

Joe and Louise Mundo

Louise Habib - August 21, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ *Over the years Bob and I shared a very unique friendship. We have been friends since 1968 and his moving on to a new chapter will not change, I feel like family and will never forget the NCO Club at Andrews AFB. May prayers be with the family and may he rest in peace 🕊️.*

Larry Sies - August 20, 2020 at 02:56 PM

DP

“ I will miss seeing you and Bob walk into Gordon Biersch! All your many friends and fans would run over to you to say hello and wish Bob well ❤️ Always in my thoughts and prayers 🙏

Deborah Perrone - August 19, 2020 at 09:26 PM

DA

“ Dear Family,
Words cannot express how saddened Jack and I are at Bob's passing. We shared so much as young families in Langley Park. There may have been some broken links in the chain but, we were able to stay in touch with him & Joyce and your beautiful families. I regard each of you as part of mine. My prayer is Bob is peaceful in his new home. That those of us here find that peace when we remember him. Love you all Bless you all
Dee Dee Adams



Dee Dee Adams - August 19, 2020 at 08:46 PM

DA

PS-Bob, we will dance to *Wha'd I Say*, next time in heaven

Dee Dee Adams - August 19, 2020 at 08:49 PM

BB

“ Brenda Brady purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Robert Routt.



Brenda Brady - August 19, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Routt.*



August 19, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Bob's family. Bob was my supervisor/manager/mentor for many years at the VA in Washington DC. Bob gave me my first opportunity to manage a group of analysts and this became the first step in a long career with VA's IT and Finance offices.*

Bob cared a lot about his employees and was always a good listener. And I have many fond memories of working for him and with him. When time came for my retirement, Bob was there although he no longer lived in the DC area. I will always remember this very special gesture.

May memories of Bob be a constant solace to his family.

Vidal Falcon

Vidal Falcon - August 18, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Routt.*



August 18, 2020 at 02:59 PM

VC

“ I remember Bob Routt from my early days in VA. He was always kind. Rest in peace.

Vicki Cordes - August 18, 2020 at 02:08 PM

SC

“ So saddened by the news. Sincere condolences, with deepest sympathy Joyce, Teri, Sean, family, loved ones, and friends. Sending prayers for comfort and the healing of your heavy hearts. I first met Bob and his daughter, Debi, circa 1984. I have many fond memories of the time we spent together. He was such a character. Always kind. Always genuine. Made me feel like part of the family. He was supportive of everyone. He accepted others for who they were, without judgment. For many years he would send email messages just to brighten the day. He will surely be missed by many. May God bless, and may Bob rest in eternal peace. Now reunited with Debi. Love remains. Always. Sending virtual hugs with so much love... ❤️🙏💕

Stacy Carroll - August 18, 2020 at 01:15 AM

TE

Thanks Stacy💜

teri - August 18, 2020 at 09:20 AM

SC



Stacy Carroll - August 18, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SR

Teri, I did not know your dad, but I know he was a very special father and you made him feel very proud to be your father. God Bless you and your family.

Sharon Reynolds - August 19, 2020 at 06:29 PM

AC

“ Aunt Dee Dee and Uncle Craig purchased the A Full Life for the family of Robert Routt.



Aunt Dee Dee and Uncle Craig - August 17, 2020 at 11:05 PM

EF

“ Worked with Bob at the VA. Such a wonderful person. He will be missed by many!

Eleanor sullivan Friday - August 17, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Routt.



August 17, 2020 at 05:21 PM

RP

“ Rhonda Powell lit a candle in memory of Robert Routt



Rhonda Powell - August 17, 2020 at 01:01 AM

RP

“ My husband and I had a Condo with a balcony facing the Pier, here in Myrtle Beach. Every Tuesday they would have a Firework Display off the Pier and we had a perfect view sitting out front. It just happen to be an evening Bobby came over to visit us. We drank wine, talked and watch those beautiful fireworks over the Ocean. This memory with Terry's father, Bobby, has got to be the best ever. We had such a good time with this Wonderful Man and I will always treasure it. You will be missed by so many, including myself.



Rhonda Powell - August 17, 2020 at 12:55 AM

TE

That is really nice Rhonda thanks for sharing your memory ❤️

teri - August 17, 2020 at 01:31 AM

DL

Diane Carrico Aldsworth. It was nice knowing you and working with you at the VA. You will be missed. 🙏

Diane Ldsworth - August 18, 2020 at 05:43 AM

DA

Diane Carrico Aldsworth Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he Rest In Peace
Amen



Diane Aldsworth - August 18, 2020 at 06:05 AM

DA

On August 18, 2020 I had a dream of Robert Rott it was good until I looked him up on the internet and discovered the sad news. I am terrible sorry.

Diane Aldsworth - August 18, 2020 at 06:52 AM

TE



teri - August 19, 2020 at 05:05 PM