



Robert Walter Verge

April 13, 1946 - January 12, 2024

Robert Walter Verge age 77 of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina passed away at home Friday, January 12, 2024 after a lengthy illness. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Rita M. (Keaney) Verge, with whom he shared 41 years of marriage.

Born in Stoneham, MA on April, 13 1946, Rob was the son of the late Wallace C. and Helen (Brewer) Verge. Rob grew up in Melrose, MA and graduated from Melrose High School. He was active in the Boy Scouts where he earned the highest attainable rank as an Eagle Scout. He went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Norwich University in Vermont Class of 1969. Rob was a member of the Norwich Cadets Hockey Team for 4 years.

Rob was an educator at Berlin High School in New Hampshire. In addition to teaching, he was the school's hockey coach and was selected as the 1976 Coach of the Year. Rob continued to enjoy playing hockey with the Berlin Maroons as well as local teams in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Rob went on to a career with New England Telephone and its successor companies. After retirement, Rob and Rita made their home first in Florida and now in South Carolina, but living in New Hampshire has always held a special place in their hearts.

Rob was a proud life-long member of the Masons. He was an avid reader and an all-around handyman on household projects.

In addition to his wife Rita, Rob leaves his son Robert and his wife Cindy

along with his 2 grandsons Nicholas and Jared. He leaves his sister Susan Vets and her husband Bob. He was predeceased by his sister Judy and twin brother Richard. His extended family consists of many in-laws and several nieces and nephews.

Rob will be remembered as a loving husband, father and friend. His gentle manner as well as the kindness he brought to every gathering will be deeply missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Private services will be held at Goldfinch. Visit their website to share a memory. (<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/>). In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Shriners at (shrinerschildrens.org/en/giving) in Rob's memory.

Tribute Wall

WN

“ A Norwich University classmate, we shared the same challenges that were unique to a military college in the anti-war environment of the late sixties. Throughout those four grueling years, Bobby's unique spirit and positive attitude established a benchmark of dedication and energy that made the hardest times bearable. Bobby's mastery of the ice was always a joy to watch. His focus and drive were inspirational. While he has found peace and freedom from pain and suffering, Bobby will live on in the hearts and memories of the Norwich University Class of 1969.



Walter Franklin, Class of 69, NU - February 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM

TK

“ Condolences to you, Rita and the Verge family for the loss of Rob. You were an amazing caregiver to him during his long illness. Frank and I are thinking about you and we're here to support you as you navigate this difficult time. May you all find some peace and comfort by celebrating Robs wonderful life along with the memories you shared.

Love, Tess & Frank

Tess Keaney - January 22, 2024 at 08:04 PM

DK

“ Rita,
My deepest condolences to you and Rob’s family. Rob was one of the nicest people I ever met. He was always so welcoming and kind. I always loved our times together and the beautiful home you both created together. The love you shared is eternal and he will always be with you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love Dina

Dina Keaney - January 22, 2024 at 06:48 PM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - January 20, 2024 at 01:49 PM

SU

“ Rita, my sincere condolences to you and your family. Robbie was a classmate and a special friend. He will be so missed.

Suzanne - January 20, 2024 at 11:59 AM

NV

“ I’ll hold close the memories of spending time with Uncle Robert and Aunt Rita as kids, Robert was an excellent cook and we looked forward to his special German pancakes. He and Rita always made our visits so much fun; I’ll never forget Robert’s sense of adventure and contagious laugh. He was a special, kind and loving man, and my heart aches for Rita and his son Robert and his family. I hope your memories carry you through this difficult time. With lots of love,
Natalie

Natalie Verge - January 19, 2024 at 08:50 PM

SV

“ *This pains me to be writing this, but I have so many wonderful memories of our childhood, youth & beyond which I'll cherish forever. You were always so active and enjoyed life to it's fullest and have many happy memories. I know you are in a better place Rest in peace until we meet again.*

Love Susan

Susan C. Vets - January 19, 2024 at 02:24 PM

PJ

*Robert,
You were the kindest, sharing, gentleman. We are lucky to call you Uncle. When I was recovering you called me everyday. I hope you know how much I appreciated you. We will love you forever. RIP until we meet again. Love, Pauli*

Pauli Johnson - January 19, 2024 at 07:20 PM

CM

So sad to hear that we lost our Melrose High Defense line. So many good memories of Clifton Park, Queenie greeting me every morning on the walk to school, the trips to the farm after Hockey or Football season. Richy fishing Hosmer out of the ice on the skate down the river. Parties and runs to Hampton beach, the motocross races in Pepperell. Good times with old friends. We cherish memories of the good times with the twins in melrose Chuck Mitchell.

charles mitchell - January 20, 2024 at 03:23 PM

FK

As a 1974 graduate of Berlin High School, knew Mr. Verge well. Many great Mountaineer hockey games. Enjoyed watching him play for the Berlin Marion's! My deepest sympathies to his wife and family. Great love and memories.

*Faith Kingsley
Berlin, NH*

Faith Kingsley - January 20, 2024 at 09:53 PM

RS

*We all lost a fine Norwich man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and Norwich Buddies. May he now Rest in Peace.
RADM Rich Schneider, Norwich President Emeritus*

Richard W Schneider - February 22, 2024 at 09:57 PM