

Robert Edward Spencer

“Until We Meet Again”

Bob was born in San Francisco, August 15, 1937 to Robert Sr and Marguerite. Soon after his birth the family moved to Portland Oregon where he spent his early childhood before the family moved again to Dallas Texas when he was 9. Bob's formidable years were spent in Dallas where he found his love of scouting and camping. He was very active in the Boy Scouts, attaining rank of Eagle Scout and Silver Award in Exploring while also spending summers as camp counselor in Dallas. Some of his fondest scouting memories were while attending Philmont summer camp in New Mexico as both a scout and leader. He often regaled his grandsons of some of his more outrageous adventures while at Philmont, maybe even involving canons and canoes.

During his time in Dallas Bob enjoyed making model planes and helped his father to build a scaled model sailboat. He also discovered his love of cars, and worked on various autos with racing and police interceptor engines. But his favorite car was his 1964 Red MGB convertible. After years of speeding around southern California and New Mexico, Bob spent time restoring his favorite auto for show in local parades.

After he graduated from High School in Dallas the family moved to California where Bob attended El Camino College, after which he joined the Navy as a draftsman. While not particularly enthusiastic about the cramped quarters, he did enjoy the vast ocean views and also honed his love of cooking during his stint as chef in the Officers Mess. After his Naval experience he moved back to southern California and started his engineering career with McDonnell-Douglas working on the Saturn V moon rocket. Later after moving to New Mexico he worked on the first personal computer (Altair) at MITS, eventually transferring his project management skills to unnamed DOD projects for the remainder of his career.

Bob loved humor and lived by the motto “always leave them laughing”. He enjoyed meeting people and found lasting friendships among the many activities he participated in. Bob was very active in dog clubs (Weimaraner), the Placitas volunteer Fire Department and Masonic organizations. It was at Eastern Star in Huntington Beach, CA where he met and fell in love with Lucy. They married in 1975 and moved to Placitas, New Mexico where they established their lifelong home. He was VP and President of the Placitas Volunteer Fire Department and joined Turquoise chapter of Eastern Star where he served as WP five times and was WGP in 1995. Everyone knew Bob by his humor and could spot him wherever the crowd was laughing and having a good time, he would inevitably be in the center of the uproar. Bob loved his Weimaraners, training and raising champions in both field and show starting with his beloved champion Gandolf.

While you could always find Bob directing situations in the way he saw fit, he also had a generous heart and gave of his time to mentor, teach and influence many individuals in their own life's journey. He will be dearly missed, but friends and family can be warmed with the memories of his quick humor and giving heart. He leaves behind his soul mate, wife Lucy, beloved daughter Susan Lopez, son-in-law Jose Lopez, grandchildren Jesse Lopez, Aric Lopez, Justine Basulto (Juan), great-grandchildren Karlie and Nicolas Basulto, and many nieces and nephews in Seguin Texas. We all love and cherish the time spent with this amazing individual. So we say to Bob "until we meet again".