



Robert A. Kaye

November 9, 1931 - January 16, 2021

Robert A. Kaye entered eternal peace on January 16th after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Robert was born in Jamaica, New York on November 9, 1931 to the late Arthur & Mary (Hanlon) Kaye. Robert was preceded in death by his siblings: Virginia (Armstrong), Regina (Bracci), Donald and Edmond. Robert was happily married to "his bride" Connie (Coppola) for 63 years. He was preceded in death by his beloved son Arthur (1998) and leaves behind a cherished son John (Deborah) of Minnesota, and his "baby" Mary Wikowitz (Robert Michael) of Virginia. Robert leaves behind 7 treasured grandchildren: Robert (Corinne), Jocelyn, Ashley, Arthur (Tory), Michaela, Robert Matthew (Shelby), Kristen (Darren) and 4 great grandchildren: Arthur, Farrah, Jackson, and Payton along with countless nieces and nephews.

Robert was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1950-1954 during the Korean War. His military career took him throughout the United States as well as Hickam Field, Hawaii. It was his military career where he first began a life-long love affair with aviation by being an instructor in the field of Aviation Maintenance. Once honorably discharged from the military, his civilian career led him to Eastern Airlines at New York's Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports where he worked for 36 years. His aviation career then took him to Florida where he was the Maintenance Supervisor for the Palm Beach International Airport for 10 years. "Bob's" legacy as a leader and master aircraft technician will undoubtedly live on.

In conjunction with his admired career, Robert was devoted to his wife and children. The family enjoyed boating and fishing on The Great South Bay. They also treasured their yearly, unforgettable summer vacations with relatives up in the Catskill Mountains. Robert and his son John shared several memorable fishing trips to Alaska. Robert also valued his time working as a leader in his son's Boy Scout Troop # 343 of Hauppauge, New York.

Following his retirement, he and Connie finally took some much-deserved time to focus on themselves. They traveled extensively around the globe to many destinations including: China, Italy, Switzerland, Australia, and Ireland.

Throughout his life, Robert was known as a “Fix it Man” to anything that needed repair. He intuitively took the initiative to help wherever there was a need. He took great pride in sharing and utilizing his assortment of cherished tools to help in whatever capacity needed. His hobbies included wood working, furniture building, stained glass, as well as golf and reading. His love of sharing a “cold beer” also brought him much joy. Robert was a friend to all and strived to always work hard to do the right thing. His witty way included unforgettable limericks and slogans that produced smiles and laughs. “Today is the day you worried about yesterday.”

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association in Robert A. Kaye’s memory at: act.alz.org/donate.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Palms West Funeral Home - January 27, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ Thinking of you all today and sending condolences, hugs and prayers. Mr. Kaye was a wonderful man who had the gift of making everyone feel so special. So sorry for your loss.

Linda Slimak - January 30, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ Beautiful and special service. Our thoughts are with you all today. Love, The Borowski family

Paul - January 30, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ Rest easy Uncle Robert.. I will always remember your funny stories the Irish ditties and that beautiful smile. I know you are having a cold one with all our dearly departed, keep them laughing especially Dint Love kathi

kathi armstrong -elsesser - January 30, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ My fondest memories of Uncle Bob will always be his pure kindness, huge bear hugs and broad smile.

Lisa Coppola - January 30, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ I remember being a beer runner for Uncle Robert many times. When he was working on a project he liked to have his beer.

I will never forget his warmth, his smile, and his generous hugs.

Aunt Connie, John, and Mary, I am so sorry for your loss.

Mike Kaye - January 30, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ Uncle Robert was one of the kindest most loving gentlemen we have ever known. His sense of humor, compassion and wisdom will never be forgotten. We have years of happy memories of our loving uncle who always had time to listen, laugh, dance, give advice and assistance when it was needed. We were honored and blessed to have him as our uncle. His presence will live forever in our hearts.

Wishing all his family peace and comfort.

Gerry and Ken



Geraldine Kaye O'Sullivan - January 30, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ I spent half of yesterday searching for my favorite picture of Uncle Robert. It is a picture of him at Aunt Jean's house on Thanksgiving Day and he is dressed as an Old Woman in a rocking chair sitting in front of the fireplace. He could always turn a good time into a great time. As I sifted through my box of memories I came across pictures of the always happy, kind and funny Uncle Robert. Aunt Connie, you and Uncle Robert were the best looking couple at my wedding and the table photo shows just how happy you were to be there. My Kaye-Hanlon Reunion photos brought back such great memories and as I concentrated on them I noticed just how much Uncle Robert loved life. He is pictured in the beginning of the day sitting and catching up with everyone and by the end of the day he is in a t shirt with his camera in hand and a huge smile on his face. In between, he had everyone up and excited as he organized the friendly family games. Everyone was a winner when he was in charge. One summer at the cabins, Arthur and I made up a song to the tune of the Armor Hot Dog Commercials..."What kind of Kayes eat Armor Hot Dogs." Later that day we heard Uncle Robert singing it and we laughed so hard.

Aunt Connie, John & Mary, please know that even though I can't be there to mourn with you physically, I am mourning with you. Uncle Robert came to visit my Dad when he was ill and it meant everything to him. The conversations I had with Uncle Robert during that visit meant so much to me. Heaven has another angel.

I hope to see you soon.

Patty

Patricia Kowalski - January 30, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ I new Bob for a couple decades now, together at family functions and having fished together many times, especially to Alaska, where he always out fished everyone on the trip.

He had a uncanny amount of knowledge and wisdom about just things in life and he was happy to pass this knowledge on.

I learned a lot from this man . If there is something to be fixed in Heaven, Bob Kaye is on the job. Heaven has a real craftsman now.

Joe Tramonte

Joe Tramonte - January 20, 2021 at 09:39 AM