



Robert "Bob" Lorenz

March 19, 1930 - December 25, 2025

Robert (Bob) Lorenz, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away on Dec. 25, 2025 at age 95 after a period of declining health.

Born on March 19, 1930 in Cleveland, OH, Bob was the son of Ray and Ella Lorenz. He married the former Marie Wylie on May 19, 1956, who predeceased him on April 1, 1994. He later married Maureen Tanous Ek on June 3, 1995, who survives.

Bob graduated from Lincoln High School in Cleveland in 1947 and later Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, OH in 1951, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. After a stint in the United States Army, Bob relocated to New Kensington, PA and began his professional career with ALCOA in October 1954. He was later transferred to Alcas Cutlery Corporation (now Cutco Corporation) in Olean, NY in March 1972, where he retired in January 1993 as one of the owners of Cutco, which had become a privately owned company in September 1982.

Bob's Christian faith was the cornerstone of his life, having been a believer in Jesus Christ from an early age. A member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, his life was dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping others. An enthusiastic proponent of volunteerism, Bob belonged to several civic organizations, including the Rotary Club and Salvation Army, and

had served on the boards of many groups. He was also instrumental in starting the Marie Lorenz Dialysis Center in Olean, which opened in June 1997, and the Bonita Senior Center in Bonita Springs.

Besides his wife Maureen, Bob is survived by a daughter, Amy (Pieter) Van de Graaf of Chesapeake, VA and a son, Jack, of Bonita Springs, along with two step-daughters, Ann Kroll of Las Vegas, NV and Kim (Jeff) Thompson of Raleigh, NC, and a step-son, Lance Ek, of Olean. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

In addition to his first wife, Bob was also predeceased by his parents, a sister, Marion Kurfis, and a grandson, Aaron Van de Graaf.

A memorial service commemorating Bob's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 19, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. He will be buried at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Portville, NY.

Memorials can be made to the following organizations: the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, the Bonita Senior Center and the Café of Life in Bonita Springs.

To Sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Portville, NY

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Bob was a beautiful person....always thinking of others, always giving!!! We send our thoughts and prayers to Maureen and all the family 😊

There are Masses being said for Bob at St.Joseph Maronite Church in Olean , NY. Bob, may you rest in peace! Love , The John and Betty Sawaya Family, Pete and Norma Sawaya Family

Sally Sawaya Jadowski - January 30 at 06:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Lorenz.



January 15 at 12:26 PM

KV

“ We are thinking of all of you at this difficult time. I am sure he will be missed.

Karen and Cecil Voorhees

Karen Voorhees - January 14 at 05:42 PM

JM

“ My sympathy to the family. While I didn't know Bob, I knew of him, and his dedication to his faith, family & community. My connection to the family - Jack, Maureen & girls, was through the Olean YMCA. Wonderful family. May he rest in peace. Joan McGonnell, retired Olean YMCA, Olean, NY

Joan McGonnell - January 13 at 09:05 PM

MB

“ Bob gave the best hugs!

"Though your hand is no longer in ours, your fingerprint remains - a tender reminder of the love you shared, the life you lived, and the warmth you leave behind." You will be forever in our hearts. Michele

Michele Bell - January 10 at 04:25 PM

DM

“ Bob was always a great neighbor and a joy to be around. We will miss him.

Dennis and Theresa Miller.

Dennis Miller - January 08 at 04:24 PM

MD

“ Robert was a loyal and dedicated patient in my office for over two years. It was a pleasure serving him. Rest in peace Dr. Darrow.

Michael Darrow - January 04 at 02:37 PM



“ I remember when I met Bob, Amy and I had started dating and I traveled with her to Portville, NY. There we are in a conversation, and I look up and he was asleep. Over time I learned that this is just normal behavior for Bob, but it certainly was a little awkward on the day of our first meeting. Like many, I did come to love and appreciate Bob over time and our family has many fond memories of time spent with Bob and Maureen to hold on to. Most of all, Bob's faith was inspirational, as a man who stressed his faith and Agape love. We are definitely missing him. r/ Pieter van de Graaf

Pieter Van de Graaf - January 02 at 04:34 PM