



Robert Leon "Bob" Fairfield

July 16, 1936 - October 23, 2018

Robert Leon "Bob" Fairfield, 82, of Bonita Springs, FL, died suddenly on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Formerly of Cleveland, OH, he had been a Bonita Springs resident since 1999. He was born July 16, 1936 in Sandusky, OH, the son of Clyde Joseph and Bernice (née Scherer) Fairfield.

Bob attended Sandusky High School and then the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY, including a year aboard ship in the Mediterranean and on the Great Lakes. In 1959 he married the only love of his life, Paula.

His executive career spanned over 35 years at Equifax (formerly Retail Credit Co.) including time as the General Manager of the Cleveland and Orange County, CA offices. Upon retirement Bob continued working as a consultant for many of his former clients.

Bob has been a member of the Bonita Bay Club for over 15 years, enjoying golf, the Fitness Center and the Club. He was also a member of St Leo's church and active in local charities.

Bob's true passions were his family, sports and travel.

Mr. Fairfield is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Paula A. (née Griesser)

Fairfield; his beloved children, Wendy C. Fairfield of Bonita Springs, FL, R. Matthew (Mariska) Fairfield of Barcelona, Spain and Bradley J, (Suzanne) Fairfield of Avon Lake, OH; and seven cherished grandchildren, Nora, Taki, Connor, Daniel, Ian, Finn and Kyra.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father & mother In-law, Daniel and Marion "Monie" Griesser; brother in-law, David Gast; aunt, Helene Glauber Caldwell; nephew, Christopher Gast; and many aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. The Celebration of Life reception will immediately follow at the family home in Bonita Bay...we hope that everyone will join us!

Services and Celebration of Life will also take place in Northeast Ohio in early January at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Avon Lake, Ohio. Dates and details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 or online at sehs.net/giving

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

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall

FB

“ *Missing you Grandpa Bob!! I know you are up in heaven watching down on your kids and all of your grandkids, and playing with Casper as well. We all still think of you and miss you, and even if it was for only 8 years, thank you for being a part of my life.*

Finn Bruinsma-Fairfield - September 04, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Robert Leon "Bob" Fairfield*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

DS

“ *Dear Paula & family,
Was so sorry to hear of Bob's sudden passing at Mass this evening.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Al & Diane Solderitsch*

Diane Solderitsch - November 10, 2018 at 10:24 PM

JW

“ *If there was any lasting legacy "Mr Fairfield" left for us all it is that it meant the world to him to be "dad"...*

..and it when it wasn't enough to love, advise or feed his own.. there was always room at the table for one more. Thank you for letting me be that "one more" so many times and may the love you have given so many others be given back to you doubly as you are now are past this world.

May we all be as good of father as we can be now that you have left us

Much love - Jeff Watts

.. and I am more than happy to offer a reference on your behalf if God is asking for one :-)

Jeff Watts - November 08, 2018 at 11:55 PM

GN

“ *Paula, Wendy, Matt, and Brad, Judy and I just learned of Bob's passing. We are very sorry for your loss and pray that all of you find solace in the arms of the Lord. We have nothing but fond memories of the years when the kids were growing up and playing football at St. Eds. Impossible for us to attend services, but be assured we will be there in spirit. We hope to see you in January at the celebration of life in Ohio. In the meantime take care and be strong. Safe home, Bob.*

gary novak - November 03, 2018 at 05:11 PM

CS

“ Lots of great memories working with Bob at Equifax and also memories out of the office. May he rest in peace. Condolences to the whole Fairfield family.

Carol Boettcher Sanniti - November 03, 2018 at 07:32 AM

MS

My sincerest condolences to the whole Fairfield family.

Maria Gomez Vega & Daniel Sallermann - November 05, 2018 at 04:26 AM

KM

“ Condolences from all the CYO gang.

Ken Milota - November 02, 2018 at 10:53 PM

SH

“ Have so many memories of Bob and our days at Equifax. He taught me so much. So sorry for your loss Paula, I am sure you and all of the kids will miss him. May he rest in peace.

Shirlyn - November 02, 2018 at 08:21 PM

CE

“ Paula,
Sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I'll never forget your wedding on the lake.
Some friends are many miles away but never forgotten.
My prayers.
An "old friend" from Mercy.
Peace
Carol Edgeworth

Carol Edgeworth - November 02, 2018 at 08:15 PM

TS

“ Dearest Paula and family,
Our love for Bob and the friendship we shared goes beyond measure. His laugh, smile, courage, and zest for life were always such an inspiration to us. His passing will truly leave a hole in our hearts but at the same time, many warm, wonderful memories that will always be cherished!

Much love to you all,
Joe and Teresa

Teresa Sharp - October 31, 2018 at 11:15 AM

CK

“ Dear Paula and family,

So VERY sad to hear of Bob's passing but happy to know he had enjoyed his last few months with all of you ~. Like an added bonus! Memories of many card playing, dinners and laughing days remind me of his jovial personality. You were blessed to have him for almost 60 years!
May he Rest In Peace,
Love, Cheryl and John Kocher

Cheryl and John Kocher - October 30, 2018 at 07:45 PM