



Robert Valentine "Bob" Loft Sr.

July 7, 1932 - April 30, 2017

Robert Valentine "Bob" Loft, 84, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Sunday, April 30, 2017 at the American House – Bonita Springs. He had been a resident of Sarasota, FL for 28 years before moving to Bonita Springs in 1990. Bob was born July 7, 1932 in North Tonawanda, NY, a son of the late George and Mary (Klepaczka) Loft.

He earned his Master's Degree at Buffalo State University. Mr. Loft retired from the United States Navy, where he served 40 years as Sr. Master Chief. Mr. Loft also retired from the Florida School System, where he was a counselor in Sarasota and Lee Counties. Bob was a faithful parishioner of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus and Bonita Springs Rotary. He and his wife were also heavily involved in Worldwide Marriage Encounter for over 30 years.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 64 years Joan Ellen (Coldicott) Loft; loving children, Robert Valentine Loft Jr. of Sarasota, FL, George Loft of Bonita Springs, FL, Victoria Loft of Sarasota, FL and Rebecca Blasucci of Bonita Springs, FL; brother and sister-in-law, John & June Loft of Melbourne, FL; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, James Loft and Agnes Blanton.

The family will receive on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 4:30–6:30 PM at

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A reception will immediately follow the visitation at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in the Fireside Room. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Burial will follow at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 SR 72, Sarasota, FL 34241 at 1:30 PM.

The family requests memorial contributions be made in Bob's name to - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Reception

MAY 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

MAY 4. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Tribute Wall



“ Robert Valentine "Bob" Loft Sr.

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ I pray I can make it to heaven too so we can all be reunited in God's mansion...paradise. God bless you and your family, Uncle.

Bob C. - May 08, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ I remember when grandma and grandpa took me to Alaska! We went camping, whale watching, hiking and fishing. I was so young but I remember it like it was yesterday. I love you so much grandma and grandpa. Thank you for making me the person I am today



brittany - May 08, 2017 at 07:33 AM

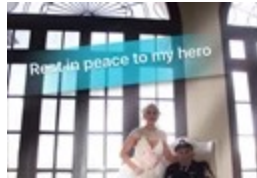


“ MRS. LOFT & FAMILY I'M VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND SENDING MY CONDOLENCES. I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M KEEPING YOU IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. CAROLYN MAYS

CAROLYN MAYS - May 07, 2017 at 01:32 PM

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“ There are to many amazing memories to just share one. My grandpa was and always will be my hero! I remember how he'd always make me feel safe and loved. I'd tell him "you know you're my hero right!?" He'd reply "and you're mine" about a month before his passing I asked him what his fondest memory is from him and I... he replied "the day you were born" my grandpa and I had an unbreakable bond. He was my escape. He gave his life to his country and his family, and he NEVER put himself first. He WAS the greatest man alive. I love you papa. Forever and ever. I can't wait to see you again.



brittany - May 07, 2017 at 07:07 AM

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“ *Condolences from Buffalo*

Bob and I attended many classes together at Buffalo State and often worked together. I was very happy to talk with Bob and his wife, Joan, at our 50th college reunion in 2010. Bob was a fine gentleman. I will pray for him at Mass this week.

Jim Horrigan

Jim Horrigan - May 06, 2017 at 11:04 AM



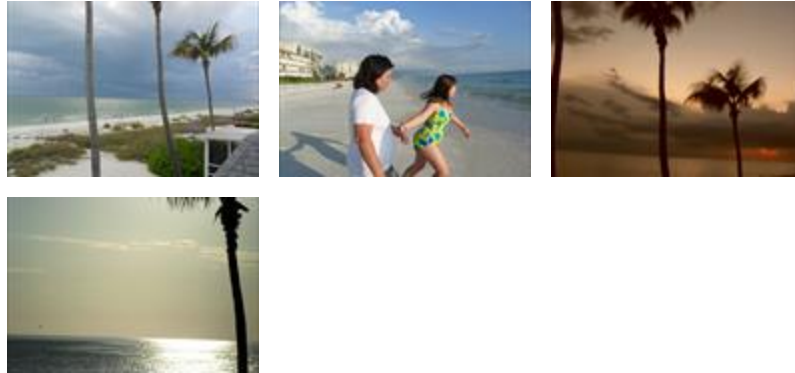
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Victoria Loft - May 05, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Victoria Loft - May 05, 2017 at 12:49 PM



“ when Thomas spoke yesterday at my dad's services and he spoke of my dad's briefcase that he carried around all the time and said "everyone wondered what he carried in there"...one thing he carried was candy bars and cookies from the vending machines. I think he must have hit every machine in his travels each day, cause at the end of the day, when he opened his briefcase, it smelled like CANDY. He'd share it with Becky and I.

Victoria Loft - May 05, 2017 at 12:40 PM



“ *Victoria Loft sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Valentine "Bob" Loft Sr.*



Victoria Loft - May 05, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *Joan and family: I am so sorry for your loss. I think back over the years of Bob, Joan, Heinz and I as well as the group from school would get together and what fun we would have. My God bless you Bob and your family. With love, Lana O'Brien (Schellenberger)*

LanaO'Brien - May 04, 2017 at 07:03 AM



Thank you Lana.

Victoria Loft - May 05, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Geraldine and Bruce Terhorst purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Valentine "Bob" Loft Sr..*



Geraldine and Bruce Terhorst - May 02, 2017 at 09:43 PM