



## Robert C. Stift

February 20, 1942 - March 10, 2021

Robert C. Stift 79, of Naples, FL and a former resident of Bonita Springs died Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Bentley Village Health Care Center. Bob was born on February 20, 1942 in Chicago, IL, the only child of the late Howard W. and Marie (Bruno) Stift. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 2001 and had moved to Naples just over a year ago. He was formerly of Hagerstown, MD.

He graduated from Loyola University in 1965 with his BBA in Finance. On October 1, 1966, he married the love of his life, the former Patricia D. Roszkowski in Chicago, IL. They just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary this past October. He returned to Loyola University to continue his education and in 1970 earned his MBA.

Robert's career involved various financial and operational positions across multiple corporations. From 1992 to 1998, he served as President and CEO of Grove Worldwide, a subsidiary of Hanson PLC, a British conglomerate. From 1998 to 2001, he served as President and CEO, of the Industrial Products Group, a subsidiary of U. S. Industries.

Robert was a faithful parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples and also served on their Finance Committee. From 2009 thru 2014, he served on the Board of Directors for Pathways Early Education Center of

Immokalee and served as their President for 3 years. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Washington County Health Systems in Washington County, MD and was a member of the Board of Trustees at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA.

He is survived by his loving wife Patricia D. Stift of Naples, FL; three children, Robert D. Stift and wife Lisa of Salem, NH, Kristin M. Funston and husband Brian of Golden, CO and Kathleen A. Lott and husband Benjamin of Frederick, MD; and seven beloved grandchildren, Thomas Stift, Allison Stift, Alexander Stift, Margaret Funston, Matthew Funston, Jared Lott and Emily Lott.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Ave. No., Naples, FL 34108. The family will receive friends at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of the Mass. Burial will follow in St. John's Memorial Garden. The Mass will be live-streamed at [saintjohntheevangelist.com/events/online-funeral-mass](http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/events/online-funeral-mass).

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Ave. No., Naples, FL 34108 or to Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee 415 Colorado Ave., Immokalee, FL 34142.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Friends

MAR 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

## Mass of Christian Burial

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625 111th Avenue North  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert C. Stift*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *To the Stift family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We send our  
sympathy and condolences to you and your  
loved ones during this difficult time. May you  
find comfort in wonderful memories.*

*Our thoughts and prayers,*

*The Martin family*

**Amanda Martin** - March 25, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Robert C. Stift.*

March 25, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Anne Funston purchased the Small Garden Dish  
for the family of Robert C. Stift.*

**Anne Funston** - March 24, 2021 at 04:02 PM





“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Robert C. Stiff.*



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March 23, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Adrienne Cheseldine purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert C. Stiff.*



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**Adrienne Cheseldine** - March 23, 2021 at 10:21 AM

JF

“ Dear Pat,

*I was shocked to learn of Bob's passing after I was just thinking of him and you visiting Casie and me in our home in Rio Verde Az back in 2014 and thought it's been a while. Maybe I should call as I think Bob called me last.*

*This really saddens me because I've known Bob since I was 10 years old. (68 years)*

*He truly was my best friend growing up.*

*As we grew older we both got married, had children, and eventually went our own way.*

*But I'll never forget the good times and the memories.*

*I give my love to you, your children and to your grandchildren, I don't think I ever met except in photos.*

*May God and your family guide you through this most difficult time.*

*When you pray for Bob, tell him to say hi to Casie, and tell him I'll always remember the times we spent together.*

*I now live in St. George Utah.*

*When you feel up to talking, I'd love to say hi.*

*Until we all meet again,*

*God bless you.*

*Your friend,*

*Jim Folos*



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**Jim Folos** - March 19, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert C. Stiff.



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March 19, 2021 at 10:22 AM

BG

“ We are sad to hear of Bob's passing. He was a great leader, kind person and role model. We send our condolences and prayers to Pat and the family.  
*Bob and Tina Guiney.*

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**Bob Guiney** - March 18, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert C. Stiff.



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March 18, 2021 at 12:07 PM

KP

“ Pat: Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of Bob. I remember him as we all had some good times together May he rest in peace.

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**Kathleen Perini** - March 18, 2021 at 11:24 AM

DR

“ To Pat and family, June and I were saddened to learn of Bob's passing and extend to you our deepest sympathies. Please know we are sharing in your grief. Don Risser

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**Don Risser** - March 18, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ *Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Robert C. Stift.*



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March 16, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert C. Stift.*



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March 16, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *We remember Bob fondly as a great friend and leader. Our sincerest condolences to Pat and his family.*

*David & Terri Birkhauser*

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**Terri Birkhauser** - March 16, 2021 at 08:42 AM

MK

“ To the Stift family,

*We would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to all of you, your family, relatives, friends, and neighbors. I am Ally Harvey's Grandmother Meme and have heard so many good things about you. I hope and pray that when Robert drew his last breath his soul was carried up to God our Heavenly Father's Kingdom where he was greeted with wide open loving arms by Him. I pray that God will continue to give all of you the love, peace, strength and courage at this very sad and upsetting time in your lives.*

*With love, thoughts, and prayers,*

*Mary Kiesinger and family*

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**Mary F Kiesinger** - March 15, 2021 at 08:23 PM

CD

“ Carolyn P. DeRobbio lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Stiff



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**Carolyn P. DeRobbio** - March 14, 2021 at 08:45 PM

BH

“ On behalf of the entire Pathways Early Education Center family; we are so saddened to hear of his passing. We send our deepest sympathy, prayers & love to his dear Patricia, family and friends. We are forever grateful for his leadership, dedication & commitment to our children. His smile and compassion will be forever missed. All our love & sympathy- Beth Hatch; Exec Director & Pathways Family

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**Beth Hatch** - March 14, 2021 at 08:44 PM

CD

“ *Bob will be very dearly missed by all who knew him.  
Her personified the perfect gentleman.  
He worshiped his wife, Pat  
And their children & grandchildren.  
I will miss him dearly. Rest In Peace  
Bob. ♡♡ Carolyn*

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**Carolyn P. DeRobbio** - March 14, 2021 at 08:44 PM

CD

“ *Carolyn P. DeRobbio lit a candle in memory of  
Robert C. Stiff*



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**Carolyn P. DeRobbio** - March 14, 2021 at 08:38 PM

LR

“ *I worked with Bob back in the USI days. He was a wonderful person  
and a good friend. He will be missed but his memory will live on in  
our hearts. I feel privileged to have known him.*

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**Linda Reeck** - March 14, 2021 at 04:51 PM

LR

“ *Linda Reeck lit a candle in memory of Robert  
C. Stiff*



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**Linda Reeck** - March 14, 2021 at 04:47 PM

BZ

*Dear Pat, We are so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Fondly, Marsha and Bob Ziegler*

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**Bob & Marsha Ziegler** - March 18, 2021 at 02:08 PM

PB

*Bob and I were so sorry to hear of your Bob's death. He was the most kind, caring, sincere gentleman who was always so well dressed. He was a dedicated President of Pathways Early Education Center and it was a privilege to serve on the Board with him. We will miss his wonderful smile.*

*Prudence and Bob Boyson*

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**Prudence Boyson** - March 19, 2021 at 04:07 PM