



Robert Edward Wagner

March 6, 1930 - March 10, 2019

Robert E. “Bob” Wagner, 89, of Fort Myers, FL passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Bob was born in Yankton, South Dakota on March 6, 1930 to Edward and Rose Lima Wagner. After moving to Remson and then Cherokee, Iowa the family settled in Leeds, a suburb of Sioux City, Iowa. Bob attended Leeds High School and then Trinity High School where he was the starting guard on the football team in 1948.

After high school graduation, Bob joined the US Navy and served as a radar operator on the USS Harry E. Hubbard. After being discharged from the navy, Bob enrolled in Industrial Engineering at Iowa State University and was president of the Theta Xi Fraternity. At Iowa State, Bob met Mary Ann Kacmarynski and they were married in 1956. Bob graduated from night law school at American University in 1961 while working full time at the US Patent Office in Washington, DC.

After moving to Chicago, Bob founded the Law firm of Wagner & Aubel in Chicago, IL. Later Sid Wallenstein joined the firm as a partner. Bob did trial work for a number of large companies including McDonald’s Corporation, American Can, and Weber Stevens.

A lifelong volunteer, Bob served as president of St. Anthony’s Inn, a transitional shelter that offered counseling and training to ex-offenders. He

also served for thirty years on the board of St. Francis Village of Fort Worth, TX. Bob was also a passionate golfer, known on the golf course for his colorful knickers; he served on the board of Rolling Green Country Club in Chicago and Estero Country Club of Estero, FL.

What Bob was most proud of was his family. He is preceded in death by his sisters Colleen Wagner, Mary Ann Wagner Ray, and Katherine Wagner Rikli. He is survived by his beloved wife of almost 63 years, Mary Ann. He is also survived by his brother Jim (and wife Diane) of Arvada, CO and brother-in-law Chuck Rikli of Melbourne, FL. Bob is also survived by his six daughters: Ann Marie Kolshak (Joe) of Atlanta, GA, Sheila Katz (Jeff) of Stamford, CT Amy Buck (Jerry) of Fort Myers, FL; Elizabeth "Beth" Druffel (Jim) of Chicago, IL; Sara Poehlmann (Joe) of Florence, KY and Jane Pavetto (George Callas) of Chicago, IL; eleven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous extended family and close friends.

A celebration of life will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 14 at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967. A reception will follow at Cypress Cove Retirement Community, 10100 Cypress Cove Drive in Fort Myers. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Franciscan Outreach (717B W. 18th Street Chicago, Illinois 60616 www.franoutreach.org) in memory of Robert Wagner.

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.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Edward Wagner*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Bob was such a wonderful man. We used to meet after Mass on Sunday for breakfast and fellowship. He lead us in prayer and great conversation. We definitely will miss his smiling face. So happy to have known him and realize he is where he should be - with God and at peace. Prayers to all of the family.*



Alphee and Judy

Alphee and Judy Lefebvre - March 16, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ *MaryAnn and Family, What a great guy! Bob was my first patent attorney. He really helped me along the way. Not only was he my attorney, he was a friend. Our condolences to his family.*
Karl and Sally Singer

Karl Singer - March 13, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *We were blessed to have had him in our lives even for a short time. He was always there to lend a helping hand no matter what we might have needed and always with his wonderful smile. A great friend to us and so many others. Thanks for sharing him.*

Elaine Swonk - March 13, 2019 at 07:50 AM