



Robert Sims (Bob) Reeves II

July 28, 2022

Robert Sims (Bob) Reeves II (December 1, 1929-July 28, 2022)

Bob Reeves passed away on July 28, 2022, at the Glen at Willow Valley Communities in his 93rd year. Born December 1, 1929, in Brooklyn, NY, he was the only child of the late Winifred Young and R. Sims Reeves. Bob's father was named after Sims Reeves, a famous Irish tenor. Bob's paternal grandfather, "The Great George Reeves," was a vaudevillian, a song-and-dance man from Far Rockaway in Queens, NY. Those who knew Bob know the apple did not fall far from the tree. His outgoing personality and great sense of humor were hallmarks throughout his life.

Bob spent his early years in Riverside, CT, before moving to Larchmont, NY. He attended The Hill School in Pottstown, PA, and graduated from Mamaronek High School in 1948, and the University of Vermont in 1952, where he majored in political science and history (which became a lifelong passion). That year he married Judith Warren from Larchmont and began an 18-year career with the American Can Company as a sales trainee in New York City. In 1956 his growing family moved to Atlanta, GA, where he rose to the position of regional sales manager of a team noted for "putting Coke in cans." From Atlanta, he transferred to "the beer capital of the world," Milwaukee, WI, then back to America Can headquarters in Greenwich, CT, as field manager of manufacturing. In 1971 Bob moved back to Milwaukee as

president of Kurth Malting Company. He was an active civic leader, serving on the boards of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, The Greater Milwaukee Committee, Graff Beverage Company, RBP Chemical, and the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. He was chairman of the Advisory Council of Marquette University School of Business. In Milwaukee, he met and married his current wife of 45 years, Carol Huebsch Swallow Reeves. In 1983 Bob made a final career change, moving to Los Angeles as executive vice president and general manager of the glass division of Kerr Group. When the company sold the glass division in 1992, Bob and Carol moved to Lancaster where he helped with the sale of Kerr's plastic division. Upon his retirement, Bob and Carol decided to stay in the city they had grown to love. A member of St. James Episcopal Church, Bob served as a Eucharistic minister, self-proclaimed "VP of Toast" in the Anchorage Breakfast Program, and in the church office as Odd Job or OJ (also self-proclaimed).

Bob's passion for golf followed him throughout his lifetime and was the source of many friends and fond memories. He enjoyed memberships at East Lake and Cherokee Country Clubs in Atlanta, Winged Foot in Greenwich, Milwaukee Country Club, Calabasas Golf Club in CA, and PGA West Golf Club in LaQuinta, CA and Lancaster Country Club, PA. In Lancaster, he was an original member of Bent Creek Country Club. His final golf years were played with the Parsamore Golf group. He was a proud patron of the Masters Golf Tournament from the mid-1960s until his death.

In addition to his wife, Carol, Bob is survived by his children Rob, John, Peter Reeves (Kathy), and Suzanne Reeves Lau (Adam); stepsons Stephen Swallow (Pam), Dann Swallow (Lisa), and stepdaughter Heather Wiezorek (Todd); grandchildren Jonathan Gaskell (Melissa), Allison Hannam (Jon), Ryan Reeves (Lucy), Johnny and Max Reeves, Dylan Swallow (Stephanie), Dante Swallow (fiancée Lia Biondo), Lauren Wiezorek, and Eliza Lau; great-grandchildren, Jax and Josie Hannam, and Harlow and Lofton Swallow. In

addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his stepson, Scotty Swallow.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Interment will follow in St. James Cemetery. To view the service via Livestream go to <https://www.saintjameslanaster.org/funeral-service/>

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bob's memory to St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Cemetery Details

St. James Episcopal Church Memorial Garden

Lothian, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
119 N. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Sims (Bob) Reeves II*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert Sims (Bob) Reeves II.*



September 07, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Sims (Bob) Reeves II.*



September 07, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ *I work with Heather and have been through this journey with her. He is no longer in pain or confused. I hope that brings his family and friends comfort. Sending prayers and comfort to all!*

Jacque Cook - September 01, 2022 at 09:52 PM

TL

“ I remember him well....He was a valued Member of Milwaukee Country Club for many years before moving back East.

Tom Ladky Mequon Wisconsin

Tom Ladky - August 15, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JD

“ I had the distinct privilege of getting to know Robert and his lovely wife Carol during my visits to Willow Valley. We had many laughs together during the 4 months we knew each other. I will miss him greatly and miss seeing Carol as well. May you rest in peace my Christian Brother. Jeff Van Deusen

Jeffrey Van Deusen - August 15, 2022 at 09:40 AM

TR

“ Mr.Reeves was a great funny happy go lucky guy and he will b missed by many.My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends may he R.I.P gone but never forgotten fly high. 💔😭🙏🕊️
Love Tina Ruiz
Xoxoxo my friend

Tina Ruiz - August 07, 2022 at 08:24 AM

HW

“ 4 files added to the album memories



heather wiezorek - August 05, 2022 at 10:43 PM

JS

“ Robert Reeves was my father. He was a wonderful provider for his family. He was the most honest person that I ever knew. God knows I put him thru the paces as a teenager, but he always listened to what I had to say and that is a testament to his patience and understanding. It couldn't of been easy to raise 3 boys and 1 girl, yet he had a work ethic that was second to none and always put family first. I loved this man more than anyone could know, but wasn't able to share this with him prior to him leaving us. We lived a thousand miles apart, but I always felt his presence as if he was next door, and still do. He made a permanent mark on my life and that of my friends and family. His nickname was the "Baron", given to him by my friends because of his powerful presence. This was a sign of admiration and respect for a man who always stuck to his guns. He worked his way up from a clerk to president of a Fortune 500 company. He always made sure that we enjoyed the fruits of his success. That just don't make men like him anymore. He has left his mark on so many lives, especially on mine. I'll never forget him standing in the rain watching me as I was pitching a little league game. I will never forget that as long as I live. We will miss you Pop.

John Reeves Sr. - August 05, 2022 at 06:44 PM