



Robert Joseph Dillon

February 19, 1938 - June 9, 2020

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Robert “Bob” Dillon passed peacefully into eternal life at the age of 82 on June 9, 2020, in Houston, Texas.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, James Dillon and Josephine (Anderson) Dillon, both of Philadelphia, PA. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 58 years, Sally Ann (O’Brien) Dillon, the love of his life, whom he married on May 5, 1962 in Bloomsburg, PA. Bob and Sally had the great joy of raising a large family and he is also survived by their 4 children: daughter Kathleen and husband Michael Demny, of Spring, Tx., son Michael of Houston, Tx., daughter Theresa and husband Phillip Holmes, of Magnolia, Tx., and son Richard and wife Terri (Latimer), of San Antonio, Tx.

Bob was also blessed with and is survived by 7 grandchildren: Elizabeth (Demny) Roberts (husband Chance, deceased) of Spring, Tx., Sarah (Demny) Hochman, (husband Devin) of Cleveland, Tx., Robert “Ty” Dillon and Amy Kay Dillon of San Antonio, Tx., Brittany Dillon of Santa Rosa, CA., Matthew Silva and Joseph Silva of Magnolia, Tx., and 3 step grandchildren, Stephen Silva, Nathalia Silva Ball and Meghan Silva Laird, all of Houston, Tx. Bob adored his three great grandchildren, Amelia, Laiden and Hunter.

He is further survived by his brother, Joseph Dillon of Leesburg, Fla., (wife

Kay, deceased), and sister Patricia and husband Bob Morgan of Philadelphia, PA., along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bob was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. attending Catholic school all the way through college, where he studied mathematics at La Salle University. Bob was the fair-haired boy of the nuns in his elementary school as he always waited for them after school to help carry their books back to the convent. They just knew he was destined to become a priest. But God had other plans. While in high school, Bob enlisted in the Navy Air Force Reserve, where he faithfully served his country for 8 years flying P planes. He always said it was the second best decision he ever made. The first was to marry his best friend, Sally. After their second child, Bob and Sally moved their family out to the suburb of Warrington, PA. Raising four children born within four years was no easy task, but that move proved to be one of the best decisions for them.

Bob began working for the Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania in 1958 as a lineman and soon became one of their top computer programmers. Despite loving their life in the suburbs, in 1977, he and Sally courageously moved their family cross country to Houston Tx., where he would continue his journey at the phone company with Southwestern Bell. Bob was highly significant in the transfer of SWB from their existing switching system over to computers in the late '70s and early '80s. Eventually he became president of the much beloved "Pioneers Club" of the SWB Co. and remained in that position for several years. Bob retired in 1992 and continued with his hobbies which were fixing anything needing fixing, building anything needing building, Cross word puzzles, Sudoku and playing golf! He especially loved being able to walk out the front door and right onto the golf course when he and Sally retired to Waller, Tx.

Bob was a man of great faith, strength, courage and integrity. He was always seeking knowledge in one way or another and frequently said he wanted to

learn at least one new thing every day. These values were taught to his children in many ways. He expected the highest character of his children and would never settle for anything less than their very best in any area. He had many slogans he used to teach these values that have stuck with them all these years. While he was very demanding, he was also very loving. Bob loved to play with his kids when they were young, teaching them how to ice-skate, play ball, sled, play board games and even wrestle. As they got older he would debate politics, religion, or any other topic. Bob was a firm believer in finishing what was started. Never give up. Never quit. He always wanted his children to believe in themselves and exceed even their own imaginations. These teachings and this love for his family carried through to his grandchildren and even his great grandchildren.

Bob was a devoted Catholic and served his church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Bob and Sally were very active in their parishes, and back in the '70's became part of a very unique circle of friends through church, who even 40 years later are like family. Rooted in faith and love, Bob and Sally have developed lifelong friendships everywhere they went.

Stories of Bob's life adventures always captivated anyone who was listening. His endless stream of quips and comebacks, always with a laugh, endeared him to so many. He had a nick name for nearly everyone. He would say that meant he liked them. Even the nurses became endeared to Bob, laughing about his feistiness at times. The last two years in nursing homes fighting the advance of Alzheimer's disease were spent with Sally by his side nearly daily, keeping him company, tending to his needs as best she could, and loving her husband through the insidiousness of the disease. The hardest part was being shut out of the nursing home during the lockdown of the pandemic coronavirus, even having to celebrate their 58th anniversary through the

window.

Bob leaves behind a great legacy of wonderful memories and never-ending teachable moments. He will be greatly missed as a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

May our God of all glory honor and praise, be with him always and give him eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Memorial Gardens

811 s Magnolia Blvd
Magnolia , TX 77354

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home
18630 Kuykendahl Road
Spring, TX 77379
(281) 350-0998
addisonfh@yahoo.com
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

Rosary

JUN **15**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 16. 1:30 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Burial

JUN 16 (CT)

Magnolia Memorial Gardens
811 S. Magnolia Blvd
Magnolia, TX 77355

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Dillion was my Father's friend from ... at least the early 1950's in Philadelphia. Our families would be together a few times a year. The Family moved to TX but every time he called it was good to hear his voice. My sister, Maurya, and I lost our mother about 4 months before he passed. We are still going through her items and I found a note from "The Village" at Gleannlock Farms. I was going to reach out to let him and Mrs. Dillion know she passed and found his obituary. It was always fun to hang out with Kathy when we were young. He was a good man, may he rest in peace and is enjoying fun with the West Oak Lane Gang of: Tom Joyce, John Keegan, Kelly and any of the others who have passed. Mrs. Dillion, Kathy, Michael, Terri & Richard, My Mother Jane, Tink Stensland and Pat Baccardi. ~ Love, Cathy Joyce*

Catherine Joyce - February 12, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Robert Joseph Dillon*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM

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“ Bob and Sally have been our neighbors for about 16 years, and together we shared many laughs, good food and good spirits. I suppose if there is such a thing as a perfectly matched pair, I'd have to say it was and always will be Sally & Bob. They were equally "yoked," in their faith, their love, and their strengths. I feel certain Bob left Sally with a ton of happy memories to sustain her in the rough days ahead. Just looking at his photo makes me smile (and get teary eyed). We miss Bob, but we are really blessed that he brought Sally to us. We will continue to rely on her for her wisdom and we will continue to laugh at funny things that Bob said and did, but mostly I hope that we will be there for her in ways that would make "Robert" smile. We know in our hearts that by the Grace of God, Bob is not far away and our hope is that Sally will always recognize when he is particularly close. We love you Sally, and you and all your loved ones remain in our prayers. XO, Irma and Ted (Ricky and Lucy).

Irma Henderson - July 16, 2020 at 03:28 PM

SD

“ It may be unconventional for me to write on this Legacy post, but I want everyone reading this Tribute wall to know for all time that I was married to Bob for 58 years and if I had it to do over?.... IN A HEARTBEAT. I love him dearly and always will.

Sally Dillon - July 14, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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Very fitting and a beautiful tribute to your Bob.

Irma Henderson - July 16, 2020 at 03:35 PM

BR

“ *Bob and Sally were our great neighbors on Blackhorse Drive in Warrington. Bob was always fun to be with, and we enjoyed so many fun times at both of our homes with the kids, too. They were there for us in both happy times and difficult times. Friends forever.* ”



Bill and Dori Rabuck - June 17, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.* ”



June 15, 2020 at 06:08 PM

NC

“ *Nathalia and Aaron + Meghan and Cameron purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.* ”



Nathalia and Aaron + Meghan and Cameron - June 15, 2020
at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.*



June 15, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.*



June 13, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jerry Latimer - June 13, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.*



June 13, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.



June 12, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.



June 12, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.



June 12, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ *The Lansch Family* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.



The Lansch Family - June 12, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.*



June 12, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *When we moved to Waller from Weatherford, Tx. Bob & Sally was our next door neighbors. We shared many good times together. I remember when my husband passed away 18 years ago that Bob and Sally had planned on putting their house up for sale but put that off for a year because of our friendship. I played golf with Bob many times and he came to my aid on several occasions after my husband passed away. He was always there for me. He will truly be missed by many people.*

Ann Ross - June 11, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *The Price Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Joseph Dillon.*



The Price Families - June 11, 2020 at 02:40 PM