



Robert "Bob" William Fischer Jr.

April 8, 1935 - January 5, 2017

Robert William Fischer Jr. passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 5th, 2017 at Carolina Medical Center in Pineville, NC.

Bob was born on April 8, 1935 to Henrietta (Merten) and Robert William Fischer Sr. in Bergen County, NJ. He is pre-deceased by his sister Carol. He attended Bergenfield H.S. ('53) where he excelled in athletics. Upon graduation he enlisted in the Army. After his 2 years of service, he attended Kansas University on a football scholarship. After 1 year he left Kansas for Coffeyville College where he became an All-American in the 100 yard and 200 yard track events. He then went on to play professional baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies ('57) and Pittsburgh Pirates ('58, '59) Organizations. He worked intermittently for the U.S. Postal Service and attended Seton Hall University ('63) during and after this time.

In June of 1963 Bob entered the FBI as a Special Agent where he spent the next 27 years. After retiring from the FBI, he then worked for a special committee that investigated the Teamsters Union in New York. He resided in Oradell and River Edge, NJ for these years. It was during this time that Bob coached his son, Bobby and many others for years in football and baseball. He will be remembered by all for his true love of sport and commitment to coaching. When he retired completely, he then moved to New Smyrna Beach, FL. It was there he met Phyllis. Together they decided that they were too far from their children and moved to Charlotte, NC where Bob remained the rest of his years.

In 2009, Bob miraculously survived multiple brain surgeries. During recovery, Bob developed an everlasting bond with his Irish Wolfhound, Buddy, thus embodying the age-old adage of a "man's best friend".

To his family, Bob was known more commonly as "Poppi". He was a fantastic grandfather who loved and cherished his grandchildren. Whether it was a sporting event or a school play, he found great joy in watching them all. He was a constant presence and his remarkable strength and unconditional love will live forever in their hearts.

Bob also found great happiness in the company of his children and niece. Whether it was Sunday breakfast at his niece's, Sunday night dinner at his daughter's, or the

multitude of birthday and holiday gatherings, this is where Bob was his happiest. Additionally, Bob was blessed to have an amazing best friend in Phyllis. She was always there for him and her unwavering presence was a true display of unconditional love. He regarded her children and grandchild as his own. They only added to his unparalleled appreciation for family.

He is survived by his children, Dawn Whitmore (Don), Dale Fischer, Robert William Fischer III (Colleen), his loving friend Phyllis Hollingsworth and her children Kathy Gillespie (Brook) and John Fish, his niece, Lynn Bowler (Pete), his 7 grandchildren, Tommy, Brady, Kendall, Michael, Lilly, Anna and MacKenzie; and his 2 dogs; Thomas and Buddy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 PM at St. Matthew Catholic Church (Daily Mass Chapel) 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway. A reception is to follow at his daughter Dawn's home. In lieu of gifts please donate to the Wounded Warriors or Saint Jude's Children's hospital.

Events

JAN	Funeral Mass	01:00PM
12	<div>St. Matthew Catholic Church</div> <div>8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Charlotte, NC, US, 28277</div>	

Comments



“ Very sorry to hear of Bob’s passing. He was an old and dear friend to our family and was my godfather. Bob was a good man and will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to the Fischer family.

Tom Murphy - January 15 at 08:26 AM



“ The Mlskel Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" William Fischer Jr..



The Mlskel Family - January 11 at 06:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Fischer Jr..



January 11 at 06:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Fischer Jr..



January 11 at 04:11 PM



“ With Heartfelt Condolences To the Fischer Family,
A word of comfort in your time of sorrow. "He will swallow up death forever. And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." Isaiah 25:8.
With Kindness, Comfort and Peace,



F. Taylor - January 11 at 03:19 PM



“ Thank you Bob for always making me feel welcome on my annual visit to see Phyllis and you. Your kindness, generosity and sense of humour will be missed. Thank you for the memories.
To Phyllis and family and Bob's family I send my condolences. May Bob rest in peace.
Vicki Eves

vicki eves - January 11 at 10:02 AM



“ i was stunned and saddened by the news of Bob's passing. My sympathy to Bob's children, Bob, Dawn and Dale, as well as his grandchildren and to Phyllis. I met Bob in junior high school. We were football and basketball teammates throughout high school. He was an excellent athlete and competitor. Bob was always ready for a challenge or adventure, that usually provided many humorous moments and lots of lasting memories. He was a true friend in every way and consummate gentleman.
I will miss him.
Pete Colli BHS 54

Peter Colli - January 11 at 09:55 AM



“ Mr. Colli, we appreciate your condolences. And share your feelings of being stunned. We remember you fondly. And the stories of your adventures with my Dad are legendary. Our condolences to Mr. Colli for losing a dear, life long long friend.

Dale Fischer - January 12 at 09:33 AM



“ For the last 11 years, Judy and I shared back yards with Bob. We talked, visited each other's home, enjoyed outdoor parties/cookouts and enjoyed our good neighbor. Bob showed how much he enjoyed Buddy every day. He played good golf at Raintree CC and even competed in OMEGA matches back in the day. He was kind and considerate. We could not have asked for a better neighbor. We send our condolences to Phyllis and his family. May he find salvation in a loving God. We will miss his light in the world.

Judy Peter DiGregorio - January 10 at 07:25 PM



“ Deeply is felt the sadness when the news arrives of the departure of one who is so exemplary. So many years back our paths met in Bergenfield, New Jersey, and he is still vividly remembered for his exceptional ability in sports, especially baseball, wherein he was extremely outstanding. We were from the same section of town and therefore attended the same schools and often met on the athletic field. He was the best example of a "Good Sport", that there could be. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Walter A. Tuers



Walter Tuers - January 10 at 07:09 PM



“ Thank you Mr. Tuers, I'm certain you must have great memories and stories about my Dad. Deepest sympathies to you Mr. Tuers.

Dale Fischer - January 14 at 05:15 PM



“ Bob will be greatly missed.
He was generous, kind and caring.
Funny in a funny way.
Knowledgeable about more than you would imagine.
Willing to listen. Eager to share his thoughts.
A father and a friend.

John R. Fish - January 10 at 05:57 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to Bob's family and to his dear friend Phyllis. Bob was a friend for many years and was an usher at our wedding. He joined in celebrating our 50th anniversary a few years ago and it was always great being with him. He kept in touch and enjoyed reminiscing about the old days in Bergenfield. We will miss him.
From Brian & Maureen Murphy

Maureen Murphy - January 10 at 03:58 PM



“ I enjoyed getting to know Bob this year. His sense of humor and his kindness were obvious. He shared stories with me of times playing golf with my husband's grandad and I can only imagine how they enjoyed giving each other a hard time out on the course. I saw Bob last Thursday afternoon, apparently his last afternoon, and enjoyed a long conversation with him where he shared all about his grandson's football career. He was glowing as he told me how proud he was that his grandson would be playing in college. He left with a spring in his step. Hugs and prayers to his family..

Madison Levine - January 10 at 09:36 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Fischer Jr..



January 10 at 09:23 AM



“ Bob and I were teammates in a softball league in Oradell, NJ for a few years. Bob was a great athlete, competitor and teammate with a great sense of humor. I have fond memories of Bob. Bob and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven just got themselves a good man. - Michael Haviland

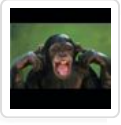
Michael Haviland - January 10 at 05:29 AM



“ Thank you so much Mike.

Dale

Dale Fischer - January 13 at 01:33 AM



“ Roy & I always looked forward to seeing Bob during the holidays during his many years in Charlotte. He was always cheerful & fun. We will miss miss dearly. Love to you all.

Rick Whitmore - January 09 at 08:43 PM