



Robert Lawrence Canape

November 10, 1948 - January 6, 2019

Robert Lawrence “Bob” Canape passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2019, after suffering from endocarditis and organizing pneumonia as a consequence of HIT thrombosis and Agent Orange exposure at Rogue Valley Medical Center, Medford, Oregon. He has been a resident of the Rogue Valley since 1981. He was 70 years old and has been married to his beloved Kathleen Garrett Canape since 1988. They live in a house in Ashland, Oregon, which he built with his one working arm. Bob was medically retired from the United States Marine Corp as a Sergeant. He served in the Vietnam war and his unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for “extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance.” He was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart on three separate occasions.

Bob is the third child of Frank and Elizabeth Canape. He was born in Brooklyn New York, on 11-10-1948. He is survived by 4 brothers and 1 sister - - Ken Canape (Bernie), Jean Canape, Frankie Canape, Paul Canape (Velma), and Marc (Echo), as well as numerous nieces and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Gary. Many thanks to our niece Suzanne Messer for her loving care and concern for both Bob and Kathy.

Bob attended Pennsylvania State University, Fordham University, and the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he obtained a B.A. in General Psychology in 1974 and Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon, in where he received a second B.A. in History, Cum laude, in 1991. He and his brother Marc owned a construction company, “Can Bros,” and built a total of 9 spec houses.

Bob also volunteered at KSKQ 89.5 FM, Community Radio Station, where he wrote, produced and narrated a half hour radio show, No Underwear, No Last Name (“that is how it was in Viet Nam”) based on his life and war experiences. He was also a disc jockey on KSKQ. Bob supported many projects and people monetarily and as a mentor around the world. His family recently learned that he had donated funds for nearly 32,000 fistula surgeries in Africa. He was also a foster parent with Plan International for 40 years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to one or more of Bob's favorite charities: Fistula Foundation, 1922 The Alameda, Suite 302, San Jose, CA 95126; Plan International, USA, 155 Plan Way, Warwick, Rhode Island, 02886; Southern Oregon Kid Spree (Keep Bob at Starbucks), PO Box 1087, Medford, OR 97501; and KSKQ 89.5 FM, Ashland Community Radio, 330 E. Hersey, #2, Ashland, OR 97520.

There will be a memorial in the spring.

Comments



“ I traveled across the USA with Bob in 1970 for a month or maybe more. We met in the Brooklyn VA hospital. I have never forgotten Bob or that trip. Both are good memories of mine. Bob and I hiked down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. I'm sure he always remembered that experience as I do too. It was a tough hike out, but we made it.

John Lupo - March 29 at 11:42 AM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We were in boot camp together.

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