



## Mr. Robert G. Fox

December 18, 1926 - October 16, 2017

“To All Hands.” Major (Retired) Robert G. “Bob” Fox, 90, of North Andover, died peacefully on October 16, 2017 surrounded by his family. He was born in Lowell, MA, son of Leo F. and Catherine L. (Cryan) Fox.

Bob graduated from Keith Academy in 1944, a star third baseman for the state champions, and from Northwestern University in 1956. In 1944, Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force, a proud veteran of World War II and the Korean War (24th Infantry, 19th Division), and active during the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam War. Following his 22-year military career, Bob returned to his hometown and worked for the Raytheon Missile Systems Division until retirement in 1991.

Bob considered his family his greatest achievement. He was a gentle man, kind and thoughtful, who taught more by his actions than his words; always kept his sense of humor but not his patience; and dispensed wisdom as randomly-numbered proverbs.

For the past 55 years, Bob and his family summered in Rockport, MA, where you were always welcomed aboard, and clambakes, cribbage, and candy awaited you. You might find him reading a great book, tending to his vegetable garden, feeding the birds, soaking up the rays by the shore, or enjoying a favorite mocha ice cream soda. He was the original Bob the Builder, and when he wasn't renovating his home, he was creating prize-winning floats for the 4th of July parade or designing the next project.

Bob's adventurous spirit took him traveling around the world visiting almost all 50 states, 4 continents, and 25 countries. He loved cruising Cape Horn, Russia, the South Pacific, and Thailand, and cherished family trips to Ireland, the Caribbean, Mexico, and Hawaii.

Survived by his loving wife and true companion of 66 years, Ann T. (Sullivan) Fox, his daughters Sheila Cruise and her fiancée Edmund Weidner of Naples, FL, Roberta and Bruce Patterson of North Andover, MA, Jane and William Dobson of Gloucester, MA, Paula and Drew Niziak of Miramar Beach, FL, Erin and William Dzilenski of Warwick, RI, Dr. Anne and Samuel Schumacher of Bow, WA, his son Gregory and Jami Fox of Solana Beach, CA, 18 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, his brother Gerald Fox of Walpole, MA, 4 sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his daughter Kathleen M. Fox, RN, his son-in-law Stephen Cruise, and his brothers Richard Fox and Frederick Fox.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, c/o Sister Margaret Mary Kimmins, PO Box W, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778.

The family welcomes you to join in a celebration of his life. Visiting hours on Sunday, October 22 from 2-5 PM at the Fay McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore Street, Lowell, MA. Funeral Mass on Monday, October 23, at 10 AM, Immaculate Conception Church, 144 E. Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA, followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery, 90 River Rd, Tewksbury, MA.

“Good Luck and God Bless.”

# Cemetery

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## St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road

North Tewksbury, MA, 01876

# Events

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**OCT 22** **Calling Hours** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Fay McCabe Funeral Home

105 Moore Street, Lowell, MA, US, 01852

**OCT 23** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Church

144 East Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA, US, 01852

**OCT 23** **Burial** 11:00AM

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St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road, North Tewksbury, MA, US, 01876

# Comments

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“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert G. Fox



Sean & Erin Rourke - November 05, 2017 at 12:24 PM

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“ Hi Dad: We love you from the bottom of our hearts and we really miss you. You were loved so much by Mom, family and friends. And, we will not forget your vegetable garden and 24 tomato plants at Long Beach, Rockport, MA. We are deeply saddened with your passing but know that you are at peace. In your honor, we will keep planting and feeding the birds... we love you so very much and salute you for all that you have done for the "Fox Family"... Hugs and Kisses, Jane Ellen and Bill

**Jane Fox Dobson** - October 19, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ Hi Dad. I never met you but Jane has always been family. I read her letters and lived all of those moments she reminisced about you. You were a wonderful father and overall joyful person to be around. It seemed everyone that met you loved you. Not many people can say that. I know you were deeply loved and will be deeply missed.

**Martha** - October 20, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ Aunt Ann and Family,  
May God Bless you all during this very difficult time. Life is not easy as we all know. Things unfortunately can't stay the same forever. I believe Uncle Bob is in Heaven smiling down upon all of you! I remember when my dad died, it was saddest time of our lives. A good friend of mine told me that your dad is in your future and I would see him again, and you know, that did help me to get through a lot of tough days. If you really think about it, it's true. We will all be with our love ones again. You have a big blessed family and can lean on each other to get through this terrible time. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Take care and god bless you all!

Jill M. Sullivan

**Jill Sullivan** - October 23, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ Hi Cousin Jill: Thank you for your kind "words of wisdom." And, my Dad's spirit will remain in our hearts and souls and go where we go and will be passed down to future generations. I really appreciate your thoughts and sympathy during this difficult time. We just need to think of all the fun times we had with my Dad and your Dad (Uncle Peter) in Lowell, MA as well as Long Beach, Rockport, MA. They were our foundation... Warm Regards, Jane Ellen

**Jane** - October 25, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ Erin and Jane ... My deepest condolences on the passing of your dad. I only just found the online notice today. I think of your sister Anne and your whole family regularly.

Melissa Chamberlain Muhlenbruch

Warner Robins GA

**Melissa Muhlenbruch** - April 04, 2018 at 08:50 PM