



Robert Joseph Mulvihill

May 8, 1928 - May 23, 2021

Robert Joseph Mulvihill passed away on May 23, 2021 at the age of 93, in his hometown of West Palm Beach, Florida. Robert was born on May 8, 1928 to Joseph and Edna Mulvihill, in Brooklyn, New York. He had a younger sister Ann O'Connor. He was raised in Brooklyn and after graduating from Brooklyn Technical High School he went to New York State Maritime College and earned a degree in Marine Engineering. He worked for the U.S. Coast Guard as an Engineer of Steam and Motor Vessels. He went to MIT and received a Master Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Later in his career he received his PHD, Engineering at UCLA. After graduation he moved to California and started his career as a Mechanical Engineer. In 1961 he met an Irish Catholic girl named Sheila FitzGerald and they wed in 1962. Going on having four children, Sheila Ann, Erin, Bobby, and Tricia. Later in life Robert married again to Ann Petersson. They had twin boys, Markus and Max. Robert was also a passionate sailor and could often be found sailing on his

boat which his

children named "Cool It". He loved sunny California and spent many weekends at the beach.

He was a devout Roman Catholic and practiced his faith throughout his life.

Highlights of Robert's career included working for the NASA Langley 8' high Temperature

Wind Tunnel that was completed in 1991. Served as a manager of Probabilistic Risk

Assessments and Nuclear Safety Assessments for the NASA Headquarters. Principal

investigator on the NASA liquid Hydrogen Structural Test facility and the NASA advanced solid

Rocket Propellant Manufacturing Facility that were completed in 1992. He was president of the

American Nuclear Society for 10 years.

Robert is survived by his first wife Sheila Furst, second wife Anne Petersson, six children,

and eight grandchildren.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11:00 am on June 11, 2021 at the St. Peter Catholic

Church, 1701 Indian Creek Pkwy, Jupiter FL 33458.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady Queen of Peace

10941 Southern Blvd.
Royal Palm Beach, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church
1701 Indian Creek Parkway
Jupiter, FL 33458

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Joseph Mulvihill*

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