



Robert Downes Rippe

August 25, 1924 - December 19, 2013

Robert Downes Rippe passed away peacefully on December 19, 2013 at Hospice in Jupiter, Florida. Robert (Bob) was born in Norwalk, Connecticut on August 25, 1924. Bob grew up on the family farm in Westport, Connecticut, helping to start the family business, Rippe Farms Markets. He attended the University of Connecticut where he met his wife of 48 years, Harriette Smith Rippe (Skip). While at UConn, Bob was an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. After graduation in 1949, Bob took a position with Del Monte Foods where he worked for 33 years until his retirement. During his career, Bob and Skip lived in many locales in addition to Westport, including Marcellus, New York; Hawthorne, New York; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Charlotte, North Carolina. Upon retirement in Charlotte, they enjoyed traveling the world and focusing on their family. Bob spent endless hours in his lush vegetable garden every year. Bob moved to Tequesta, Florida in 2002 where he lived until his death. Throughout his life, he was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his son Robert D. Rippe, Jr. and daughter-in-law Mary Alice Rippe; son Scott H. Rippe and daughter-in-law Jill Rippe; daughter Dale R. Krause and son-in-law Kenneth Krause; and, his sister Eleanor Huntington and brother-in-law Jon Huntington. He is also survived by grandchildren Elizabeth Valle, Carolyn Rippe, Margaret Rippe, Robert H. Rippe, Matthew Rippe, John Rippe, Megan Mitcham, and Drew Krause. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 P.M. Monday, December 30th at the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta, 482 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL. The family requests that donations be made to the church at the address above, or to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Downes Rippe*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Dear Scott and Family,
In my current efforts to locate the Rippe family, I've "just" recently run across your Parents' obituaries, and was immediately flooded with emotional memories. In this image I can see your Dad clearly in my mind's eye, as I did as a child, with your Mom after church in Marcellus, both smiling and engaged in friendly conversation. I know my parents always valued their long relationship with your Mom & Dad, that they continued to enjoy over many years, AND distances! I share with you the loss of precious parents, but am forever enriched by their lives!*

Jill Shinaman - October 30, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Bob Rippe was my supervisor when I worked for Del Monte Foods in Syracuse and Rochester, New York. He and his wife were wonderful people and Bob was the classiest, most gentlemanly supervisor of any organization I ever worked for. Condolences to his family.*

George C. Kertmenian - Alexandria, VA - worked with him - January 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Bob as a five year old as Eleanor's best friend. Many wonderful memories of times in the Rippe household on North Ave. I still remember the tomatoe canning at Bob and Skip's house on North Turkey Hill I had never seen so many tomatoes and it was very hot as Eleanor and I helped with the canning. Bob was a great person! Happy Memories to all. Isabel*

Isabel Matthews Blair - Westport, CT - friend - January 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob Rippe was my District Manager with Del Monte Foods in Syracuse, N.Y. He was a kind man and an excellent mentor. I had enormous respect for him! May he rest in peace. Condolences to his entire family.*

Chuck Curran - Syracuse, NY - Friend - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Bob, Scott, Dale & Family's,

We are all so very sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved father and grandfather. Robert was a great man, Whenever you saw him, he always had a happy outlook and a smile. Your Dad and Grandfather knew how loved he was and he was so very proud of you all. We enjoyed seeing him over the years at all the family gatherings. He will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love, The Costello, Brodowski and Nuber Family's

Peggy Brodowski - NJ - December 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rob & Family:

Your dad (and Granddad) was a true gentleman. This picture of him is perfect. He always had a smile and a twinkle in his eye. I used to watch him stroll up Maple and would wave from my kitchen window. He will be missed but will live on in your hearts. You were blessed to have him as an active part of your lives for so long!

*Sincere sympathy;
Barbara and Al Cramer*

Barbara & Al Cramer - Colleyville,, TX - Neighbors of Rob Rippe's Family - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM