



Col. Robert Joseph Dumont

July 9, 1946 - July 13, 2025

With great sadness and profound love, we share the passing of Col. Robert Joseph Dumont, USAF (Ret.), who died peacefully on Sunday, July 13, 2025, after a courageous 18-year battle with cancer. He was 79 years old.

Born in Morgantown, West Virginia, Bob was raised in Point Marion, Pennsylvania by his parents, Ruth and Paul. He was a spirited and determined student and athlete. A proud Albert Gallatin High School Colonial, he played quarterback with heart and grit, never letting his smaller stature hold him back. Bob became a devoted fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates early on, cheering them on faithfully throughout his life—just one of the many ways his steadfast optimism and loyalty touched those around him.

Two pivotal moments shaped Bob's life while attending West Virginia University. The first was marrying his middle school sweetheart, Patricia Hughs, who became his lifelong partner. They wed in the summer of 1967, beginning a marriage that spanned nearly six decades. The second was his decision to become an officer in the United States Air Force, where he began a 26-year career as a meteorologist.

During his distinguished military service, Bob and Pat raised their two children, Gregory and Kimberly, across the globe—Guam, Omaha, Germany, and beyond—before settling in Northern Virginia. After retiring from the Air

Force, Bob continued to serve the nation as a chief meteorologist for NOAA until his final retirement in 2005.

Throughout his life, Bob prioritized being part of a church community, a commitment that deepened after he and Pat discovered Christ Church in 1992. He became actively involved in numerous ministries, including Stephen Ministry, Rise Against Hunger, men's groups, the cancer support group, and Rising Hope.

In his later years, Bob embraced retirement with characteristic vigor—body surfing in the Outer Banks, ruling the grill as its undisputed CEO, and “perfecting” his short game on the golf course. But his greatest joy came from family: celebrating birthdays, cheering at ballgames, attending dance recitals, and sharing meals with his grandchildren, Maxwell and Sarah. He and Pat were never happier than when surrounded by those they loved.

Bob faced his long illness with the heart and determination of a warrior, never surrendering his sense of hope. His resilience, humor, and deep love for his family will be remembered always.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 24, at 11:00 a.m. at:

Christ Church

7600 Ox Rd

Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's honor may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist Church
7600 Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Tribute Wall

FT

“ *RIP Bobby*



Frank Titus - August 19, 2025 at 11:29 AM

EJ

“ *The passing of Bob Dumont hits hard. He, Pat, and family were fellow life travelers - 50 years worth - for Ann and me. Our paths crossed so many times - common assignment locations - so many fond memories! It feels like we grew up together for much of our formative lives. Bob so personified the gentleman officer - respected by all. May the peace beyond understanding surround Pat and all. Ed and Ann Jenkins*

Ed and Ann Jenkins - July 29, 2025 at 02:44 PM

ML

“ *What a beautiful memorial service! So glad my family was able to attend! Many fond memories of the Sandhausen gang. I can still remember him tutoring me in Algebra. I think, given enough time, I can solve the two trains heading in different directions problem. He definitely touched lives!*

Michelle Hudock Levine - July 24, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TR

“ I can still hear the coffee beans grinding when Bob came in. I was first in to the OFCM office, beating the traffic on beltway and Bob by a few minutes, sacrificing sleep and breakfast until Bob lectured me on the importance of a good breakfast. He cared. And I changed. That was Bob. You all know. A piece of my heart is broken and, like you, I'm really going to miss him.

Tony Ramirez - July 23, 2025 at 03:19 PM

DW

“ Bob, your support for the Kenya mission project shows how your love traversed continents. Personally, your wisdom and insights in our weekly fellowship inspired and taught me a lot. Saddened by your departure but comforted by knowing that you transitioned to glory. Fare thee well.

David Waweru - Nairobi, Kenya.

David Waweru - July 17, 2025 at 03:27 PM

MA

“ Saddened to hear of Bob's passing; a consummate gentleman, he was always willing to smile, help, and share his wisdom. Our paths crossed many times and I was always looking forward to seeing him. Rest in peace Bob.

Mark Andrews - July 17, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MM

“ It has been many years since I was fortunate to share some time with Bob in the Pentagon. My favorite memory was a weather outing to Andrews AFB golf course. I don't think we made it past the second hole when a down pour hit us. We all looked like a bunch of drowned rats. I echo all the possible comments about Bob. True gentleman!!

Mike Mader - July 16, 2025 at 10:57 PM

LO

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Bob's passing. My condolences. Bob epitomized what it means to be an Air Force Officer, veteran, patriot. I am proud to have served in the AF with him. Over the years, we had several conversations about his illness - my mom and maternal grandmother had the same type of cancer. I was amazed at his positive attitude and strength. AIM high, Col Dumont!

Lauraleen O'Connor - July 16, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ Bob was always so kind to my mom with her newly cancer diagnosis back in Fall of 2023. He was so warm and welcoming at Christ Church and would always ask me about her whenever I saw him at Sunday service. Such a wonderful man who will be missed.

Mary Borges - July 16, 2025 at 08:54 PM

DK

“ RIP Bob ,and condolences to the family. I was privileged to briefly work with and be mentored by him during my AFGWC active duty days, then via AMS and National Weather Association interactions. There was no one kinder than Bob. He was a true professional who I always looked up to during my career.
Dave Knapp

Dave Knapp - July 16, 2025 at 08:36 PM

WT

“ I'll always remember Bob as a caring gentleman and great boss when I worked for him in XOW Policy and then when he was with the Coordinator's Office. His devotion to duty, commitment to the mission and his care and concern for people were beyond reproach. Praying for Patty and the family in this time of grieving. Web Tileston

Web Tileston - July 16, 2025 at 05:01 PM

MF

“ While our paths crossed in the USAF when he was the Commander of the 31st Weather Squadron in Germany (and I was a young 2Lt), I really got to know him later during his time supporting NOAA and the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology (OFCM). As others have already said, he was a true professional, gentleman, and overall really nice guy everyone enjoyed working with. RIP old friend, you are already missed.

Mike Farrar - July 16, 2025 at 04:52 PM

ET

“ Bob and I served together as ARWOs (Aerial Reconnaissance Weather Officers) in Guam in the early 70s. I remember giving him his check ride for Instructor ARWO (IARWO). We also shared an R & R trip to Hong Kong. What an outstanding Typhoon Chaser and person!

Ed Tomlinson

Ed Tomlinson - July 16, 2025 at 04:47 PM

BR

In 1985 Colonel Dumont was my boss as commander of the 31st weather squadron in Germany. I remember him asking me to present a seminar before the AMS topic "The use of small computers in the base weather squadron" What an honor, what a privilege. I will miss him dearly.

Bruce Russell

Bruce Russell - July 16, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MB

“*Sincerest condolences to Bob's family and friends. I first worked with him at 3rd Weather Wing HQ and then again at the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology. His quiet competence and kindness were hallmarks of the fine person he was. I also remember the "new email received" sound on his computer at OFCM was that of a golf ball rolling into the cup. You will be missed.*

Mike Babcock - July 16, 2025 at 03:46 PM

RP

“*So sorry to hear of Bob's passing after such a long struggle. Bob was one of my instructors as an ARWO with the 54th WRS on Guam. A really great guy. Condolences to Pat and the family. A medical appointment of my own sadly prevents me from attending the service.*

Rich Picanso - July 16, 2025 at 02:29 PM

RC

“*Bob was indeed a kind gentleman during the times we worked together. I was a young officer at AFWA, he was still at NOAA. He was always encouraging and friendly to me. Rest in the arms of our Savior, my friend*

Ronald Comoglio - July 16, 2025 at 01:27 PM

CL

“ RIP Bob, you will be missed. Bob was my commander in Germany for a short period. He was a great guy.

Chuck LeMay - July 16, 2025 at 01:05 PM

AS

“ RIP Bob! Truly a gentleman. My deepest sympathies to Pat and family.

Arnie Saunders - July 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM

DV

“ I remember Bob Dumont fondly as commander of the 31st Weather Squadron in Germany back in the mid 1980s. He gave me good advice to deal with some unusual personnel issues at my detachment.

Dan Vial - July 16, 2025 at 12:27 PM

JF

“ Bob was an outstanding officer, meteorologist, and friend. He was truly a gentle soul. My condolences to Pat and the family.

Joe Friday - July 16, 2025 at 12:15 PM

CG

“ So sad to read of Bob's passing. I know he was a valuable asset professionally at Air Weather Service. We worked together on several projects. He will be greatly missed by many.

Jim Goldey

Col Jim Goldey - July 16, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JW

“ Bob was a really nice overall person in both his military role and his personal life! He will be missed! RIP

Jim Weyman - July 16, 2025 at 11:47 AM

AM

“ One of the best. Bob will be missed, and the world is a lesser place without him.

Al Mongeon - July 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM

KP

“ They don't get any better than Bob. Christ Church will not be the same without him around.

Kelly Pinsky - July 15, 2025 at 10:43 PM

LS

“ Bob and Pat have been such important and wonderful ambassadors of Christ throughout our tenure at Christ Church (which also started in 1992, when we first met them). The resilience, affection and courtesy Bob showed for decades spoke to all of us. Pat, we send our love and many many prayers.

Liz and Mike Stern - July 15, 2025 at 09:44 PM

MB

“ Bob was an amazing person. So kind and gentle to everyone. We started out in Kindergarten together and graduated from High School together.
Bob was the best of us. He inspired me.
Our sincere sympathy to Pat and family.
Kindest Regards to a real hero.
Francie (Dillinger) and Alistair Barron



Mary Frances Dillinger Barron - July 15, 2025 at 06:34 PM

AT

Pat and family, so sad to read of Bob's passing. Fond memories of both of you...keeping you lifted in prayer during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Audrey Clemmer
Tomchik

Audrey Tomchik - July 16, 2025 at 09:16 AM

MA

RIP Bob. I had the pleasure of working with him both in th UAF and on the "outside." Just a tremendous human who will be missed.

Mike Adams - July 17, 2025 at 10:06 AM

JA

What a fighter Bob was as he battled cancer for as long as I can remember. We will certainly miss him at Christ Church and prayers to this wonderful man's family.
Sincerely, Jay and Stacy

Jay - July 18, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BR

“ *Buddy & Margaret Ritchie lit a candle in memory of Col. Robert Joseph Dumont*



Buddy & Margaret Ritchie - July 15, 2025 at 05:10 PM

FT

“ *RIP Bob*



Frank Titus - July 15, 2025 at 04:42 PM