



Robert W. Frutchey

February 12, 1938 - March 14, 2022

On March 14 Captain Robert (Bob) W. Frutchey died peacefully in his sleep at 84 years of age. He suffered from dementia and memory issues for a number of years, but kept his sense of humor all the way to the end. Dad had three loves in his life; his family, being a pilot, and spending time in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

Bob flew for Allegheny Airlines, and then US Air, for more than 34 years and truly loved his career. After retirement he flew his own small airplane and helped raise his grandchildren. As a teenager he worked at a general Store in Drake, Colorado. While he worked in Drake he developed a deep love of the Rocky Mountains, and Rocky Mountain National Park, where skied and hiked many times all through his 70s.

Bob was a kind gentle soul who made friends easily and always had a corny joke at the ready. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Gwen (Johnson) Frutchey, two children, Michael (Larisa) & Robin Boggess, and three grandchildren, Michael Boggess, Lindsey Boggess, and Dallen Frutchey.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Bob's honor.

<https://www.alz.org/>

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Mount Comfort Cemetery
6600 S Kings Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 765-3800

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Robert W. Frutchey



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - March 21, 2022 at 01:50 PM

TH

So sorry I couldn't make it there but what a beautiful service. Sending prayers and hugs to you Robin and Mom. Xoxo Love you both

tracy prevost hockersmith - March 26, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ Robert W. Frutchey

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert W. Frutchey.



March 25, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert W. Frutchey.*



March 21, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Bob shared us his knowledge of flying. When taxiing his AIRCRAFT along the ground he would always check for clearance by saying out loud to all on board, "CLEAR LEFT, CLEAR RIGHT, CLEAR LEFT AGAIN."*

To this very day, Ray and I use those exact words at every stop sign and intersection.

Bob, you are cleared for takeoff.

With the fondness of memories and great affection, Wynn & Ray

Wynn Ludwig - March 21, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Bob Frutchey was an original member of the Mount Vernon Manor Community. He was frequently seen walking in the neighborhood and always had a smile and kind words for everyone he met on those walks. Keep smiling gentle man... you will be missed. Regards, the Hook family.*

Mary Ellen Hook - March 20, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ *Bob was truly a special cousin! I didn't see him often, but enjoyed the visits we did get to have. Prayers & Affirmations to all if his family!*

Melody McIntosh - March 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DM

“ *Darlene MacPherson lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Frutchey*



Darlene MacPherson - March 20, 2022 at 02:12 PM

DM

Bob was a "dear" neighbor for 30 years. I have many great memories of those years living in Mount Vernon Manor. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Gwen, his children and grandchildren.

Darlene MacPherson - March 20, 2022 at 02:15 PM

JR

I interacted with Captain Frutchey for twenty-five years as a fellow pilot, and I received training from him in several different aircraft types. Bob was a gentle kind man, with whom you could disagree, but he always did it as a gentleman, and never had to raise his voice to make his point. I used to call he and Gwen from time to time to share a joke or story, and I will miss that.

May he Rest in Peace

Joe Kernan, USAir retired - March 21, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert W. Frutchey.*



March 20, 2022 at 02:03 PM