



Robert Mark Sukol

March 28, 1951 - February 11, 2022

Robert Mark Sukol passed away peacefully in his Springfield, Virginia home at 3:30 PM on Friday, February 11, 2022. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Rob lit up the world with his music, warmth, and kindness. His generous spirit profoundly impacted the lives of many, and he will be dearly remembered for his humor, wisdom, and love of family and friends.

Rob graduated from Rutgers Law School at age 43 and was employed as an attorney at the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives for 27 years, serving as the principal drafter for the first new U.S. Code title in 83 years and rising to become Deputy Counsel. However, his first love and lifelong passion was music. He played guitar, bass, and piano, and shared the stage with many talented musicians in Pennsylvania, California, and Virginia. He was a dedicated and prolific songwriter and continued producing and recording music throughout his life.

Born March 28, 1951 in Philadelphia, Rob was the oldest son of the late George and Marcia Promisloff Sukol. Rob was married to Sara Louise Gulla on May 28, 1979 in Dresher, Pennsylvania. He was predeceased by his brother, David, and nephew, Joshua.

Rob is survived by his wife Sara, sons Sean (fiancée Kayla Meyers) and David, brothers Rabbi Eddie (Roxanne) and Todd (Amy), cousins Dena (Zen) and Sherry Sukol, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A funeral service will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 2PM.

Interment Haym Solomon Memorial Park, 200 Moores Rd., Malvern, PA 19355 on Wednesday, February 16 at 2PM.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Wesley Housing or Musicians on Call.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Haym Solomon Memorial Park
200 Moores Road
Malvern, PA 19355

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Robert Mark Sukol*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 13, 2022 at 10:13 AM

KT

*Go rob go rob go rob go rob
Go rob
Love
Ken and Tracey*

ken and Tracey - February 14, 2022 at 12:48 PM

AH

*Rob was a kind and warm colleague, with a vision for the future of how the law would be maintained. I had just a few chances to see and spend time with Rob over the years that we worked together, but each one was a treasure.
May his memory be a blessing.
Sending my love,
Ari*

Ari Hershowitz - February 14, 2022 at 01:34 PM

BK

Rob was an amazing person. His musical talents were incredible. His sense of humor was unmatched. But most of all I will remember his passion for his family, love for Sara and father to Sean and David. He and Sara went out of their way when they were in California to visit Barbara (z"l) and I when she was dying. It meant so much.

Bruce Kadden - February 15, 2022 at 01:35 PM

SR

Sending love, condolences, and fond memories from the Bogan family....Rob was a neighbor growing up in Dresher, PA. Rob was one of my brother Rick's best friends. They developed a love of music together and maintained a strong bond over the years. Rob's smile and warmth will be missed by many. May Rob's memory and his brother David's and their parents' memories be for a blessing. - Sheila (Bogan Solomon Rudd)

Sheila Solomon Rudd - February 25, 2022 at 04:04 AM



“ Robert Mark Sukol

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

SL

“ *I met Rob in 1990. We worked together for a year or so and had stayed in contact every year since. I had great talks with him about family, work, and life in general. I will miss him.*

Steve Leshin - February 27, 2022 at 10:56 AM

 Dori Campbell

“ *I remember so many good times with Rob. Coming of age at Hedgerow he was always around as an extra brother. As with my other siblings, sitting around the kitchen table making music with Rob and Howard and many others is a large part of who I became. Later, performing music with him in the Kangaroo Band was pure joy. He helped raise me, and helped me be brave on stage at age 19!*



Dori Campbell - February 17, 2022 at 03:18 PM

RR

“ Rob's warmth and enthusiasm for life and learning was evident in his every interaction. How tragic that he was taken when he had many years left to bring his positivity and compassion to the world. My condolences to Sara and Eddie and all of his family. His life made a difference.

Rabbi Laura Rappaport - February 15, 2022 at 01:21 PM

BC

“ Over the past 10 years, I worked with Rob on his vision for the laws of our nation. He was truly visionary and insightful. More than that, he was always kind, understanding and supportive with everyone he worked with. I thank the Sukol family for sharing Rob with us. It has been a real honor and pleasure. I only wish I had heard him play bass!
With Love,
-Brad

Brad Chang - February 14, 2022 at 11:23 PM

CR

“ As the youngest sibling of a large, gregarious, eccentric family, I was the little kid always hanging around when Rob came to our house to play music with my older siblings. But Rob always paid attention to me! He made me feel loved - he carried me around the house on his shoulders, always singing to me and making me laugh. These memories are vivid to this day - even at 60 years old! He even wrote a song for me (the only person to ever do so). I know that he continued to share his loving spirit and his music with everyone he encountered throughout his life journey. We should all consider ourselves lucky to have had Rob in our lives. I am deeply saddened - please accept my condolences. May you all support each other with love and courage during this very difficult time.
With love, Caroline "Cari" Quinby Rush

Caroline Rush - February 14, 2022 at 06:00 PM

KR

“ I knew Rob slightly, through my friendship with his brother Dave; I also had occasion to see his name come up in some of the legal research and advocacy and occasional lobbying I did.

Having lost both my brother and my sister within 5 years of one another, I can appreciate the challenges the remaining family must face.

I trust that they will move forward; Rob surely would not have wanted anything less.

Kenneth Ryesky - February 14, 2022 at 03:32 PM

BQ

“ We were going to save the world. That was our job as musicians. I felt lucky to play in the Rob Sukol Trio, later Quartet, because it was easy to see that Rob was “the most amazing right hand” in the music scene of the time. Rob, wielding nothing but an acoustic guitar, could set a room dancing within minutes of beginning. His solid soloing and and ‘sticky’ melody/lyric combinations stayed in your memory for days. But the turmoil of the era and the rise of social pain due to the war created a discourse among nearly all of our generation to seek a better way of living. I believe Rob and I revealed, at least to ourselves, the frustrations, pitfalls, and reactions of the exercise. We chose separate paths to accomplish the ideals we came to hold.

I could no sooner separate my values and philosophies from Rob and our music than I could move out of my skin. His music was unforgettable, yes, but the mind that drove that creativity and taxed my parent’s patience with coffee, cigarettes, and guitars in the kitchen to the wee hours of any given morning, was what I will always hold close. It is difficult to explain the bond between musicians, but I feel it is something will survive all hurdles, including passing to the next realm.

Maybe it is this that allows musicians to refer to other musicians in the present tense, even if they are no longer with us. Rob Sukol is one of the greats. And he always will be.

Bill Quinby - February 14, 2022 at 03:25 PM

EO

I met Rob through his close friend Rona during our college years & a bit beyond that. Rob was always a truly awesome guy for many reasons... smart, talented, funny, fun to be with & sarcastic (but never in a mean way) & basically a very cool guy! He livened up a room as soon as he entered it!

He is someone who lived every day as he wanted & made a difference in other's lives. I consider myself lucky our paths crossed. He made me smile a lot during a tough time in my life. I hope that all the wonderful memories will always comfort his family & close friends.

*Fondly,
Ethel O'Dea*

Ethel O'Dea - February 15, 2022 at 04:41 PM

RQ

“ When I was growing up, Rob was a wonderful part our home and family; one of the leaders of a fun and inspiring acoustic music scene. His humor, good cheer and songs helped me understand what was important in life. He lives on in my heart. Rose Quinby

Rose Quinby - February 14, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us. You were such an angel here so I know a very special set of wings were waiting on you. Remembering you with a smile because that's what you brought out of those that you met.



Dara Martin - February 14, 2022 at 01:12 PM

RM

“ I spent every Friday or Saturday night for 5 years playing on stage with Rob. Musically we REALLY connected. He was a EXCELLENT Musician. He was a very humble & decent Man of high character. I will miss Rob & I will think of him when I am on stage.
We really played well together on stage.
Playing music on stage with Rob. It was the best.

Reggie Moses - February 14, 2022 at 07:18 AM

JJ

“ Sad and sorrow to hear of Rob's passing. My condolences to his family and friends. Wishing you all peace and comfort. Rest in peace, classmate.

Jim Jackson
Upper Dublin High School Class of 1969

Jim Jackson - February 13, 2022 at 10:19 AM