



## Robert J. Felekey

December 30, 2019

Robert J. Felekey of West Hartford, beloved husband of Therese “Sam” Whelan Felekey, died Monday, December 30, 2019. He was born in Midland, PA, on March 15, 1954, the son of Robert and Helen Felekey. He is survived by his dear sons, Edward and Thomas. He is also survived by his loving sister Laura and her husband Richard King; and his cherished in-laws, Ann and Robert Eichhorn, Cathy and Lynn Cox, Noreen Carnaghi, Peggy Gibala and Jeff Goetz, and Terry Whelan. Bob was a fond uncle and cousin, dedicated teacher, and friend to many. A calling hour will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06117. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 AM in the church. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to the Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. Directions and expressions of sympathy can be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

### Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ I knew "Boppin' Bob" back at Wash U in the 1970s. He was involved in the radio station there -- General Manager as I recall. He was always a great fun guy to be around.

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**Don Pearson** - May 03, 2020 at 04:35 PM

FC

“ Dear Sam, Edward and Thomas  
I'm so sorry for your great loss. Bob always impressed me with his love for his faith, his family and his students. I said Mass for him and for you this morning.  
Love, Father Cody

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**Fr. Henry P. Cody** - January 06, 2020 at 12:46 PM

AK

“ Bob was an amazing person and teacher. I had the honor of working with him at KP as well as outside programs. He will be truly missed. Prayers to his family  
Amy Keena

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**Amy Keena** - January 04, 2020 at 05:35 PM

MR

“ Bob was a dedicated educator, a life-long learner and a thoughtful and kind colleague to many in the West Hartford Public Schools. He was a person who made a difference in the lives of students not only teaching science but also running an after school science club, the "girls who code" group, trips for students to the Talcott Mtn Center on weekends, etc.. - he was "all in" when it came to educating kids about the wonders of science and the wonders of learning.

When teaching about forces in one of his classes last year Bob asked the class, "What's the strongest force in the universe?" After listening to several responses he told the class that "love is the strongest force in the universe because it allows us to do things that are impossible." Bob connected with kids on multiple levels and impacted them above and beyond the formal science curriculum. We are going to miss him as a colleague and friend in the WHPS.

*Mike Rollins*

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**Mike Rollins** - January 04, 2020 at 09:22 AM

EF

“ I met Bob and Sam some 20+ years ago after attending our financial seminar. Bob was always concerned about preparing for the future and their eventual retirement. Over the years we also became friends. We talked about so many things and he had a wonderful mind which I always enjoyed in conversation. He was a thoughtful, intelligent, and kind person. I will miss our office meetings and luncheons very much. My heartfelt farewell, thank you for your association and friendship.

*Ed Fredericks*

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**Edward Fredericks** - January 03, 2020 at 12:14 PM

GS

*Mr. Felekey was the science teacher for both my boys. They enjoyed his science club as well. Most striking is his ability to see kids in spite of their differences. He honored my oldest with a science award and we treasure his words of support. He will be missed. Blessings to his family.*

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**Gillian Stein** - January 04, 2020 at 08:50 AM

AT

“ *Al Togut purchased the Godiva Biscuit Gift Box (3 2 pc) for the family of Robert J. Felekey.*



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**Al Togut** - January 03, 2020 at 01:36 AM

AT

“ *I met Bob in 1972 when we were college freshman in St Louis. We had so many great adventures together during 4 years of college plus summers. Bob started the Radio Station and a media club. All the College Administrators knew Bob Felekey. The Chancellor, Deans, Professors. Bob was always involved in 5 ideas at one time. We stayed in contact for all these 47 years. He was a great friend that always had interesting thoughts on many subjects. I usually made notes after a phone call with Bob. So I could look up a subject he spoke about. Rest in Peace My Friend. You will be missed Forever.*

*Al Togut Boca Raton, FL*

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**AL TOGUT** - January 03, 2020 at 01:18 AM

LS

“ *Mr. Felekey was a committed educator who was so dedicated to his students. As a parent I appreciated how much personal attention he paid to my kids as students, and how he asked how they were doing for years after he had taught them. My condolences to his family and colleagues, as I am sure he will be dearly missed. His spirit and inspiration will live on in many who were lucky enough to have been his students.*

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**Leslie Silverman** - January 02, 2020 at 09:36 PM

AR

“ *Mr. Felekey was the epitome of a great science educator. I had him for 8th grade science class and homeroom and he was the one of the first people who introduced me to the sciences. I wouldn't be here without him and the many great teachers I had in West Hartford.*



*I was fortunate to be able to be part of his science club, the first year it started, along with Mr. Wasley and other regional science classes. I fondly remember the weekly field trips we had to Talcott mountain science center as well as to the CT Science Museum and other locales.*

*I also had him as a Sunday School teacher. His passion for education brought life in an otherwise mundane experience and his presence at Sunday mass was always heartwarming.*

*Peace be with you my teacher, friend and mentor!*

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**Arun** - January 02, 2020 at 04:15 PM

KS

“ So many memories that have gone through my mind these past few days since I heard the news of Bob's passing. Memoires of when Sam and Bob first started dating to when they got engaged after Midnight Mass to memories of their beautiful wedding. There are memories of fun times at their home here in St. Louis ("Kiss Me I'm Lithuanian") to the excitement of the birth of their twin boys. There were also some bittersweet memories such as when they moved away from St. Louis and relocated for Bob's career. These relocations took them to some beautiful places and brought them to their current home in Connecticut. Once settled in Connecticut, Bob was lucky to discover his true love and passion which was teaching others and spreading knowledge. We were all so proud of him when he was awarded the Frank McCourt Prize for Excellence in Teaching this past summer.

*He will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing his love, kindness, friendship and guidance. I am sorry that I am unable to be with you to celebrate his life but know that I am thinking of you and holding you very near my heart.*

*Love and Prayers,*

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**Karen Scoles** - January 02, 2020 at 04:11 PM