



Robert M. Roth

March 6, 1930 - October 18, 2010

Robert M. Roth passed away on Monday, October 18th after a remarkable life as a loving husband, caring father, avid golfer and sports fan, and dedicated community leader and citizen. Bob was born on March 6, 1930 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Stanley and Elsie Erman Roth. A graduate of Scarsdale High School and Colby College, Bob served in the Navy from 1951 - 1955 and was a proud veteran of the Korean War. At the time of his discharge, he was a first lieutenant. It was at Colby that Bob met and later married his wonderful wife, Helen Harper Palen Roth. They were married in Waterbury on April 16, 1955. Early in their marriage, they lived in Florida, Delaware, and then Connecticut, where they have been West Hartford residents for 45 years. Bob worked for Waddell and Reed as a Stock Broker until 1967 when he started Mark Securities, Inc. in West Hartford Center. Following Mark Securities, he co-managed the TRIO fund until 2010. Bob umpired Little League baseball during the summers and coached the West Hartford Midget Eagles Football Team in the fall for many years. When Bob recognized there were not as many opportunities for girls in sports as there were for boys, he co-founded the West Hartford Girls Softball League, still going strong today, and sponsored one of the original teams, Karen Associates. Bob served on the Board of Education for two terms beginning in 1974. He was an avid golfer, with 3 hole-in-ones on his resume, and served on many committees at the Hartford Golf Club. His favorite retirement ?gig? was rating golf courses throughout Connecticut. Bob was incredibly gracious in his support of local charities and organizations. He

was a loyal New York Giants, Red Sox, and UConn Huskies fan, especially the girl's basketball team, and really enjoyed the mid-2000's when all of his teams were on top! He leaves behind to celebrate this inspirational life, his loving wife, Helen, his three children Mark and his wife Pamela Roth; Karen and her husband Steven Ward; and Jeff. Also, his beloved grandchildren, Brandon Oates; Kinsey, Kesslyn, and Kylie Ward; Madeline, Molly, and Owen Roth. Calling hours will be at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, on Friday, October 22nd from 4 ? 8 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The American Lung Association, Riverfront Recapture 1 Hartford Square W, Hartford, CT 06106, or Oak Hill School 120 Holcomb St., Hartford, CT 06112. You may honor Bob by quitting smoking, or getting a loved one to quit. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Condolences to the family. From LT Basil Bartlow - USS John R. Pierce DD753 1959-1962.##imported-begin##Leigh Bartlow##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jeff. Paul has just given me the sad news about Bob, and I felt that I must send my condolences to you and the family. It is a few years since I saw Helen and Bob Paul's wedding, I think, but the strange thing is that I was thinking of them only last week and remembering how well they looked after Pat and myself when we visited. Please remember me to Helen - having lost Pat last year, I know what she is going through.##imported-begin##Arthur Harrison##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jeff,
I just learned of your dad's passing through my association with the WHGSL. My condolences to you and your family. I have many fond memories of him coaching during the years we played for the Eagles.##imported-begin##Bob Hebb##imported-end##

October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Roth, Mark, Karen and Jeff,

I remember as a young boy learning that Mr. Roth had started a company and named it after Mark. I always thought that was very special. His involvement with so many activities for youth was a sign of his generosity with his time, and his genuine desire to inspire young people to have fun and succeed. His fine character lives on in his three great children.##imported-begin##David Rahn##imported-end##

October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Roth Family,

I was very sorry to receive news of your loss through my mother. I remember Mr. Ross as a man full of energy and as a kind person. I am sorry I could not attend the funeral in person but my thoughts are with you.

Renis Rahn##imported-begin##Renis Rahn##imported-end##

October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mark, Karen, Jeff, and Mrs. Roth,

I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I remember him as a little league baseball umpire with a great sense of humor. I know his love of sports was passed on to Mark, because we spent many hours playing nerf football in the basement on our knees so we'd be the same height as 4 year old Jeffery. Somehow Jeffery usually won. I'm sure he was a great Dad to all of you. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Greg Rahn##imported-end##

October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Helen, Mark, Karen & Jeff;
I'm sorry to hear about Bob's passing away. I'll always remember his great sense of humor and hearty laugh. Our thoughts down here are with all of you.
Love Lisa, Mike, Roberto & Gabriela##imported-begin##Lisa Olsson Ravicz##imported-end##

October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Mr. Roth had a huge impact and provided many opportunities for West Hartford's children. He will be missed. My prayers are with you and your family. ?Thanks Coach?
##imported-begin##Gary Mendal - WHGSL##imported-end##

October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Roth Family,

My wife and I are very sorry about your great loss and are thinking of you. We value our associations with Bob and appreciate his dedication to improving the quality of life in our community and beyond. When I was principal at Hall High School I welcomed his constructive suggestions. His family is a credit to his influence and example. He was proud of you.

You have our sincere sympathy.

Gladys and Bob Dunn##imported-begin##Robert E. Dunn##imported-end##

October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jeff and family,*

I was saddened to hear of your loss. You are all in my prayers and your Dad/Husband/Grandfather was a great man. His generosity and kindness was felt by many. Stay strong.

My sincere condolences-

Tim Tozier and family##imported-begin##Tim Tozier##imported-end##

October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Aunt Helen & Family-*

We're so sorry for your loss. Uncle Bob - What a great guy! Aunt Helen, I'll always have fun memories of Christmas nights up at your house with you, Uncle Bob and the whole crew. He'll truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.

*Matt & Jill##imported-begin##Matt Kennelly & Jill
Narciso##imported-end##*

October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Helen and family,
Matt and I are so sorry to hear about Bob's passing...and certainly
the HSO community is as well. His presence was larger-than-life
and we'll miss his humor, walks around the neighborhood, and his
being part of our Hartford Symphony concerts and family. With
deepest sympathy, Kristen* *Phillips*”

October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM