



Robert H. Siri

September 5, 1949 - July 30, 2020

Robert Herman Siri, age 70, son of the late Herman and Marie Siri passed away on the morning of Thursday, July 30th 2020 in the comfort of his home in Audubon, NJ. At the time of his passing he was surrounded by his beloved wife and two sons. Bob was born on September 5th, 1949 and is survived by his wife Joan, two sons Daniel and Matthew, Matthew's wife Deana who he always considered the daughter he never had, grandchildren Luke and Madeleine, sisters Catherine Nugent (Richard) and Michelle Siri-Beyzak (Michael), and brothers Frank (Lu-Ying) and Steve (Melinda). Also survived by Bob are the plethora of extended family members and friends, all of whom held a special place in Bob's heart.

Bob was a kind, loving, and funny man. He cared deeply about all of the people in his life, and once you met Bob, it was easy to be his friend. He was always there to help anyone in any way, and never expected anything more than a smile in return.

Bob was easily the life of any party. He had an unrivaled sense of humor and always had a way to make us laugh whether it was by telling jokes and hilarious stories, singing songs and playing his ukulele, or passing out rubber chickens (he ordered a box of them so he could hand them out to anyone who needed one, and in his opinion everyone needed one).

Bob was a graduate of Audubon High School in 1968 where he served as class treasurer, and president of the high school choir. He then graduated from Trenton State College in 1972 with a degree in education. During college he was a proud member of the Theta Nu Sigma fraternity where he also served as president. After college Bob worked as a teacher of special education at the Camden County Vocational School, where he made many dear friends and had an immeasurable impact on his students. After teaching for eight years, Bob began working for Haddonfield Lumber Company. He spent his career with a reputation of being the go-to guy, and was rightfully proud of the work he did and the people he met who became some of his dearest friends. Bob always found a way to balance work and family so that he could be the wonderful husband and father that he

was. He was always home for dinner, and always put his family first. Bob retired at age 62, and spent his retired years enjoying time with family and friends, playing music, learning more jokes, buying more rubber chickens (because there's always someone else who needs one), playing golf with his sons and friends, vacationing annually in Stone Harbor with his family, and doing crossword puzzles with his wife cuddled up next to him on the couch.

Bob was a wonderfully unique person, and his absence leaves a void that cannot be filled.

As per Bob's wishes there will not be a viewing or a public funeral. A memorial service will be held in the future when his friends and family can gather in a safe manner, and he can receive the tribute that he deserves.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts, please feel free to make a donation in Bob's name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101. Condolences may be shared at www.earlefuneralhome.com

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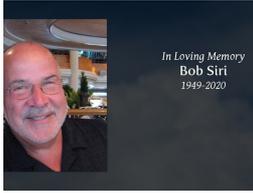
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Earle Funeral Home - August 03, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Dear Joanie and the Siri Family,

My sincerest condolences to you all. I shall always remember Bob as my Queensgate roommate and best ONE Brother. We shared much back then and you and Bob were such a cool couple. Thanks for the video. What a large, fantastic family filled his days. I especially like the older pics, because that's how I remember " Sear" as I called him with a head of hair and a big mustache. He was loved by all. Prayers and heart felt wishes. Find peace.

All the best,
Dennis Zegan

DENNIS ZEGAN - August 03, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ This is absolutely beautiful to watch. My family are thinking about you all every single day. Grateful I got to share many memories with Bob and his family. He will continue to hold a special place in my heart. Jenn Ruoff

Jenn - August 03, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ Joan & Family, I am truly sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a fellow Audubon classmate of 68' who was one of the good guys! Joan , you & Bob were such a cute couple! Prayers for you and your entire family Joan Vetrone Bucci

Joan Vetrone Bucci - August 04, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ Bob was one of the good guys. Always kind and witty. I definitely feel your pain but the video showed the everlasting love. He looked like Keanu Reeves in one clip. Comforting. Take care of yourself Joan he would want that Bob not Keanu.

Much love
Marya Hunt
Kukla

MaryaHunt - August 05, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Dearest Siri family, Wow. What a beautiful, heartfelt tribute. May your days be filled with wonderful memories and laughs. Prayers to you

Lauren Calise

Lauren Calise - August 05, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ Dear Joan, Daniel, Matthew and the Siri Family,

I give you my heartfelt condolences. Bob and I came to know each other as pledge brothers of Theta Nu Sigma at Trenton State College. We had many good times together in the fraternity, and the older pictures in the video brought me right back to those bygone days. This past June I was fortunate enough to reconnect with Bob via email. In our exchange he helped to refresh my memory of an experience that we both shared in 1970. As fate would have it I had an upcoming court appearance in Elizabeth for a speeding ticket on the Goethals Bay Bridge. Bob volunteered right away to drive me to the courthouse. I remember being quite nervous that day. However, Bob totally had my back throughout the day and gave me much needed moral support. I will always remember him as a reliable and caring friend and brother who radiated love, positivity and humor to everyone who came into his orbit. He was truly loved by all and will be missed.

With deepest sympathy,
Jack Grieshaber

Jack Grieshaber - August 12, 2020 at 03:59 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob passing, Bob was my Highschool teacher and a good one at it. Then I went in to the construction field and order materials from him which allow me to stay in touch. My prayers go out to Bob's family

Nicholas Virgilio - August 10, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ Bob was a regular in my household from the time I was about 7 years old when he started dating my sister. Back then, I was the little sister who would like to tease them when they would have their secret conversations in pig latin..but I always looked up to and admired my big sis and her boyfriend. I hoped that one day I would have a special bond with someone like they had with each other. Even though I never considered myself to be a particularly good singer, I joined the AHS concert choir because they did, and well, it was the cool thing to do. Bob always came to our annual Christmas parties prepared with a fresh batch of jokes and a ukulele to entertain. My sis was always his best sidekick, too. We will miss those good times but I know you are in a better place now, free from pain and kicking back with my brother enjoying a nice cold one and a great meal with all your favorite foods. Until you are reunited with your family once again, be our best guardian angel and guiding spirit. With love, Leah and Joe

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light

Of His countenance upon you,

The Lord lift up the light

Of His countenance upon you,

And give you peace,

And give you peace,

And give you peace,

And give you peace

Amen

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4C9zVg5X_A

Leah Smith - August 09, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ As his younger brother he taught me to laugh in a house with little laughter. He made up sayings like "um-bardi-um-bart...flare dairn" as he would poke me in the stomach. He made up words like "you are a poorly" meaning you aren't cool. He taught me to extend my stomach like a buddha and he would do the same and we would do a buddha bounce off each other. He always seemed to be "cool" with the right haircut, the right basketball jump shot, the right friends, the right car (pink Rambler convertible). He taught me to put a comic book under my pajamas to blunt my dad spanking us on the butt...and how to fake a cry.....Guess you can say as a pre-teen I really looked up to him.

A long gap of years passed as we lost touch. There were a couple letters back and forth during college and we would connect as a family once a year most often in Stone Harbor... but there are obvious limits to such short encounters.

Fast forward to his years fighting cancer. What a blessing it was that this difficult situation drove both of our desires to reconnect and get to know each other. Few words were ever spared as we discussed our love and appreciation for each other and that of our families. Bob hated bullshit. and so we never talked about bullshit. Just straight honest thoughts and feelings, good and bad. Always there was a dignity and pragmatism and drive on his part to live his remaining days to the fullest. We would both do our best to make each other laugh...though he was more gifted at this than I. I did succeed on occasion! And he sought out answers to difficult questions of life and afterlife. He surrounded himself with friends that would support these inquiries. And he sought out making the precious days he had the very best with Joan, his sons, Deana and the grandkids.

The last pic in the video of him looking up at the sky with the sun rays beaming down is the one that will forever be engrained in my mind. As a believer in Christ, my heart is full knowing that he is at peace having accepted the Lord. I will see you on the other side bro!

Steve Siri

Steve Siri - August 08, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Beautiful and if you reconnected you are blessed. He was super cool and uber nice. R I P
MARYA HUNT
KUKLA

MaryaHunt - August 09, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ At this time of our lives we lose friends and family. Bob and Joan like so many high school sweethearts were the indelible mark of good genes and a place of love. Bob's memories bring a smile to my mind. Ad multos annos. JMJ

John Porvaznik - August 07, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Joan, is very happy to be that's very small part of meeting Bob and the family. But through Jimmy Jones and Rena and of course Jack. I got to know him well it is Love by everybody and I was so glad that I made that helium birthday party, what an event just like every event you guys had such a close family , with the boys and Bob playing the ukulele I will never forget any of it. He will definitely leave a huge void in so many lives, very few people can say they had a relationship like the two of you. Thinking of you the most beautiful video I I just seen brought many tears but yet smiles seeing him so happy and all of you together so much. Your all in my heart ..we will see him again .
Rena cousin, Patrice

Patrice Miller. (Rena's cousin) - August 07, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ We were so blessed to spend time with Bob, Joan and the whole family the weekend before Bob moved on and it was time we'll cherish for the rest of our lives. Bob wanted to stay and pushed himself to absorb every minute of the visit! He looked at our faces so intensely it was as if he wanted to take the memories of this life—these people—with him. We expected 15 minutes and got close to two hours! And it was so very, very good. Still able to laugh, he was only four days away from leaving us all and still said, “I don't want to leave HER, I love her so much. But, I'm going to a good place, right?” So now he has his answers. And now he's at peace. And now he's hanging out with Jesus...throwing around rubber chickens, and playing a ukulele, and living the good life once again. Staying so much a part of us, I can almost hear him saying, “Yo! Wait until you see this place.” And so he's watching over the magnificent Siri family. And beside his beloved Joan forever. Remaining the centerpiece of their lives, enriching their spirit-as always! But still leaving everyone's life he touched here—making it richer just by being part of us—with the terrible sting of loss...So long dear Bob. I love you with all my heart. Amici per Sempre!

Rena - August 07, 2020 at 12:23 AM



“ This is a beautiful tribute to a great man. The love in the pictures is over-flowing. The video from his birthday is hilariously perfect and shows the love and the humor. Our thoughts are with you during this time. Tom and Dawn O'Reilly

Thomas Christian - August 05, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss, Joan and family. I remember you both fondly from the “old” days back in college and afterward. Thanks to Bob for being the best man. He and Harold are together again.

Marlene Huschke

marlene huschke - August 05, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ I have always looked up to Bob. He and Bud had such a wonderful friendship. He had a great sense of humor. He will be sorely missed. Thank God there is Jesus. I know he is resting now . Look forward to seeing him later. My prayers are with Joan and the kids during your grieving.

Bruce Scully - August 05, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ Dear Joan and Family , sorry to hear of your loss . Please take comfort in all the replies from friends of which I was an early one when he lived on Park Place. May God hold him close , Jim Schumann



Jim Schumann - August 04, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss! Bob always had an infectious smile and my favorite memory of him is playing his uke at the bank for us. His love shines through his family.

Roseann Saltzsieder

Roseann Saltzsieder - August 04, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Joan so sorry to read about Bob's passing. From the video, it looks like you shared many wonderful times together with family, sons, and your precious grandchildren. Those memories will be in your heart forever my condolences to you and your family Eileen Marra Rosell

Eileen Marra Rosell (Philo sister) - August 04, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ Dear Joanie, I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. It has been so many years, but I remember you both so vividly as an adorable little couple at TSC. The tribute video is beautiful. My condolences to your family..Fondly, "Your Big", Marylou Reiff

Marylou Reiff - August 04, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Joan and Family: So sad to learn of Bob's passing. He was a great guy and I will always remember our high school years together in Concert Choir. He had a beautiful voice and a fun spirit. I loved watching him and Smitty goof around and having fun! Hope all your memories comfort you now and in the years to come. The video tribute here is wonderful!

Connie Depka Montana

Connie Depka Montana - August 04, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ To Joan & family

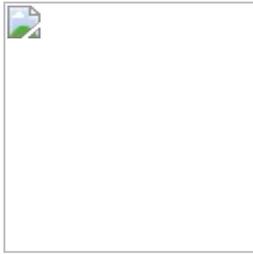
AHS Class of 1968 Classmate and friend. Your loss is great but your memories are greater. Such a beautiful tribute video to such a beautiful man and kind soul. It was an honor and a privilege to be his friend. May God rest his soul and give all of you peace and comfort at this most difficult time.

Chuck Resnick, Voorhees, NJ

Chuck Resnick - August 03, 2020 at 10:48 PM



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Matthew Siri - August 03, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ This is amazing! So grateful that these two talented gentlemen agreed to play my wedding song for me along with their talented brother/son.

Jenn - August 03, 2020 at 09:32 PM

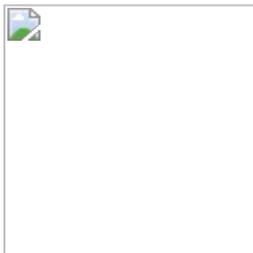


“ This is such a beautiful memory. Thank you for sharing Matt. I am so very sorry for your families loss. I send my deepest condolences and sincere sympathies and prayers to you all at this time

Marcey Mooney Capasso - August 04, 2020 at 06:59 AM



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Matthew Siri - August 03, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ I was fortunate to see Bob just a couple of months ago when a group of us congregated at his house. He and the Siris represent what is good about this world. Bob was always kind, kept us laughing, and opened his home to anyone Matt and Dan invited over. How was my first “best friend’s” house and I spent countless hours there.

Bob will be missed and celebrated. Rest easy, Bob.

Brian Kulak

Brian Kulak - August 03, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Dear Joan & Siri Family,

My sincerest condolences on Bob's passing to You and his Sons. I watched the video tribute to Bob and your entire family and was gladdened to see all the love there, over your entire adult lives together. Bob, was my Big Brother, when I pledged in 1971 and I loved seeing the older pictures of him, because for me that's the way, I will always remember him. I left to join the Army in 1973, retired in 2004 and worked for the Federal Government until 2014. I spoke to Bob a few times, from 2016 on and was to visit your home for an evening when traveling from NY back NC, but it didn't workout for us. However, Bob and I had some excellent conversations about life, since he was experiencing his issues with the Big "C" and I had a Heart Transplant in 2013, so his focus, as mine, was to live life well, enjoy our families and to make our remaining time value-added to all, which he certainly did! Again, my sincerest condolences to you Joan and the Siri Family, but we should not be sad, because he lived a full life filled with love, laughter, and kindness which he gave to all and it was given back to him in return - his passing is a Celebration of Life, on how to do it right! Bob, (Big Brother), Rest In Heavenly Grace and we will meet again in Heaven, when it's my time to cross-over...

With love, Matthew Dansbury, LTC, USA, Ret.

Matthew Dansbury - August 03, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Dearest Siri Family, I'm heartbroken for you upon hearing the news that Bob passed. Once in a while you have the pleasure of crossing paths with someone so warm and authentic and engaging and that was Bob for sure. From the first time I met him and no matter how irregularly I bumped into him over the years, whether we were talking about music or family, it was always a pleasure to see Bob and Joan. Please know that the Doman-Wells family is holding a space for all of you in our hearts. The world lost a real good one.

Christine Doman-Wells - August 03, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Dear Sir Family,

I am saddened to hear of your huge loss. I remember the first time I met Bob was when he and Matt came into Haviland and played guitar for us, when I was just a child. I'm glad I got to see him and give him big hugs when he drove us to the speedline to see Clutch and at the Oktoberfest in recent years. My heart goes out to Matt, Dan, Mrs, Siri and everyone that loved him.

Kim Hanson-Ramsburg - August 03, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Dear Joan and the entire Siri family,

Brian and I extend our deepest sympathy. This is a profound loss that is magnified by the positive impact Bob had on so many lives - mine included. He is not only survived by all of you, but also by the smiles and laughter he provided for so many others. While it is a time for grief, we hope the day comes, sooner than later, when thoughts of Bob bring far more smiles than tears.

Love,

Jack and Brian

Jack Klett - August 03, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Dear Joan and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I could not have asked for a better friend and roommate when we lived together in Queensgate, Now Bob is with Harold and am sure sharing stories from when we lived together. I'm glad we got to go to the Theta Nu Holiday luncheon and the road trip in January to Woodbridge for our winter luncheon. I know how much he loved you and his family. Bob was a special man and a greater friend.

Bill Kates
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william kates - August 02, 2020 at 12:59 PM