

Robert Sinclair Truman

Bob died peacefully after a 7-month battle with leukemia on June 4, 2022 in Victoria, BC. Bob faced his cancer battle as he did everything in life, with courage and tenacity and of course, a sense of humor. Bob leaves behind his wife Carolyn of over 55 years. They were each other's constant companions and best friends. He also leaves behind his daughter Lisa (husband Gord, kids Tanner, Bianca and Juliana), and his son Alex (wife Tracy), who consider themselves so fortunate to have had Bob (or "the Dude" as they have called him) since their teenage years, as their dad. Bob was predeceased by his sisters, Margaret (Peg) Balow and Beverly Truman, and is survived by his kid brother Steve. Despite the 10 and 12 year age differences between Bob and his older sisters, the 11 year gap between Bob and Steve, and the physical distance between Bob in Toronto and the siblings in Detroit, they maintained incredibly close relationships as adults. Many of our family's happiest memories are those big family holiday gatherings with the Truman/Balow clan.

As anyone who knew Bob will know, he lived a very full life! Born on October 15, 1938, Bob grew up in Detroit as a bit of a (self-admitted) n'er-do-well. As a young adult, he joined the military, serving in US Army Intelligence in Frankfurt, Germany. This experience not only helped mature Bob into the responsible man he became, it also gained him a circle of amazing friends who remained close until his (or in some cases their own) death. Once back state-side, Bob obtained a degree in Urban Planning and began working for the City of Detroit. It was here he met Carolyn, who, despite their first date being a hockey game where Bob bought a "pair" of tickets that were across the aisle from each other, quickly knew that Bob was the one for her. Shortly after Lisa and Alex were born, Bob took a job with the City of Toronto, where Bob and Carolyn raised their family, and where he went on to have a very

successful and rewarding career as a self-employed planning consultant. Bob was active in his local amateur sports scene, coaching and playing hockey, playing a mean game of tennis and enjoying a game of golf here and there, especially in his later years. Through all of these stops, Bob has developed close and long-lasting friendships with some of the most wonderful, caring and supportive people one could ever hope to know – another testament to the kind of man he was.

Bob will be remembered for his keen insights into any topic that caught his interest, his passion for Detroit and its sports teams, and for being the kind of person people just enjoyed spending time with. His greatest pleasures were hanging out with good friends and family, listening to music, cooking, watching sports, traveling the world, and just chatting about every subject at hand.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Toronto in the fall, with details to follow.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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