



Robert C. Rybicki

November 1, 1937 - October 5, 2020

Robert C. Rybicki born November 1, 1937 in the Bronx, NY and passed on October 5, 2020 in his home with his wife, Harriet by his side. With the support of Hospice of Charleston and Lesli Trainor.

He is a graduate of Manhattan College. He relocated to CT to work at Sikorsky Aircraft. He holds seventeen patents with Sikorsky for the rotor hub on the Black Hawk helicopter.

Before moving to Summerville with his wife, they lived in Cheshire, CT. They loved to travel the world and U.S. and enjoy the different cultures of people they met. He always looked forward to planning their next adventure.

He was very active with tennis, golf and roller blading along the canal in Cheshire, CT.

In his adopted home of Summerville, he enjoyed playing bocce with a very special group of people on Fridays.

Bob is survived by his wife, Harriet. Children Tracy Paganelli (John) and grand son Ryan; Jamie Rybicki (Amanda), granddaughter Avery and Theodore Rybicki (Riza), granddaughters Laya and Bria.

Harriet's children and grandchildren, Kim Olsson (Ron), David Cappucci, Michele Bellina (Andy). Grandchildren Ashley & Zachary Olsson, Isabella Cappucci, Samantha and Drew Bellina.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 9, 2020 at 1 o'clock at St. John's the Beloved in Summerville. Interment will be at Mepkin Abbey. We would like everyone to wear face coverings and practice social distancing.

Donations to be made to Hospice of Charleston, 4975 Lacross Rd., #200, N. Charleston, SC 29406 or National Kidney Foundation, 5300 Rivers Ave #2, N. Charleston, SC 29406.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET,
SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery

Mepkin Abbey

1098 Mepkin Abbey Road
Moncks Corner, SC, 29461

Events

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Service

01:00PM

9

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
28 Sumter Avenue, Summerville, SC, US, 29483

Comments



“ I first met Bob a few years ago as a member of our Bocce group who would play on Fridays at one of our members home. Bob was always one to listen to and I enjoyed listening to him and having discussions with him. Although we didn't always agree on what the subject was I always had respect for him and his thoughts. He was a friend whom I did not know well but what I did know of him I knew he was a good person. He will be missed and will be remembered by many.



Tony Killiri - October 11, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ First met Bob in the cellar at Sikorsky, where the UTTAS (UH-60) design group was situated, and he was designing the rather revolutionary rotor head. That was a six day/week job. Now Bob did have a bit of an edge, meaning that he was a really sharp engineer and while a courteous individual, didn't have much time for amateurs. Probably why we liked each other from the start. Anyway, on the Saturdays, the project would get “important” visitors from UTC Corporate, among other places, who would be brought in to share their “expertise” with our design engineers. Bob's design board would always be the highlight of the trip and these “experts” would of course offer Bob ideas on how to improve his design. Bob would be polite, keep quiet, and then after they left, explode. The explosions were expected by everyone and something to see.

But, Bob stayed the course and it was my pleasure and honor to fly the first flight with our Chief test Pilot Dick Wright. Throughout the test program we made only one minor tweak to the rotor head and to this day, that design has been the basis of a hugely successful aircraft. Thanks, Bob-there are thousands of pilots and crew who owe their continued existence to you.

John Dixon

John Dixon - October 09, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ Thank you John for sharing this memory of my father. I really enjoyed reading it. Sincerely,
Tracy Paganelli

Tracy - October 12, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert C. Rybicki.



October 09, 2020 at 07:10 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert C. Rybicki.



October 08, 2020 at 08:03 PM