



## Robert Ernest Cushing

February 24, 1941 - January 30, 2025

Robert E. Cushing passed peacefully on Thursday, January 30th, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born on February 24th, 1941, in Hoboken, NJ to the late Ernest Watson Cushing and Jean Ann Yoccodine.

Bob, better known as “Pop” and the “Mayor of Wildcat”, spent his time growing up in South Orange, New Jersey before starting his career as a fireman for the South Orange Fire Department. He also served in the National Guard Reserves while working his career as a firefighter. He married the love of his life, Diane Elizabeth Cushing, and they spent many years together until her passing in 2019. Bob was a man of faith and attended Church regularly throughout his life. He had many enjoyments in life including traveling, relaxing at the beach and watching the NY Jets and NY Mets play sports. He was known to have a sweet tooth and loved going out to eat. His family was his pride and joy which provided him with purpose in life, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved his animals throughout the years and will be greatly missed by his yellow lab, Teddy. Pop was known as the life of the party and hardly ever met a stranger. He was a much beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his children: Debra Wagner (Ned), Karen Cushing Jones (Joe), Patricia Curry (John) and son-in-law, Chad Curry; his grandchildren: Robert, Amanda, Austin, Brooke, Cody, Lauren and Kristen; his great

grandchildren: Harper, Oaklyn, Blakely, Lily, AJ and Bodi; as well as his sister, Evelyn Fornale. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Diane Cushing; a sister, Mary Berres and his parents.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, from 2pm to 3pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. The funeral service will begin at 3:00pm in the Chapel. Burial will immediately follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

## Burial

FEB 4 (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens  
11000 Dorchester Rd  
Summerville, South Carolina 29485

# Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Ernest Cushing



James A Dyal Funeral Home - February 02, 2025 at 11:08 AM

DO

*He was A wonderful person ,I'm so glad I got to give his Birthday party last year at WILDCAT, HE'S GOIN TO BE MISS !!!!!*

Donna - February 02, 2025 at 05:14 PM

GM

*That was beautiful. John and I have been reminiscing the last couple of days. To say he was a character is an understatement. We often use bobbyisms when simple expressions just don't work. He was a part of my life as long as I can remember. He has a special place in my my heart.*

Gina Malise - February 02, 2025 at 05:29 PM

GH

*Mr Bob was such a sweet man ,always happy telling jokes .We will miss Bob at Wildcat Senior Living. And our prayers go out to his girls and all of his family and friends .*

Gail Hermann - February 02, 2025 at 08:49 PM

CJ

*So sorry for your loss Karen and Family! Your dad looked like an amazing poppa and my heart breaks for you. Big hugs across the country to you!*

Chris Jensen - February 02, 2025 at 11:22 PM

EC

*Sincere condolences. He was such a blessing at Summerbrook Community Church. He was so pleasant when greeting and welcoming people to church. He and I discussed ceramics and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Always a smile and a great outlook on life. He loved Jesus and got so much out of the sermons. He also came and stuffed the church bulletins. He was really missed when he moved. I am so sorry for your loss. He loved his deceased wife and all of his family.*

Ellen Cook - February 03, 2025 at 06:23 PM

KM

*We are sending our love to our beautiful cousins and their fabulous families. Uncle Bobby was awesome and great memories of our happy times together will live on in our hearts bringing smiles and humor to brighten the rainy days. He was awesomeness!!*

Kelly Malise-Bertoni - February 03, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Ernest Cushing.

February 03, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Ernest Cushing.



February 03, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ 21 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - February 02, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Ernest Cushing.



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February 02, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ Love, Karen Qualls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Ernest Cushing.

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**Love, Karen Qualls** - February 02, 2025 at 07:48 AM

LQ

“ Love, Karen Qualls purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Ernest Cushing.



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MF

“ Margie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Ernest Cushing.

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**Margie and family** - February 01, 2025 at 11:00 PM

MF

“ Margie and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert Ernest Cushing.



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**Margie and family** - February 01, 2025 at 11:00 PM

JT

“ Sending sincere condolences and lots of love to Bobby’s loving family! I remember many wonderful family times in Aunt Jean and Uncle Ernie’s backyard in South Orange with all of the cousins running around and playing until dark! I also remember Bobby dressed up in his fireman’s uniform when I would bring my class on a class trip to the South Orange Firehouse and Bobby would make a fuss over all of my third graders! Bobby will be in my thoughts and prayers and may he RIP!! 💙🙏💙🙏

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**Joanne Tesi** - February 01, 2025 at 05:17 PM

AS

“ *Apollos South purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Ernest Cushing.*



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**Apollos South** - February 01, 2025 at 03:16 PM