Robert John Short

November 27, 1924 - October 26, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert John Short announce his passing on Monday, October 26th, 2020, at age 95. Son of Walter and Ellen Short, Robert was born in Portland, Oregon on November 27th, 1924. He spent his youth growing up in the Portland area and graduated from Columbia Prep school. After enlisting in the Navy and earning his pilot wings as a Naval Aviator, he served his country as a pilot until 1946, followed by time in the reserves. Robert married Maxine Luhr in August of 1949 and completed school at Oregon State University, earning his Mechanical Engineering degree in 1956.
He enjoyed a lengthy and rewarding career as an engineer for Boeing. After raising their family in the Seattle area, Robert and Maxine retired to Corvallis Oregon. Throughout his retirement years, Robert enjoyed his family, OSU athletic events, golfing, history & volunteer work on the campus. He was a kind, dedicated and proud soul who will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his loving family: sons Brian of the Seattle area, Donald and his wife Carolyn of the Seattle area, Michael and his wife Liza and their children Nicholas & Katherine with her husband Brian, all from North Carolina. He is preceded in passing by his wife Maxine, his daughter Kathleen of Seattle and his Sister Eileen Giles of Hoquiam.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Wednesday, November 11th,

2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis (501 NW 25th St.) DeMoss-Durdan is handling the arrangements. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at http://www.demossdurdan.com

In lieu of flowers, at the family's request, donations in honor of Robert Short may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV **11**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
501 NW 25th Street
Corvallis, OR 97330

Burial

NOV **11**. 12:30 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Cemetery
NW Grant Avenue & Witham Hill Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

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Section 11, Row 59, seats 3 & 4. Those were Bob and Maxine's seats in Parker/Reser stadium over a span of about 30 years. I know because I had seats 5-8 for about 25 years and always sat next to Bob. No matter the results of the games (generally not positive over many of those years) I enjoyed every minute of their friendship. Bob and I were always generous in vocalizing our opinions and suggestions for the football staff. Maxine sweetly tolerated our nonsense. We started by wondering if the coaches knew that tight ends were eligible pass receivers and it ended up over time with one of us asking the other if the tight end was eligible in the next quarter. Both of your parents watched my kids grow from little kids to being parents. Bob took particular delight in teasing my son when he was accepted to "Seagull Tech", Bob's name for UW. My son Scott and I toasted Bob and Maxine before watching the OSU game on Saturday not knowing that he'd passed away almost two weeks earlier. We will toast them before every game going forward. And now, in a brief 18 months, both have passed away and I'm very sad but will cherish the many fun and fond memories created in row 59 for the rest of my life.

Jeff Lundegard

Jeff Lundegard - November 11, 2020 at 11:27 AM

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My husband and I knew Bob through golf at the Corvallis Country Club. He was a pleasure to partner with. I remember if his shot didn't end up where he expected he would say " nuts!". I knew Maxine through Quilts From Caring Hands.
Linda Cohoon.

Linda and Lester Cohoon - November 09, 2020 at 12:11 AM