



Robert S Drabeck

May 30, 1934 - October 13, 2018

Robert S. Drabeck, age 84, peacefully passed on October 13, 2018, after a valiant fight with Alzheimer's disease. He was born May 30, 1934 to Frank Drabeck and Mary Shalbert in Washington, PA. He met his wife, Joan Boensch, while living in Anchorage, AK. In 1982, they were married, blending their family of five children.

In 1989, all the children were off on their own so Robert and Joan began their long planned desire to travel in their motor home and see the United States. Leaving Anchorage, they traveled for 10 years, meeting wonderful people and visiting the many historic and interesting sites each state had to offer. After traveling 10 years, they decided to buy a home in Las Vegas, NV. After 6 years of that busy lifestyle, they began looking for a quieter place to call home, finding Sun River in Saint George, UT. In Sun River, Robert was instrumental in starting the Horseshoe Club and enjoyed participating in community events, golfing, bowling, pitching horseshoes and taking cruises.

Robert was proud of his active service in the U. S. Airforce, serving from 1952 to 1975. He worked as a sheet metal technician, repairing airplanes, then civil service at Elmendorf AFB/Fort Richardson, in Alaska. Robert was a member of the American Legion Post 142 in Sun River.

Robert is survived by his wife, Joan, his children Wendy Drabeck Johnson

(Roy Johnson) of Colorado Springs, CO, William Drabeck (Janna Tait) of Ivins, UT, his stepchildren Dawn Houghtaling Dalton (Jeff Dalton) of Arlington Heights, IL, Bert Houghtaling of Big Lake, AK., seven grandchildren, one great grandchild and sister, Delores Gerbliss of Canonsburg, PA.

Robert was preceded in death by his son, Robert Drabeck of Bisbee, AZ, father, Frank Drabeck, mother, Mary Drabeck and brothers, Edward, Fred and Walter Drabeck of Washington, PA.

The family would like to thank Southern Utah Veteran's Home, Hall 400, for their kindness and loving care, as well as Community Nursing Services for their hospice care.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Memory Matters, 168 North 100 East, Ste. 104, Saint George, (435) 319-0407.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 11:00 am at Saint George Catholic Church, 259 West 200 North, Saint George, UT. Lunch will be served at Kuzy Hall adjacent to the church, immediately following the service.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.serenitystg.com. Arrangements and a memorial tree planting will be provided by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, (435) 986-2085.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. George Catholic Church
259 West 200 North
Saint George, UT 84770

Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Kym Lovell lit a candle in memory of Robert S Drabeck*



Kym Lovell - February 11, 2020 at 11:39 AM

JD

“ *Jeff & Dawn Dalton lit a candle in memory of Robert S Drabeck*



Jeff & Dawn Dalton - October 21, 2018 at 09:00 PM

JD

“ *I'm so sadden by the passing of my step-father, Dee. I've known him for 36 years when he and Mom bought a house together in Anchorage. He really loved my mom and would always say she's such a good person (which I agree!). I'm thankful they took all those years to travel together – all those trips to Hawaii and then traveling the United States for ten years in a motorhome. They did and saw a lot together! It was so fun meeting up with them in various places. Once they settled down in Las Vegas and then St. George, they started cruising and we occasionally went along on those adventures with them too (my favorite was three weeks on the Panama Canal and Central America cruise)! He was always interested in what was new in my life and how Gianna as doing. He will be sorely missed! – Dawn Dalton*

Jeff Dalton - October 21, 2018 at 09:00 PM

JD

“ My deepest sympathy for the passing of Robert. I will miss our times rooting on the Broncos, discussing current events, and sharing stories of our passion for aviation and airplanes. One of the fondest memories I have is the time I was able to take Robert on a tour of the United Airlines Maintenance Operations Center. Throughout the tour I was able to share with him how we maintained our fleet and learned about his time in the Air Force and the similar jobs we had. It was always great to talk shop every time we got together. May God bless and RIP. -- Jeff Dalton

Jeff Dalton - October 21, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert S Drabeck.



October 17, 2018 at 10:35 AM

KA

“ Katie lit a candle in memory of Robert S Drabeck



Katie - October 16, 2018 at 04:36 PM

KB

“ A funny story

*Robert and I use to have fun while out eating with Joan and Ron. We'd wait in the store lobby at Cracker Barrel & I would walk up to him and pretend I was trying to pick him up, the looks we got were priceless. He played along perfect and we milked it until Joan and Ron joined us..then we would laugh all the way home.
RIP Robert I'll miss you
Love Katie*

Katie Boensch - October 16, 2018 at 03:39 PM

KA

Ron's my husband..

Katie

Katie - October 16, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Robert Drabeck



Front Desk - October 16, 2018 at 11:36 AM

KS

“ Our hearts are breaking from the loss of our dearest friend, Robert. He and Joan are like family to us and we will miss him dearly. We have so many wonderful memories that will bring smiles to our faces when we talk about the many cruises we went on together and the countless games of Sequence we played. We will miss those anticipated comebacks he gave us when we asked, “What have you been you up to? ... About 5’8”, “How’s it going? ... One day at a time” and the most famous one of all that was his response to almost every other question asked, “You bet”. Rest in peace dear friend and be assured that we will watch over your beloved Joan until she reunites with you again. Love you, Mike & Kathy Salas

Kathy Salas - October 15, 2018 at 09:08 PM

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Ooops, 5'9'

Kathy Salas - October 15, 2018 at 09:46 PM