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R obert Kern Staver

Age 92 of Bethel Park passed away peacefully on January 27, 2018. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Audrey; his parents, Clarence and Kathryne; and sister Betty. Father of Christine Staver (Drew VonTish), Karen Staver, Paula Harris (Thomas); Grandchildren Charles, Kelsey, Tamara, and Amy; many great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and friends; and a very special sister-in-law, Joanna Deemer. Robert served in both WWII and the Korean Conflict, and is a Navy Veteran reaching the rank of Lieutenant. Robert worked at the Sun Telegraph, Koppers, Rust Engineering, and owned his own company, Robert K. Staver Engineering. Family and friends may be received February 2, 2018 from 2 pm - 4 pm & 7 pm - 9 pm at the JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC. 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held February 3, 2018 at 10 am at St. Valentine's Parish. Memorial contributions may be made in Robert's name to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (100 Michigan Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49503).



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ET

Edgar Tupper posted:

I've never come across anyone like Robert Staver. I got to know him after he repeatedly called and emailed about a problem he was having with a cup. He asked me to research this cup because he was obsessed about the color. Bob was completely fixated on the color and insisted that it was red. I asked him why he needed to know the color. I asked him why? Bob just said - "I just need to know". So, I did some research. The picture of the cup he sent me (attached) was from our Easy Summer collection. So, I liked Bob, and wanted to help him out. In all my many years with the company, I never found someone so persistent about the color of a darn cup. I called our R&D department to have them look up the color formula for the cup. Wouldn't you know it? Our formula called for almost all of the coloring coming from orange. When I called Bob back, Bob seemed a little disappointed to hear that the color was orange. Then, I shared a small trade secret with him - we used to add a little red color to our orange cups to make them stand out. To which he said - "I knew it!". Boy, was he happy. I was glad to help him out. What a gentleman! Sincerely, Edgar Tupper V.P North America, Tupperware Corporation

February 1 at 4:19 PM

FB

Felix Barnum posted:

I never met Bob but have an amazing story to share about him. Bob worked very briefly for my grandfather Phineas. He approached my grandfather one day with an offer to perform a death-defying act. He was to dive from the highest spot in the circus tent and land not in water or cushions, but in a sponge! This was an amazing feat in its day and was never tried before or since. My grandfather said the crowd was dumbstruck by Bob's performance and gave him the longest standing ovation in the history of the circus. Unfortunately, the story ends here as this happened many years ago and we simply don't know why Bob never performed his act again. However, he is now and forever a hero and a circus legend. Sincerely, Felix Barnum, grandson of Phineas P.T. Barnum

January 31 at 5:01 PM

GB

George Baru posted:

Bob was one of those kinds of people that everyone should have in their lives. He was smart and funny, a rare combination. Bob and I were schoolmates and I need to clarify something. He always had this misunderstanding that my wife Sue and I worked in the car business. I was an accountant and my wife Sue was a home-maker. I apologize in advance to all that I simply can't get you a good deal on a new car. Sincerely, George and Sue Baru

January 31 at 4:18 PM



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Drew Von Tish posted:

Bob was one of the best people you would ever want to meet. He taught me everything I ever needed to know about comedy. I loved his jokes. Tyrone David Bole

January 31 at 10:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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