



## Robert J. "Bob" Simonson

December 29, 1945 - September 22, 2022

Robert (Bob) James Simonson passed away unexpectedly in his home Thursday, September 22, 2022. He was 76.

Bob was born December 29, 1945, in Massillon, Ohio to Caroline and Wilmer Simonson. After graduating high school in Massillon, he went on to serve in the United States Navy. After four years in the Navy, Bob went to work in the oil industry at Exxon (now Valero) here in Benicia. Bob retired from Valero after 39 years and called Benicia his home over 54 years.

Bob married the love of his life, Marla, on January 11, 1992. They were best friends and did everything together. Family was the most important thing in Bob's life always, cherishing time together.

Bob was an avid golfer and looked forward to golfing with his buddies on Wednesdays at Rancho Solano, and any other day in between. He also was an avid walker, seen by many walking up and down First Street daily, sometimes twice a day. He saw many old friends on his walks and met many new friends as well. Bob loved cheering for the San Jose Sharks and enjoyed attending many games with family.

Bob is survived by his wonderful wife, Marla; his children Cheryl (Cal) and Rick (Chris), Marla's children Tony (Teresa), Gena (Jimmy), and Nicky; his

grandchildren Jordan (Gary), Jason (Natalie), Madeline (Nick), Elise, Jacob, Matthew, Katie, Tyler, and Zachary; his great grandchildren Aiden, Jayden, Landon and Liam; his siblings Joanie (Don), Don, and Jayne (Gary); his sister-in-law Robbie. He was preceded in death by his brother Tom and sister-in-law Dawn. Bob also leaves many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

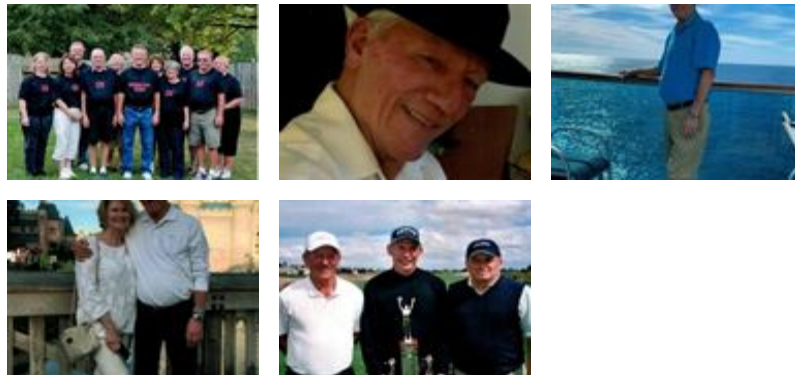
Bob will be especially remembered for his calm demeanor, friendly presence, and generosity. He brings a smile and fond memory to all who knew him.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Bob to Wounded Warrior Project, American Heart Association, or a favorite charity of your own.

# Tribute Wall



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - January 04, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ Robert J. "Bob" Simonson

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Bob was such a good friend to my dad, Don Larkin. Bob always looked out for him especially when my dad needed it the most. For that I will always be thankful. Thoughts and prayers to the Simonson family.

Ian Larkin - October 05, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ Ron And Ann Prarman lit a candle in memory of Robert J. "Bob" Simonson



Ron and Ann Prarman - September 30, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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“ So sorry and sad to hear this. Bob was a good, kind and pleasant man. We enjoyed working with him and will miss so much seeing his smiling face on his walks downtown. Our condolences to his family.

*Jim and Nancy Marx*

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**Nancy Marx** - September 29, 2022 at 12:15 PM

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“ Bob was a first cousin of mine, but we were born just over 3 months apart. So when we were growing up from infancy we were like brothers. Although we were practically the same age, Bob saw me as his kid brother and always seemed to look out for me and keep me out of trouble. Slovenians have a name for folks who defend, protect, and generally look out for others. "Scitnik". A scitnik is a guardian, a protector, maybe even a guardian angel. Bob will always be my "scitnik", my big brother. Requiescat in Pace

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**Michael Urbas** - September 28, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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**Albert Bagos** - September 27, 2022 at 11:06 AM

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“ RIP Bob. A good man gone to soon.

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**Fred Railsback** - September 26, 2022 at 06:02 PM