



Sterling R. "Bob" Colby

December 7, 1934 - April 19, 2016

Sterling Robert "Bob" Colby, 81, of Benicia passed away Tuesday at his home following a long illness. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, lived in Maryland, and North Carolina, and has called Benicia his home since 1987. Bob earned his bachelor's degree at Cornell University and his Ph.D. in plant physiology at Purdue.

Bob worked as a Chemist and Biologist for over 35 years, the majority of those with Zeneca Corp (previously ICI) in Richmond, CA before retiring in 2008.

Bob was an avid cyclist, rock climber and skier and loved sharing his outdoor experiences with family and friends. He was a leader in the Benicia Day Hiker's club and planned many of their outings between 2000 and 2011. He loved the Benicia community and the many friends he made here.

Bob is survived by his wife Sandra; children Laura Candler, Jeanne DeFelice, Sheila Colby & Tim Colby; stepchildren Jason & Sophia Linarez; brother Richard Allen Colby; sister Helen Doherty; grandchildren Amy & Wendy Candler, Dominique DeFelice, and Harrison, Jacqueline & Benjamin Colby, He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Priscilla in 2010.

Memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m. Thursday at Passalacqua Funeral

Chapel. Burial will be private. Family prefers donations to the Benicia Community Action Council or Save Mt. Diablo (www.savemtdiablo.org).

Tribute Wall



“ *Sterling R. "Bob" Colby*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



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Jeanne DeFelice - May 02, 2016 at 11:40 PM



Lovely video. So nice to hear these words of Priscilla...

Susan Seiden - May 05, 2016 at 08:54 AM



Bob has been a good neighbor and friend. We will miss him dearly.

Bonnie - May 12, 2016 at 01:04 PM

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Jeanne DeFelice - April 28, 2016 at 04:33 PM

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Jeanne DeFelice - April 28, 2016 at 04:09 PM

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“ Dear Family, Friends, and Caregivers,

I am deeply saddened to share the news that our Dad, Bob Colby, passed away last Tuesday, April 19th. Bob was a wonderful father, grandfather, and beloved member of the Benicia community. He had four loving children and six grandchildren from his wife Priscilla, whom he was married to for 51 years. We would like to share these photos of our time with him.

We would like to thank all of Dad's friends and caregivers for their support over the last few difficult years of his life.

Bob and Priscilla's children and grandchildren will be holding a separate private memorial service for him. Please be assured that while we will not be attending the community memorial service, we have always loved our dad and remained close to him throughout his life, we deeply grieve his death, and we miss him dearly.

Sincerely,

Tim, Jeanne, Laura, and Sheila



Jeanne DeFelice - April 28, 2016 at 03:52 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - April 28, 2016 at 02:20 PM

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“ Krystyna Richter lit a candle in memory of Sterling R. "Bob" Colby



Krystyna Richter - April 27, 2016 at 09:37 PM

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sandy nancarrow - April 27, 2016 at 02:50 PM



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